

Story starter!



It was a calm morning. There was but a slight ripple on the surface of the blue water, caused by a whispering westerly wind that whipped across the bay.

A hungry heron hopped happily along a floating log, waiting for its moment to strike. Any second now, it would sink its sharp, sabre-like beak into the salty water, hoping to pluck an unsuspecting victim from beneath the surface...



Question time!

- ▶ What can you see happening in the picture?
- ▶ What is it the bird is looking for?
- ▶ What do birds eat?
- ▶ Do all birds eat the same things?
- ▶ Where do you think this bird lives?
- ▶ Do you think it is eating just because it is hungry?
- ▶ Do you think birds enjoy the taste of food in the same way we do?
- ▶ What makes this bird such a brilliant predator?

Sentence challenge!



Alliteration is the occurrence of the same letter or sound at the beginning of adjacent or closely connected words.

Can you spot where I have used alliteration in the story starter?

Can you write an alliterative sentence about the picture?



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Sick sentences!

These sentences are 'sick' and need help to get better. Can you help?

- ▶ The bird stood on the log.
- ▶ It had feathers and long legs.
- ▶ It had eyes and a beak.
- ▶ It saw something in the water.

Perfect picture!

Can you draw a picture of what it is the bird has spotted underneath the surface of the water?

