



A Ready to read

Let's **create images**! Danny knows that to be a good reader, you need to create pictures in your mind of what you read. Read the narrative. Look at what the crows are wearing. Can you imagine how they might look if they were flying to the beach? Draw a picture in your copy.

B Let's read!



Grace the Crow

Grace was a noisy black crow. She lived in a **cosy** nest, high in a tall tree. Grace loved to wake Mammy and Daddy Crow every morning with her loud cawing.

One morning, Grace found that she had a really sore **throat**. Grace wanted Mammy and Daddy Crow to wake up so that she could tell them. She tried to caw her usual ear-splitting caw, but no sound came out.

Grace took a really deep **breath** and puffed up her feathery chest. She opened her beak as wide as she could, but only the tiniest mouse-sized squeak came out. Mammy and Daddy Crow slept on.

Grace wondered how she might wake Mammy and Daddy now that she had lost her strong caw. She sat in the nest and scratched her head. A thought came to her.

Grace lifted up Daddy Crow's wing and lay close to him for a snuggle. She gave Mammy Crow a gentle peck on the cheek. Daddy began to stir. Mammy's eyes **fluttered** open. 'Good morning, Grace,' they cawed.



A Quiz time!

- 1 What kind of bird is Grace?

- 2 Where does Grace live?

- 3 What does Grace love to do?

- 4 What was Grace wondering about?

- 5 What did Grace do to Mammy Crow?

B Think about it!

Did Grace need to be noisy to wake her mammy and daddy?
Who wakes you up in the morning?

Word work



cosy throat breath fluttered

C Read the words. Finish the sentences.

- 1 The butterfly _____ its wings.
- 2 The runner was out of _____.
- 3 The small cottage was _____ and warm.
- 4 I had a cough and a sore _____.

D Together with your class, come up with a list of words that you think of when you hear the word **cosy**, e.g. warm, snug.