

English

Comprehension



For Junior Primary

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- Read or listen to the story *The Cockatoo And Its Colours*, then complete the activity sheets which follow.

The Cockatoo And Its Colours by Yolanda Cool

A long, long time ago deep in the Australian bush, white cockatoos nestled in a tree enjoying the shining Sun. The Sun shone and shone.

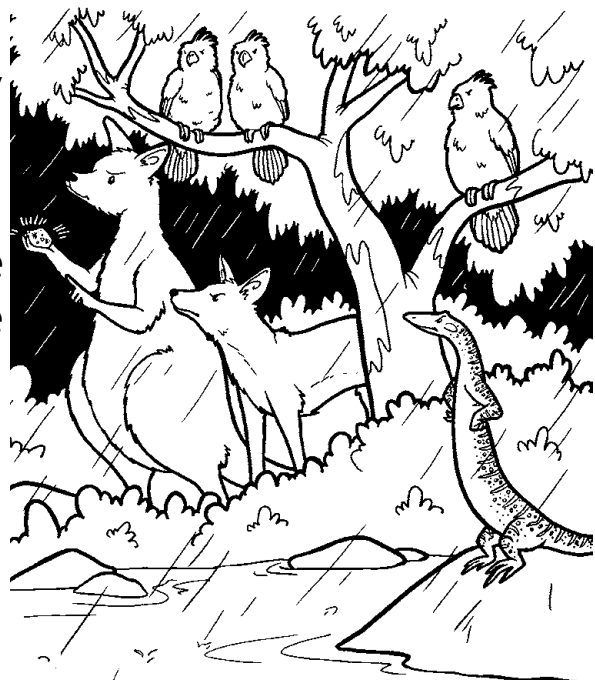
One day, one of the cockatoos named Feather Tail, flew up to the Sun. It grasped the Sun in its beak and suddenly it all went dark.

Next, the other animals looked on in amazement as Feather Tail, changed from white into a rainbow of colours. The coloured cockatoo with the Sun in its beak sat on the top of the tree showing off its colours to the other animals.

Suddenly it began to rain and rain and rain. The billabong filled and the landscape began to flood. The animals were not happy - in fact they were very cross.

One of the animals promised to give Feather Tail a shining opal in return for putting the Sun back in the sky, and Feather Tail agreed. When the sun was returned to the sky, its colours fell on all the other white cockatoos in the tree – giving them beautifully coloured coats.

When picking up the shining opal, a ray of Sun reflected off the opal and caught Feather Tail's eye causing him to drop the opal into a mud pit. After retrieving the opal from the mud pit, Feather Tail realised that now he and the opal were black.





- Read or listen to *The Cockatoo And Its Colours*, then complete this activity sheet.

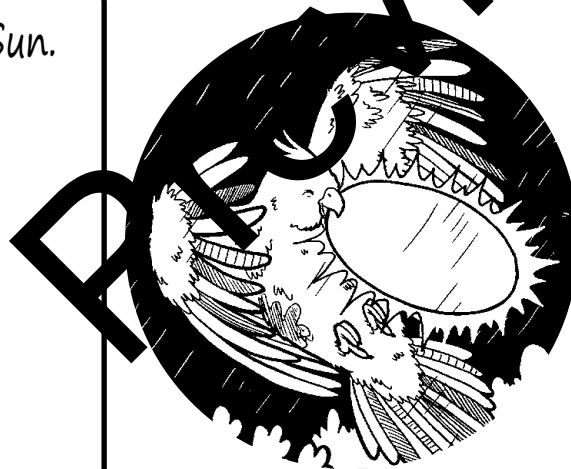
1. Who is the author of the story *The Cockatoo And Its Colours*?

2. Select and copy the words into the boxes that best describe Feather Tail in different parts of the story. Add some of your own.

shy brazen strong selfish
boastful materialistic selfless helpful kind
weak greedy vain gentle uncaring

Showing his colours to
the other animals.

Stealing the Sun.



Putting the Sun
back in return
for the opal.

3. Is Feather Tail a hero or a villain in the story?

Circle: hero / villain

4. Do you like or dislike Feather Tail's actions?

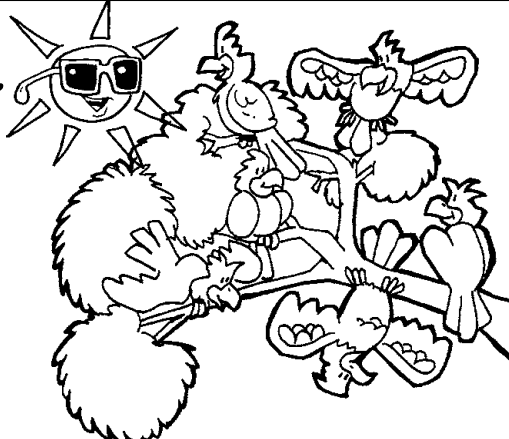
Circle: like / dislike

5. What do you feel about Feather Tail stealing the Sun?



- Read or listen to *The Cockatoo And Its Colours*, then complete this activity sheet.

Turn the story *The Cockatoo And Its Colours* into a story board by using your own words and images. The first slide has been done for you.

<p>1.</p>  <p>A long time ago, cockatoos enjoyed basking in the Australian Sun.</p>	<p>2.</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>4.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>6.</p>



What Goes Where?

Activity

- Read or listen to *The Cockatoo And Its Colours*, then complete this activity sheet.

Match the words to the pictures by cutting and pasting. Number the circles to show the order that the events happened in the story.

It began to rain, and rain and rain.

Feather Tail flew up to the Sun.

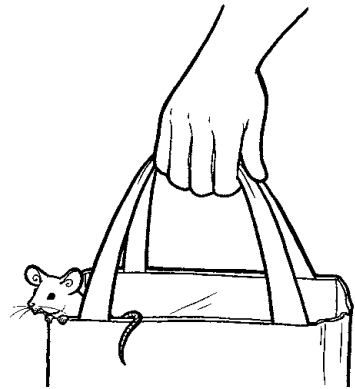
Feather Tail and the opal turned black.

Colours fell from the sky onto the other cockatoos to give them colours.

Lily And The Shopping Bag by Yolanda Cool

Lily is going shopping to buy a carton of milk, a sausage, an apple and some nuts. First Lily picks up her shopping bag; not seeing that Tomas the mouse is inside. Then, off Lily goes to the shops.

She trots past Mrs. Grey's house with the only cat in the street. Past Ms. Black's house with the big dog. Past Mr. White's house with the little rabbit. Past Mrs. Brown's house with the many birds.



When Lily reaches the shops, she has not seen that Tomas has been nibbling at the bag and has made a small hole in the bag. Inside the shop, Lily selects some nuts, an apple, a sausage and some milk. Lily pays the shopkeeper. After putting the shopping into her bag, Lily leaves the shop with her items and skips down the street swinging her bag.

She swishes past Mrs. Brown's house with the many birds and the hole in the bag gets bigger. Out of the bag drops some nuts and



the many birds swoop down and gobble them up.

She gallops past Mr. White's house with the little rabbit and the hole in the bag gets bigger.

Out of the bag drops the apple and the little rabbit hops over and gobbles the apple up.

She marches past Ms. Black's house with the big dog and the hole in the bag gets bigger. Out of the bag drops the sausage and the big dog runs across and gobbles the sausage up.

She strides past Mrs. Grey's house with the only cat in the street and the hole in the bag gets bigger. Out of the bag drops the milk and the cat jumps up and drinks it all up.

When Lily finally arrives home, into the kitchen and onto the table goes the bag. The bag is empty! Lily looks out the window and looks down the street to see the only cat in the street licking up the milk, the big dog eating the sausage, the little rabbit nibbling at the apple and the many birds pecking at the nuts!



- This is a listening activity. Listen to *Lily And The Shopping Bag* story again. As you listen, complete this activity sheet.

Complete the cloze using the words below.

shops	pays	apple
counter	hole	nibbling
		swinging

When Lily reaches the _____, she has not seen that Tomas has been _____ at the bag and has made a small _____. Inside the shop, Lily selects some nuts, an _____, a sausage and some milk. Lily then puts her shopping bag on the _____ and _____ the shopkeeper. After putting the shopping into the bag, Lily leaves the shop with her shopping and skips down the street _____ the bag.



Which piece of information was not in the story? Highlight it.

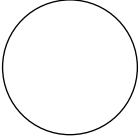
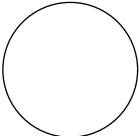
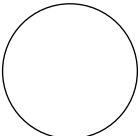
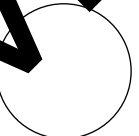


Match Texts To Pictures

Activity

- After listening to *Lily And The Shopping Bag*, complete this activity sheet.

Draw the animals which match the words from the story. Then use numbers to put the events in the correct order.

 <p>She gallops past Mr. White's house with the little rabbit and the hole in the bag gets bigger. Out drops the apple and the little rabbit gobbles the apple up.</p>	 <p>Past Mrs. Brown's house with the many birds and the hole in the bag gets bigger. Out drops some nuts and the birds swoop down and gobble up the nuts.</p>
 <p>Past Mrs. Grey's house with the only cat in the street and the hole in the bag gets bigger. Out drops the milk and the cat jumps up and drinks it all up.</p>	 <p>Past Ms. Black's house with the big dog, the hole in the bag gets bigger. Out drops the sausage and the big dog runs across and gobbles the sausage up.</p>

- ☐ Rate the story by colouring the stars below. Explain your rating to a friend. Talk about the part of the story that you liked the best and the part that you didn't like.



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1. Yolanda Cool
2. Showing colours to the other animals = boastful and vain
Stealing the Sun = selfish and uncaring
Putting the Sun back in return for the opal: materialistic and greedy
3. villain
4. dislike
5. students' own response

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- 1 = Feather Tail flew up to the Sun
- 2 = It began to rain and rain and rain
- 3 = Colours fell from the sky onto the other cockatoos to give them colours
- 4 = Feather Tail and the opal turned black

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shops; nibbling; holds apple; counter; pays; swinging
missing information from the story: she puts her shopping bag on the counter

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2; 1; 4; 3