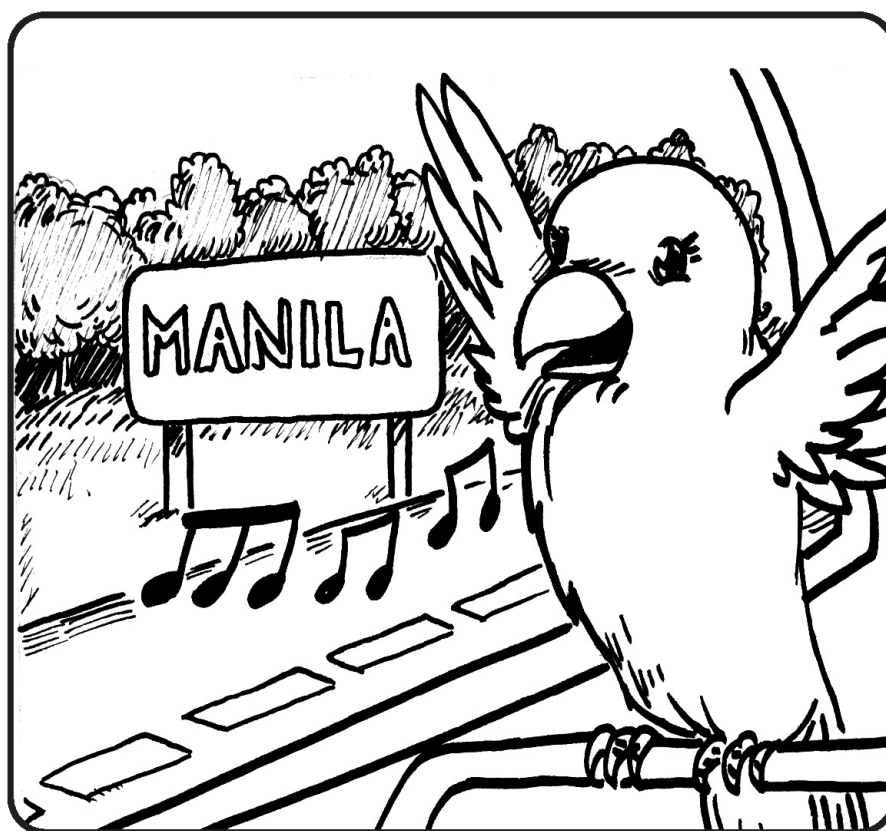


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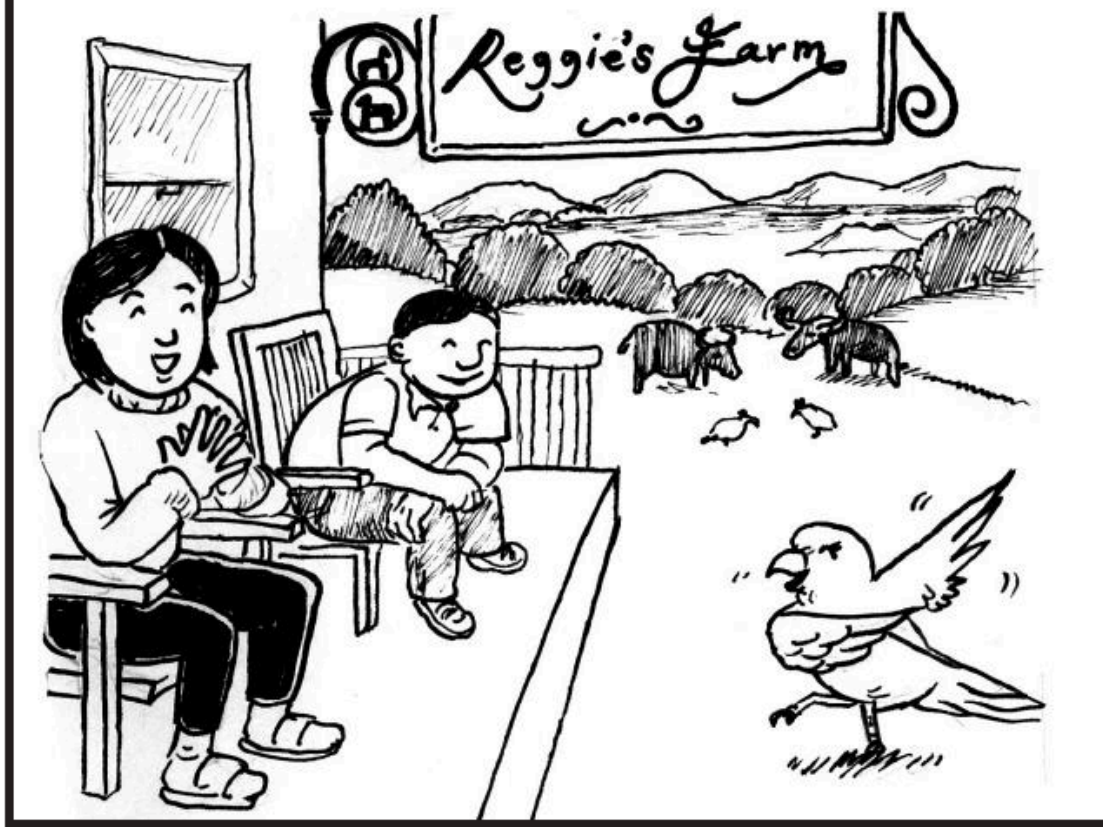
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Leveled Reader in English

Para, The Brave and Beautiful



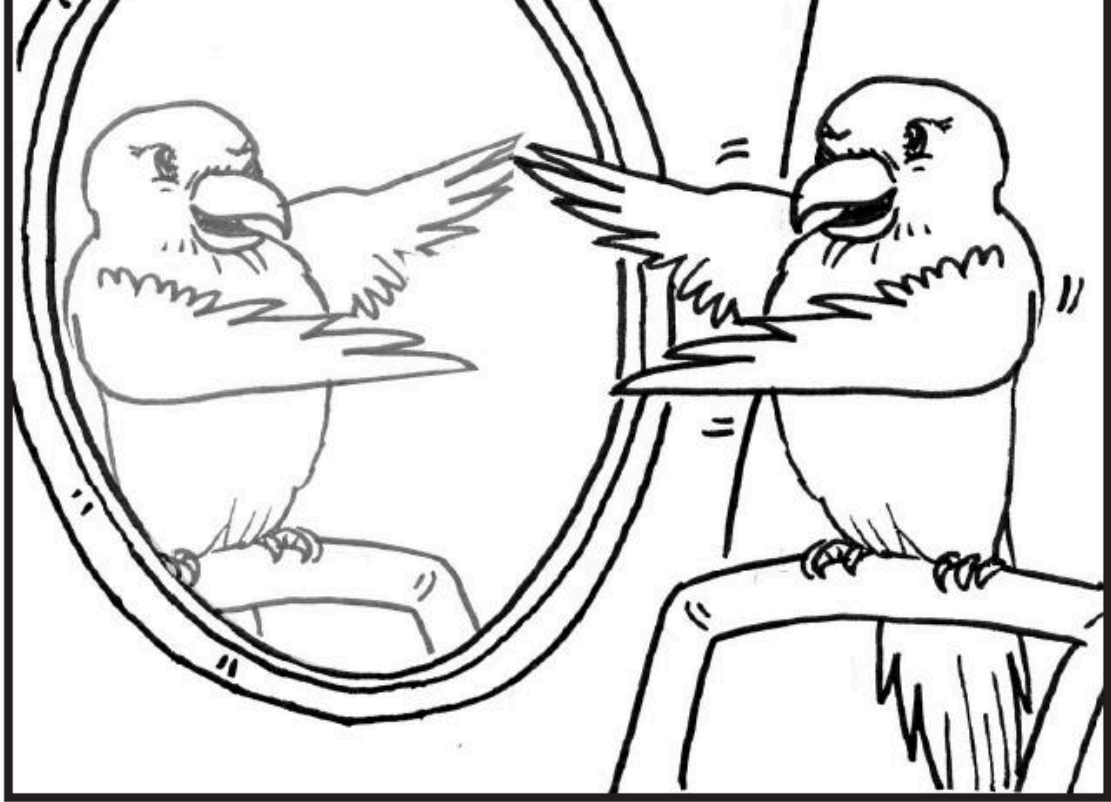
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Dr. and Mrs. Reggie are in their yard.
They will plan their trip to Manila.

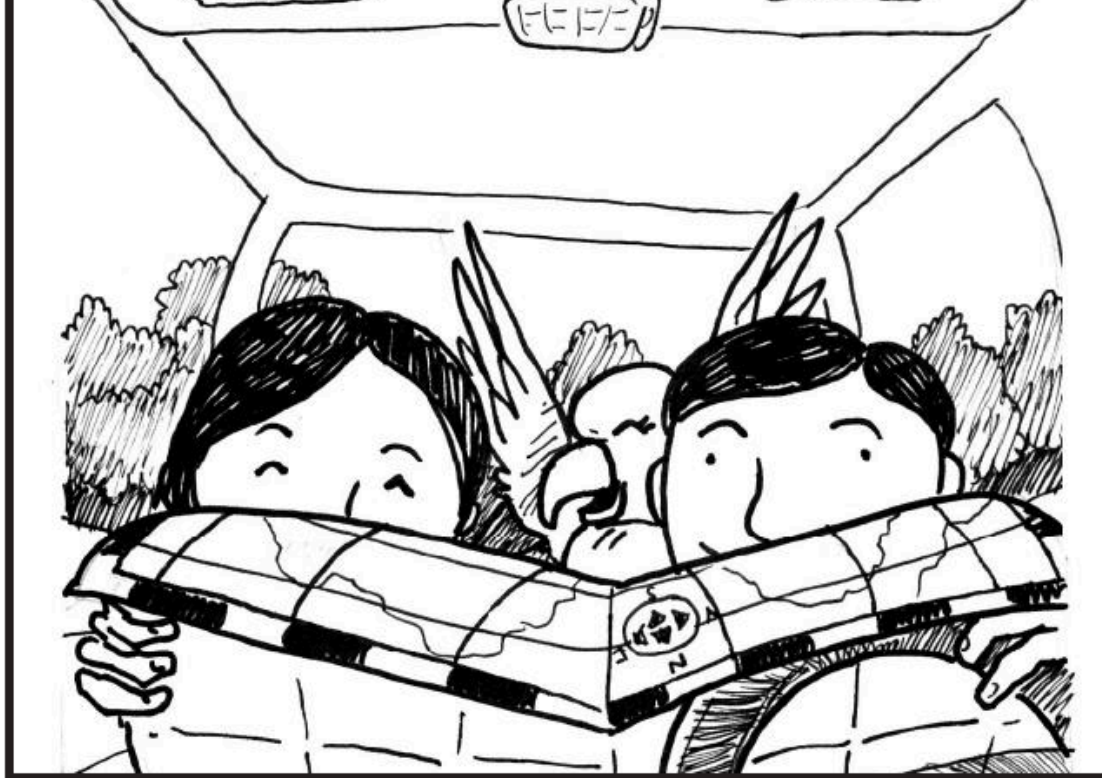
Para hops forward and backward with
flair.

Dr. Reggie says, "Take care, Para, go
slow. If you move too fast, you may harm
yourself."



Para is excited to go to Manila.

In a mirror, she can see how beautiful she is. She has bright green feathers and a blue head. Her beak is red. Her wings are black and gold. She looks fantastic!



On the day of the trip, Para and the Reggies get into the car.

Dr. Reggie says, “Manila is not too far. It is near Tagaytay.” He then adds, “We will need to follow the curves in the road. When we get to the highway, we will go straight to Manila.”



They reach the school in Manila.

Para sings and dances for the children. Mrs. Reggie stands on the left of Para and plays the ukulele.

All the children are happy and clap for Para. No one is sad today.



After the show, Para and the Reggies get ready to go home. It is very noisy in the car park. Suddenly, an old bus makes a loud sound—BOOM!

Para is scared. She flies away. Dr. and Mrs. Reggie call out, “Para, Para, come back.”

It is too late. Para flies up into the air in a vertical line. Dr. Reggie and Mrs. Reggie just stare. What will they do?

Phonics: -ar, -are, -air

Find two words in the story for each vowel pattern.

-ar

dark

-are

fare

-air

flair

Choose one of the words in each category and make a sentence with it.

Spelling Words

yard far harm hard care

park flair car stare air



Dr. and Mrs. Reggie go to the police station. They tell their story. They ask the police to help find Para.

Mrs. Reggie explains, “Para is a special bird. She will attract people when she sings and dances.”

“It will be hard to find one small bird. This is a big city,” says one policeman.



Dr. and Mrs. Reggie thank the police.
“Thank you for your help,” says
Mrs. Reggie.

They leave the police station and give the
policemen a picture of Para.

The Reggies are sad. They get in the car
and drive home.

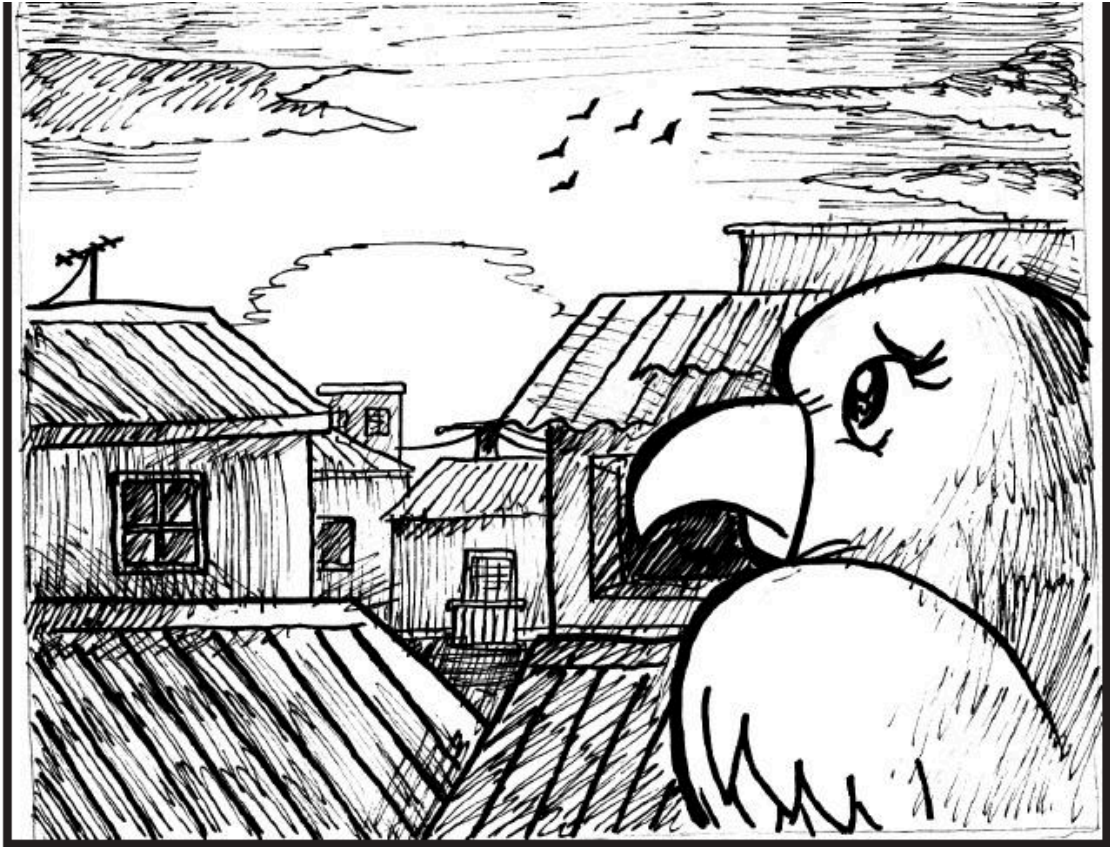


Para is in Manila. Para flies to a market that is near. She hears music. She finds a very soft place to land. The grass is wet and not hard.

One boy sees Para and says, “Look how clean and beautiful this bird is. She has not been outside because she is not dirty.”

One girl says, “Look how she dances and sings.”

The children cheer and Para takes a bow.



Para is happy to see the children laugh. But the day is almost over and night is coming. She looks to the east and there is no sun. The sun is going down in the west.

She needs to find Dr. and Mrs. Reggie!

Vocabulary: Antonyms

Copy the words below in your notebook and match the antonyms:

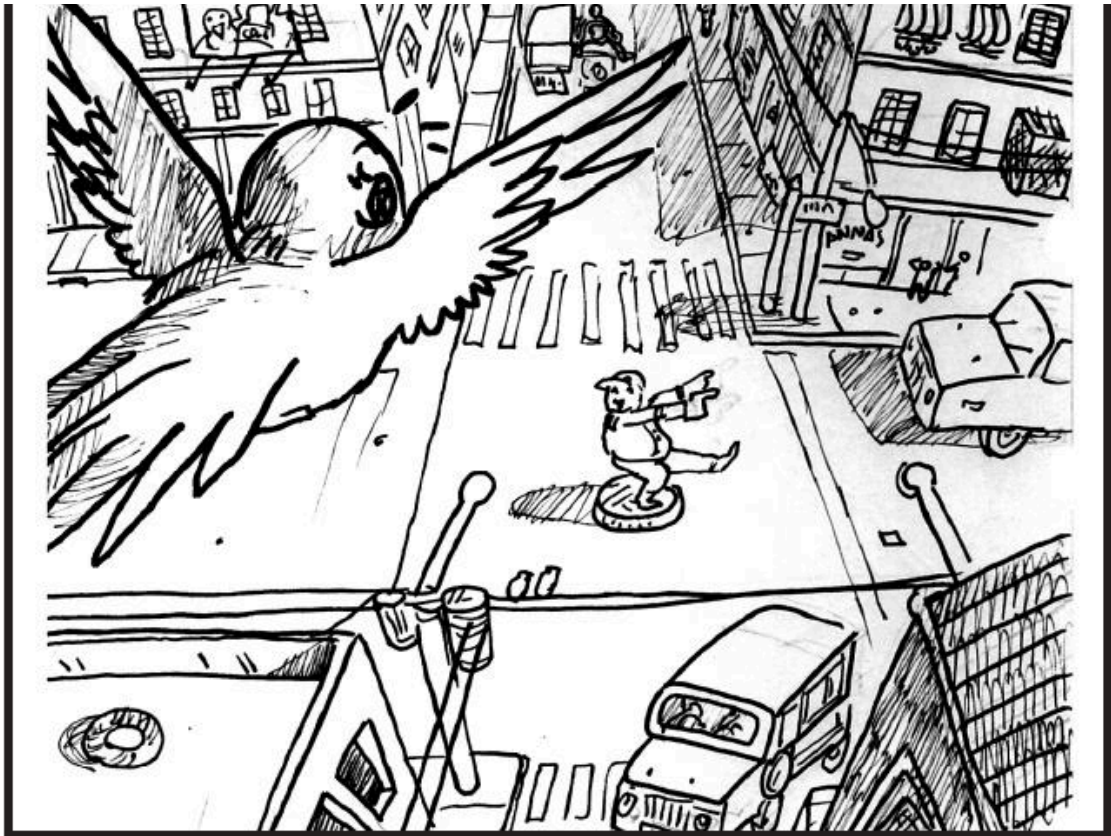
right	sad
hot	wet
long	left
fast	short
day	dirty
dry	cold
old	noisy
quiet	new
happy	ugly
clean	slow
bad	night
pretty	good

Paired Sentences

Write the correct antonyms that answer the clues below.

- 1) My Mama bought my _____uniform.
- 2) The shoes from last year are _____.

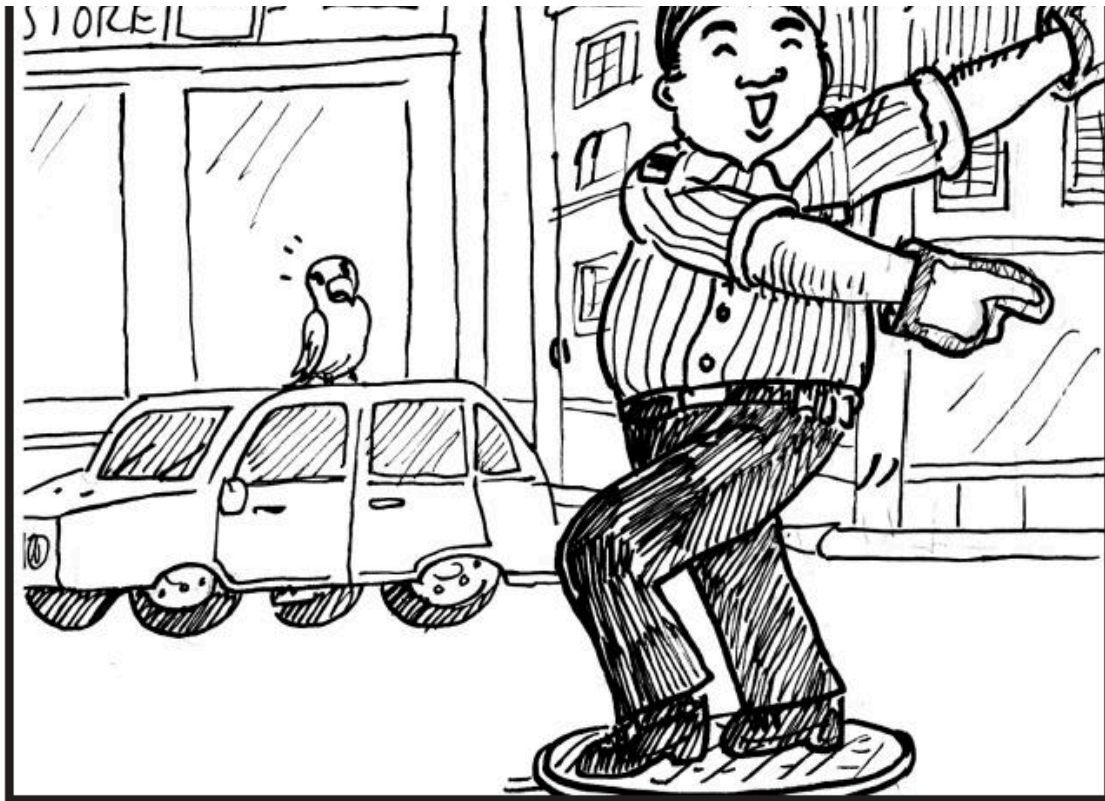
Your teacher may give you more clues for more antonyms.



The sun starts to set in the west. Para flies east, away from the market. She must search for some fruits and food she can eat. She is having fun, but wants to go home.

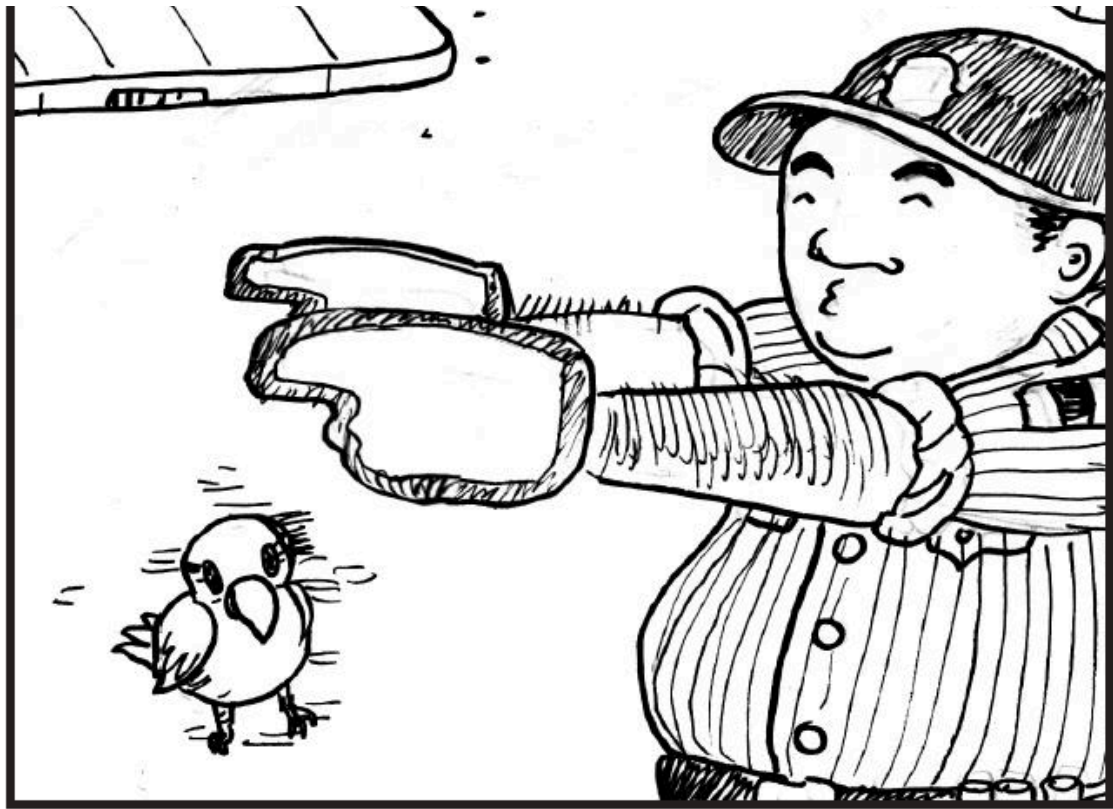
There are many cars on the road because it is the end of the work day.

Then, she sees something!



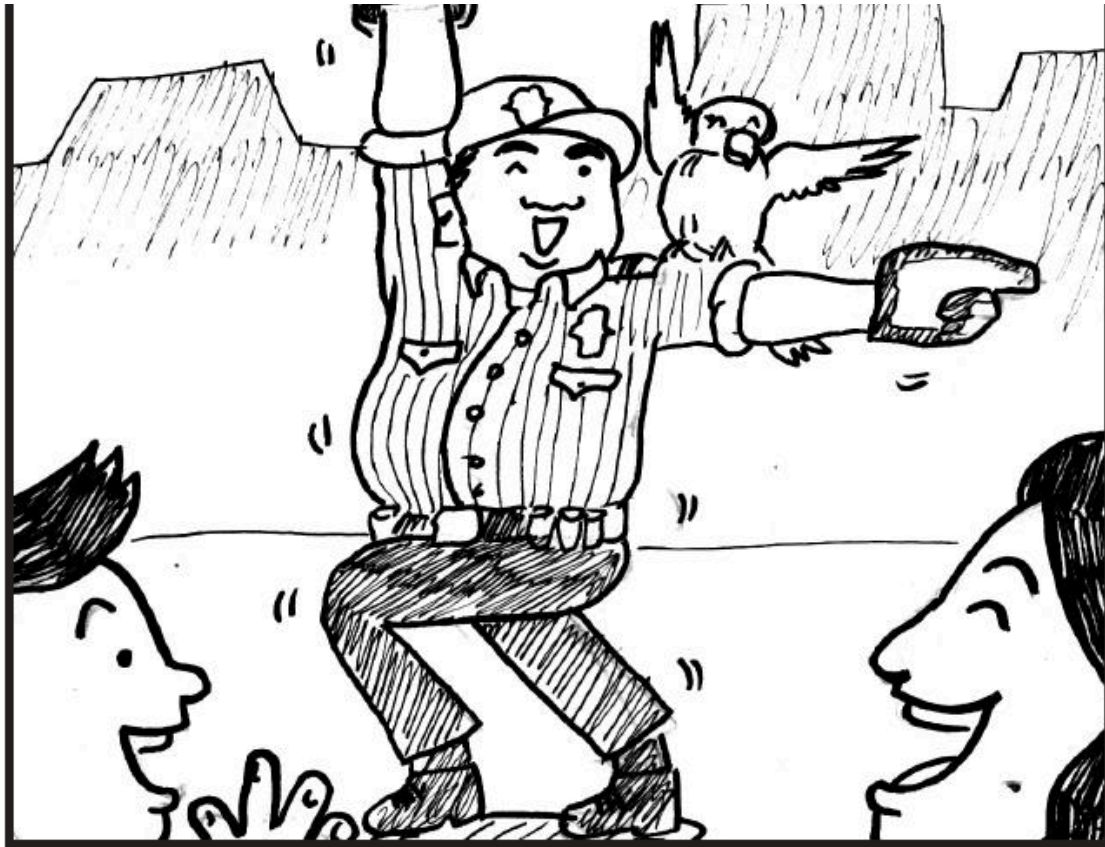
Para stops flying and lands on top of a parked car. She sees a policeman and he is directing traffic. He is also dancing!

Para has never seen a policeman dance.



The policeman is happy and is smiling.
Para wants to learn more about this man.

She slowly walks toward him.
She doesn't want to move too fast. She
stops near the policeman's leg and
looks up at him.



The policeman sees Para and is surprised. Para does not fear this man. She hops up onto his arm. They dance together.

All the people on the street clap and cheer. The policeman and dear Para take a bow. It is clear that they are stars.

Phonics: -ear -eer -ear (pronounced /r/)

Use three words to make a word search for your partner.

near cheer fear learn search

Spelling Words

near cheer fear learn search

dear clear year hear clean



“Who are you, little bird?” asks the policeman. “Where did you come from?”

Para looks at the policeman and says, “I am Para. I live at Reggie’s Farm in Tagaytay.”

“What?” asks the policeman. He thinks to himself, “Did that bird talk to me? Oh dear, I must be hearing things.”



The policeman brings Para to the police station.

Para says, “I am Para. I live at Reggie’s Farm in Tagaytay.”

Everyone claps for Para. She takes a bow. The policemen call the Reggie’s Farm in Tagaytay. Dr. and Mrs. Reggie hear Para on the phone.

“Oh, we will come and get you,” says Dr. Reggie. Mrs. Reggie nods.



Dr. and Mrs. Reggie go to Manila. They are so happy to see Para.

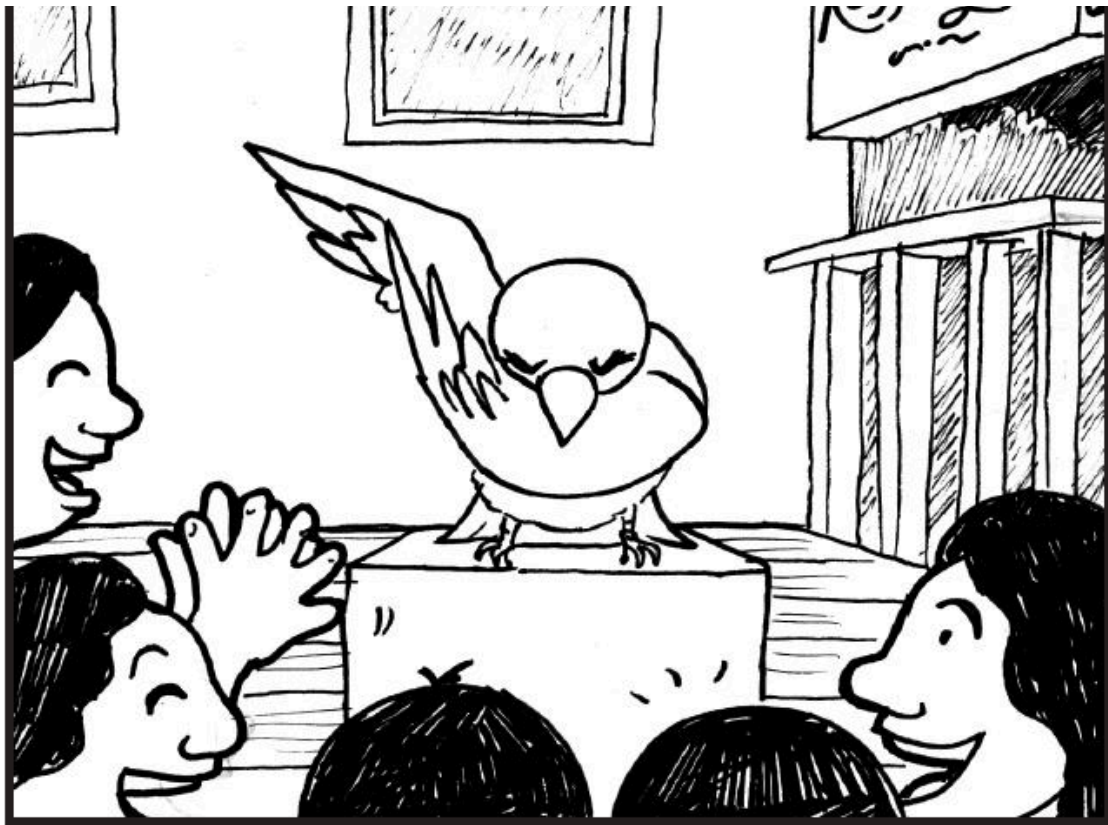
The police are glad that Para is going home.

“She is a good dancer and singer,” says one policeman. “But, she needs to be back home. We will miss you, Para!”



“How could she give her name and address?” asks another policeman.

Dr. Reggie turns red and says, “I have been teaching her. I wanted her to learn her name and address if she ever got lost.”



When Para gets back home, she is again a big star! Visitors like to see her sing and dance. Everyone also wants to hear her talk and say her name and address.

Para takes a bow!

Grammar: Future Tense

Put the following verbs in the future tense. Follow the example.

drive	will drive	going to drive
walk	_____	_____
cheer	_____	_____
write	_____	_____
sleep	_____	_____
eat	_____	_____

Write two sentences in the future tense using “will” and “going to.”

Para's Missing Poster

Use the following information and design a "Missing Poster" for Para:

- parrot's name is Para
- very colorful and beautiful
- blue nape
- red beak
- green feathers
- wings with black and gold

MISSING


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