

## 1 Gift-Wrapping Spider

The male nursery web spider wraps up a fly in his silk. Then he carries the little bundle to a female spider. She peels the silk off the gift. If she does not like what is inside, she walks off.

From what you pictured...

What is the main idea of the story?

Why do you think the male spider wraps up the fly?

Why do you think the female peels the silk off the gift?

Why do you think the female walks off if she does not like the gift?

What do you think would happen if the female liked the gift?

## 2 How An Orca Finds Her Way

In the frozen sea, an orca pops her head up out of a hole in the ice. She breathes in deep as she looks for a new hole, far off. She dives and soon pops up in that hole, and looks for the next one. In this way she travels under the ice while she looks for fish.

From what you pictured...

What is the main idea of the story?

Why do you think the orca pops her head out of the hole in the ice?

Why do you think the orca needed to breathe in deep?

Why do you think the orca is looking for another hole?

Why do you think the orca can't swim under the ice all the time?



## 26 Weevil Referee

The male giraffe weevil searches a tree branch for a female. When two males meet on a leaf where a female is, they face off to fight. The males push and hit each other with their heads and necks. The female watches the fight from the side. When the fight gets too rough, the female runs in and stops it for a second. Then she goes back to the side to watch and choose the winner.

From what you pictured...

What is the main idea of this story?

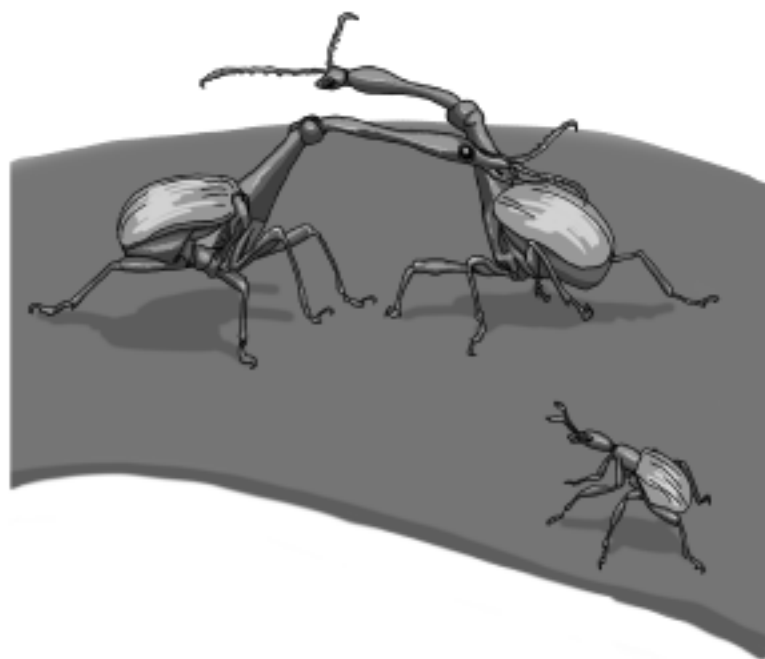
Why do you think this weevil is called the "giraffe" weevil?

Why do you think the two males face off to fight?

Why do you think the female watches the fight?

Why do you think the female stops the fight if it gets too rough?

How do you think the female will choose the winner?



### 36 **Snow White and Safe**

The snow petrel is a small white bird that lives near the South Pole. She catches fish in the sea, and nests on the ground. When the snow petrel gets salty and dirty, she bathes in the snow. She dives, rolls, and rubs her feathers against the snow. Soon she is clean and white, and blends in with the snow when she sits on her nest.

From what you pictured...

What is the main idea of this story?

Why do you think the snow petrel nests on the ground?

Why do you think the snow petrel might get salty and dirty?

Most birds bathe in fresh water, but there is no fresh water near the South Pole. Why do you think that is?

How do you think it might help the snow petrel to blend in with the snow when she sits on her nest?

Do you think the snow petrel has to bathe often? Why or why not?

### 37 **“Dancing” Squid Bowl**

A woman orders food in a sushi bar—a place that serves raw fish. The waiter brings her a bowl with a dead squid in it. She pours salty soy sauce on it before eating. All of a sudden, the squid starts to wave its arms! The squid is not alive, but its dead legs twitch and jerk when the salt hits them.

From what you pictured...

What is the main idea of this story?

Do you think the woman was surprised when the dead squid began to move? Why or why not?

Do you think the waiter knew the squid would move? Explain.

Would you like to eat a squid that is moving around? Explain.

What do you think happened next?