

Drawing conclusions means to make reasonable conclusions about events in a story using the information given.

Comprehension Worksheet

THE BROWN THRUSH

Lucy Larcom, the author of the following poem, was born in 1826, and passed many years of her life as a factory girl at Lowell, Mass. She died in 1893.

1. There's a merry brown thrush sitting up in a tree;
 "He's singing to me! he's singing to me!"
And what does he say, little girl, little boy?
 "Oh, the world's running over with joy!
 Don't You hear? Don't you see?
 Hush! look! In my tree
I'm as happy as happy can be!"
2. And the brown thrush keeps singing, "A nest do you see,
 And five eggs hid by me in the juniper tree?
Don't meddle! don't touch! little girl, little boy,
 Or the world will lose some of its joy!
 Now I'm glad! now I'm free!
 And I always shall be,
If you never bring sorrow to me."
3. So the merry brown thrush sings away in the tree,
 To you and to me, to you and to me;
And he sings all the day, little girl, little boy,
 "Oh, the world's running over with joy!
 But long it won't be,
 Don't you know? Don't you see?
Unless we're as good as can be."



Questions

1. What is a thrush?

2. Why was the thrush so happy?

3. Do you think he would have been happy if the little boy or girl had robbed the nest?