Story or Facts? Sparrows

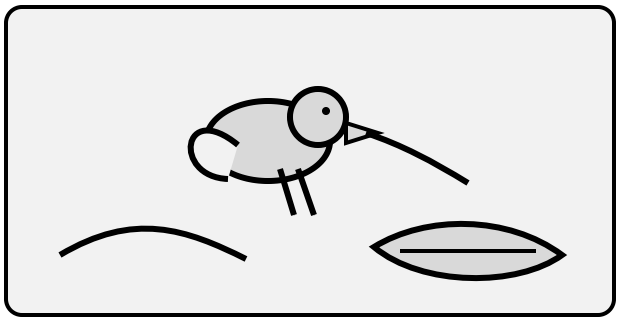
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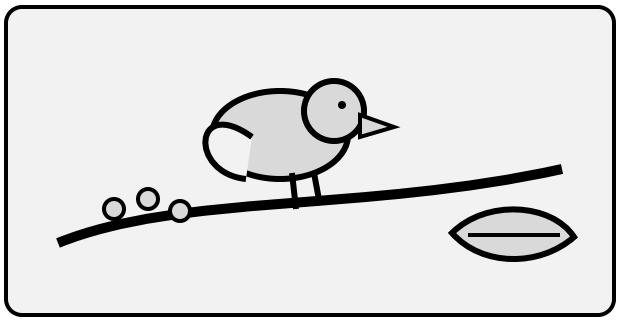
Listen, Decide, and Tell Why

Listen as your teacher reads Text A and Text B. These are original classroom listening texts about sparrows. Look at the pictures. Then write **A** or **B** in the big box that matches each text. Be ready to tell why.

Text A



Text B



Tells a story	Teaches facts
Write A or B here: _____	Write A or B here: _____

Say it: “Text ___ is a story / teaches facts because _____.”

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Answer Key and Teaching Notes

Materials
Supplied: one student page per child, the two illustrated original mini-text cards, and the two large response targets on the student page.
Additionally needed: pencils or crayons; a clipboard or hard writing surface if students are not at tables.

Exact setup
1. Give each student a page and a pencil or crayon. Keep pages face up so students can see Text A, Text B, and both large response targets.
2. Tell students not to write until they have heard both texts once.
3. Read the script below. Read both texts a second time after students have had a chance to look at the pictures. Do not name the correct target before students respond.

Teacher-read script
Say: “A story tells about characters and what happens. A facts text teaches information about a topic. Listen for what each text does.”

Text A: “Pip, a small sparrow, found a long piece of grass. The wind tugged it from his beak. Pip chased the grass, caught it, and carried it to his nest. He tucked it beside the eggs. ‘This will keep us cozy,’ Pip chirped.”

Text B: “Sparrows are small birds. Many sparrows eat seeds and insects. They use grass, twigs, and soft feathers to make nests. A sparrow’s wings help it fly from place to place.”

Say: “Now write A or B in each big target. Then tell me why you chose one target.”

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Answer Key and Teaching Notes (continued)

Answers

1. **Tells a story: A.** Text A has a character, Pip, and events that happen.
2. **Teaches facts: B.** Text B gives information about sparrows, including food, nests, and wings.
3. **Oral explanation:** Accept a response such as, “Text A is a story because Pip does things,” or, “Text B teaches facts because it tells about what sparrows eat.”

Observation method and quick rubric

As each student writes, observe without correcting. After writing, point to the student’s two marks and ask the oral prompt once. Record: correct A placement, correct B placement, and an explanation connected to events/character or facts. A student demonstrates the skill when both placements are correct and the student gives an oral reason, with teacher prompting allowed for sentence completion but not for the answer.

Student	A placement	B placement	Oral reason

Credit: Original classroom listening texts and illustrations created for this worksheet, 2026.