

Quiz A: RL.5.7

Read the passage. Then answer the question.

“The Bird with the Broken Wing”

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PERSONS IN THE PLAY—The Bird, The Oak Tree, The Maple, The Willow, The Spruce, The Pine, The Juniper, The Forest Fairy, Jack Frost

Scene I.—*In the Woods*

- 1 *The Oak.* See that flock of birds coming! The winter is near and they are flying south.
- 2 *The Maple.* I hope they will not light on my branches; I like to keep my leaves in order.
- 3 *The Willow.* So many birds will break my tender twigs. I am sure I do not want them either. Here they come!

[*The birds fly over the trees.*]

- 4 *Little Bird.* Oh, I can fly no farther! My wing is broken and I cannot hold it up. I am so tired and cold and hungry! I must rest to-night in this forest. I am sure some big strong tree will give me a resting place. I will ask this tall Oak, he looks so strong and his leaves are so thick and warm! May I rest in your branches to-night, great Oak Tree? I am a poor little bird with a broken wing and I am cold and tired and hungry.
- 5 *The Oak.* I am sorry; but my branches are all engaged by the squirrels, who are getting their acorns in for the winter. I have no room for strange birds.
- 6 *Little Bird.* Oh! I am so lonely, so tired! Surely the handsome Maple Tree will take me in. She has no acorns and so the squirrels will not be in her branches. Kind, lovely Maple Tree, may I rest to-night in your branches? I am a poor little bird with a broken wing. I will not harm your pretty leaves.
- 7 *The Maple.* My leaves tremble to think of taking in strange birds! My house is in perfect order and I cannot think of disturbing it. Please go away!
- 8 *Little Bird.* Oh, what shall I do? The Oak and the Maple are so unkind and I am shivering with cold and weak with hunger. Surely *some* tree must be kind. Dear Willow, you are kind, are you not? Will you take me upon your graceful branches just for to-night?
- 9 *The Willow.* Really, Mr. Bird with the broken wing, I think you should have gone on with the other birds. I cannot take you in. I do not know your name or anything about you. Besides, I am very sleepy, and so, good night!
- 10 *Little Bird.* Oh, my dear bird friends, how I wish some of you were here! I shall perish with the cold if I must stay on the ground. Where can I go? The Oak, the Maple, and the Willow have all turned me away and the night is coming on.

