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## Reading Comprehension Worksheets

### A MOMENT TOO LATE

Read the story below. Read aloud then answer the questions that follow.

**Notes for reading:** Preview the text to be read. Before you start reading, ask yourself, what does the author want me to think or feel? Do I agree with the author? While you read pay close attention to the details presented in the text.

### A MOMENT TOO LATE



A moment too late, my beautiful bird,  
A moment too late are you now;  
The wind has your soft, downy nest disturbed—  
The nest that you hung on the bough.

A moment too late; that string in your bill,  
Would have fastened it firmly and strong;  
But see, there it goes, rolling over the hill!  
Oh, you staid a moment too long.

A moment, one moment too late, busy bee;  
The honey has dropped from the flower:  
No use to creep under the petals and see;  
It stood ready to drop for an hour.

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A moment too late; had you sped on your wing,  
The honey would not have been gone;  
Now you see what a very, a very sad thing  
‘T is to stay a moment too long.

Little girl, never be a moment too late,  
It will soon end in trouble or crime;  
Better be an hour early, and stand and wait,  
Than a moment behind the time.

If the bird and the bee, little boy, were too late,  
Remember, as you play along  
On your way to school, with pencil and slate,  
Never stay a moment too long.

### DISCUSSION AND COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever been late going somewhere?
2. What happened when you got there?
3. Why is it good to arrive early anywhere?

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1. What was the bird going to do with the string?

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2. What happened to the bird's nest?

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3. What was the bee going to do?

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4. What is better to do concerning time?

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5. What advice is there in the poem for children?

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