

HAZEL
MEETS THE

READING

**STRATEGY
ANIMALS**



READING IS A HOOT!



Tucked deep in a cozy forest
lived a small owl clutch,
Who happily resided with deer, bears, and such.
Each and every day, the young forest creatures
Would attend a woodland school
with their animal teachers.





Little Hazel Hoot loved to learn.
Good grades are what she worked hard to earn.
But Hazel had a secret: She struggled to read.
She didn't have the strategies to help her to succeed!

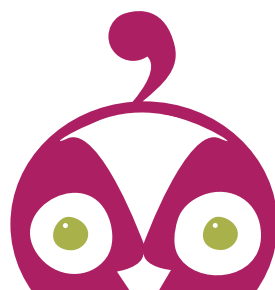
Each day when Mrs. Screech gave the students a reading turn,
Hazel would start to worry; her tummy would start to churn!
“Okay,” the teacher said. “Hazel, it’s your turn to read.”
Hazel stared blankly, waiting for another to take the lead.



One afternoon,
Hazel was feeling especially sad,
So she followed a new path home;
and wow, would she be glad!

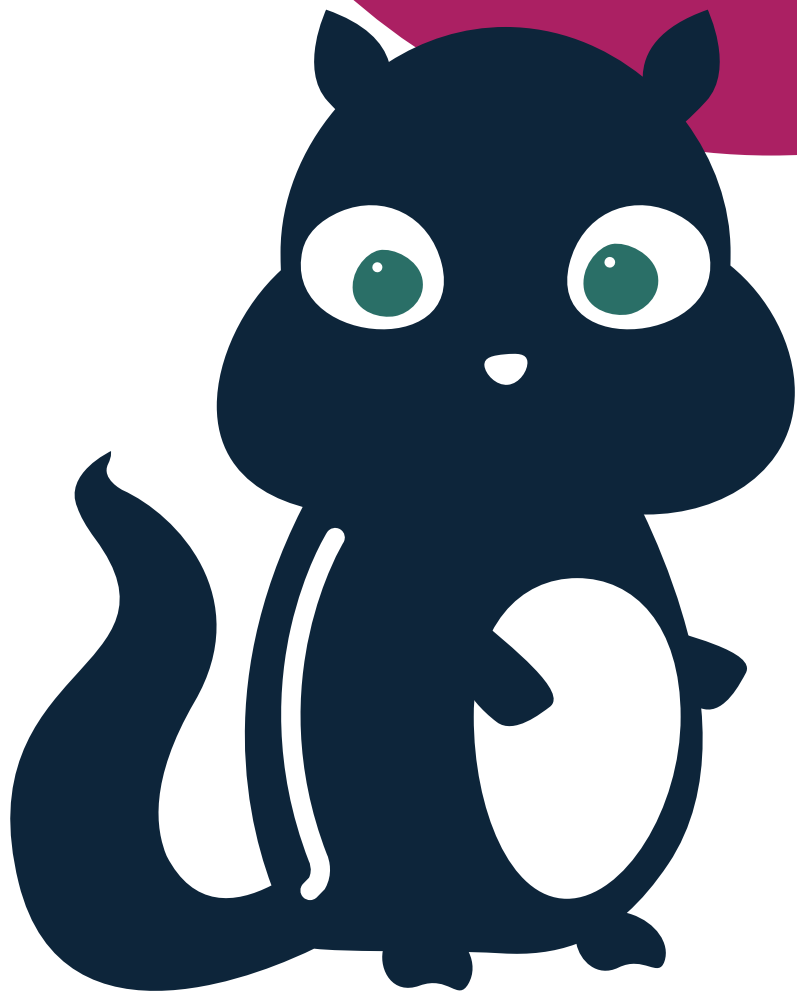


As she flew along,
Hazel thought she heard a sound.
Then she heard voices
from somewhere on the ground,
“Hello there!
We are part of a special woodland roost,
We’re here to give your reading
a much-needed boost.”



“Psst . . .

Here’s my secret, my human friends:
This is not where the story ends.
You are among the lucky few
To learn reading strategies—
exciting and new!”



“Hi, I’m **Paco the Pointing Porcupine.**

Point with me

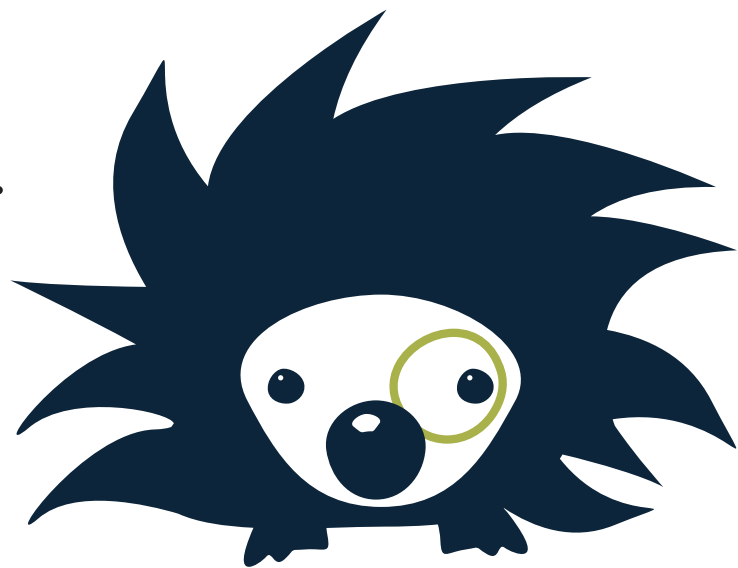
as you read each line.

I’m here to help you

to keep your place

And to remind you that

reading is not a race.”



Paco
the Pointing
PORCUPINE



Dexter
the Detecting
DEER

“My name is

Dexter the Detecting Deer.

Now let me tell you why I’m here.

I’ll help you to look

for picture clues,

So you don’t get

those reading blues.

Look at the pictures

to figure out

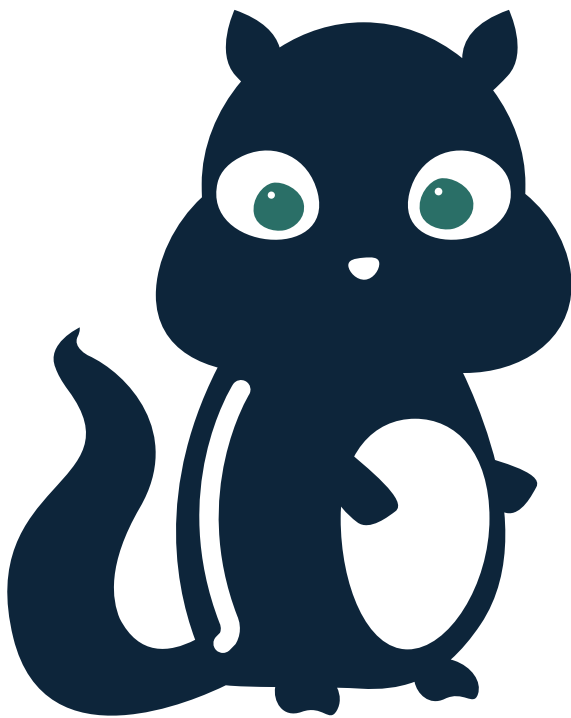
What the words are all about!”

“I’m **Sally the Sounding-Out Snake**.

S-s-say, have you heard?
Stretch out all the sounds
that you see in a word.
Blend sounds together;
it’s really quite nice.
S-s-smooth out the words.
That’s my advice.”



Sally
the Sounding-Out
SNAKE



Charlie
the Chunking
CHIPMUNK

“I’m **Charlie the Chunking Chipmunk**.

What’s new?
I break words into small chunks,
and you can, too.
Look for little words or sounds
you already know.
Join these sounds together
to be the star of the show!”

“Hello, **Ramona the Rereading Raccoon**

is my name.

Using context clues

is my favorite game.

As you read, ask yourself:

Does it look right, does it sound right,

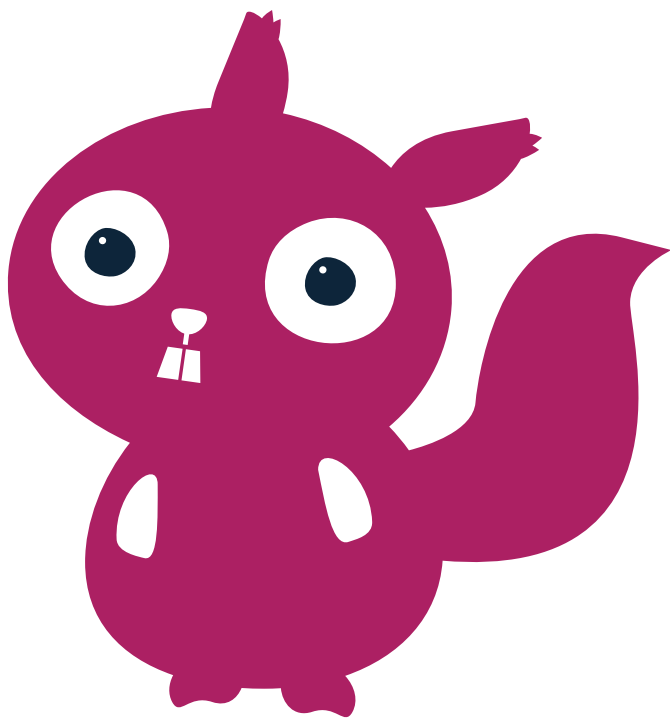
and does it make sense?

I guarantee my strategy

will make you less tense!”



Ramona
the Rereading
RACCOON



Sharon
the Summarizing
SQUIRREL

“I’m **Sharon the Summarizing Squirrel**,

and understanding is my work.

Main idea and retelling

are where I tend to lurk.

Who, what, when, where, and why?

Answer these questions

to give my strategy a try.”

“Welcome, I’m **Peter the Predicting Possum.**

Making guesses while you read is

... oh ... so awesome!

Use picture and word clues to guess
what will happen next.

Then read on to find
the outcome in the text.”



Peter
the Predicting
POSSUM



Quinn
the Questioning
QUAIL

“Hey, I’m **Quinn the Questioning Quail;**
use me when you read.

Questions are the way to get
the information you need.

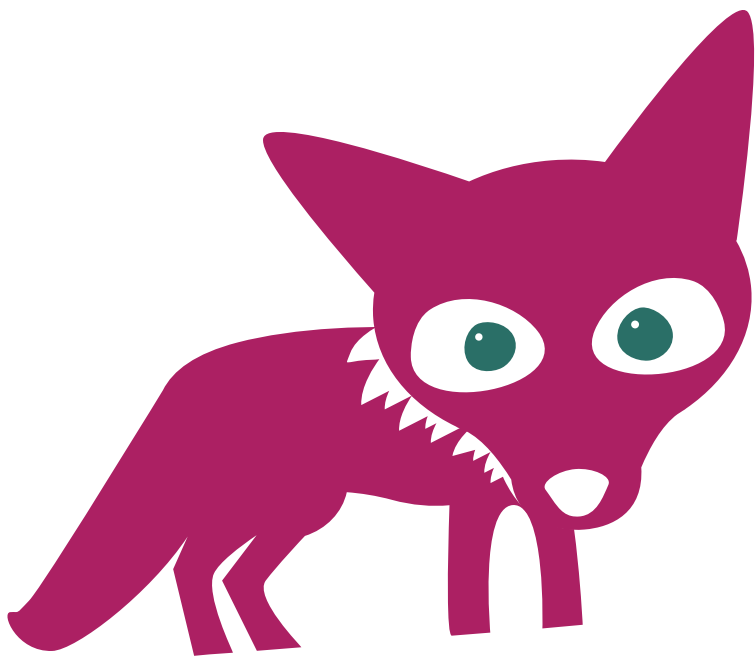
Good readers ask questions
to help them to understand;

They read to find the answers—
that’s a smart plan.”

“I’m **Vern the Visualizing Vulture**;
use me like a TV.
Events, characters, and settings
are what I help you to see.
If you picture these in your mind
like your favorite movie;
Then understanding what you read
will be so groovy!”



Vern
the Visualizing
VULTURE



Chloe
the Connecting
COYOTE

“I’m **Chloe the Connecting Coyote**,
and I make connections.
Connections help you to understand
your reading selections.
Link the story to your life
or what you’ve read in a book.
These text connections are guaranteed
to help get you hooked!”

So Hazel's reading strategy friends turned out to be the key
To her becoming the **best reader** a little owl could be!



“Psst . . .

Human friends,

remember when I said that you
could learn, too?

Hazel’s wonderful woodland friends
are here to help you!

Listen, practice, and try your best—
Then we reading strategy animals
will help you with the rest!”

