

Brer Rabbit & Mr. Hawk

adapted from an American folktale

Brer Rabbit liked this summer day. He did not see danger coming near. 13

In the sky, Mr. Hawk flew back and forth. He dipped closer and closer 29

to Rabbit. Suddenly Rabbit was pinned to the ground. Mr. Hawk 40

perched on top of him. He had a hungry look in his eye. Brer Rabbit 55

was well and truly scared. He twisted, but Mr. Hawk just held him tighter. 69

Rabbit would need all of his smarts to get away from this trouble. “Look 83

at me, Mr. Hawk,” said Brer Rabbit. “I’m too skinny to make a good 97

meal for you.” Mr. Hawk knew Brer Rabbit’s tricks. He wasn’t going to 110

fall for this one. Brer Rabbit tried another idea. “Here is my plan,” 123

Rabbit said. “Let me go now and I will eat lots and lots. Soon I will be too 141

fat to move. Think about how delicious I will taste then!” Brer Rabbit 154

could tell that Hawk was thinking about that idea. In fact, Hawk was 167

thinking so hard about a juicy rabbit dinner that he forgot to hold tight. 181

Quick as a flash, Brer Rabbit wiggled loose and dashed away. From then 194

on Brer Rabbit always kept an eye out for hungry hawks. 205

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.
words read in 1 minute				
– number of mistakes				
= total words read correctly				
adult initials				

Parent Tips

Adult readers are fairly quick to read about 50,000 words—words that we see often enough that they are in our sight vocabulary. Struggling readers have very few words in their sight vocabulary, and they must spend a great deal of time and energy sounding out most of the words they read. Fluency instruction, therefore, should focus on helping students who already know how to sound out words to repeatedly read words (in real text) so they can read them quickly and automatically. Repeated reading with feedback is one of the best ways to do this, and silent reading for pleasure is another.

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1. When Mr. Hawk got him, Brer Rabbit felt _____.

- scared
- bored
- joyful

2. When does this story happen?

- In the winter
- Tuesday night
- On a summer day

3. Brer Rabbit got away by _____.

- being really strong
- tricking Mr. Hawk
- hiding in the grass



4. Do you think Brer Rabbit would have really gone back to let Mr. Hawk eat him after he got fat?