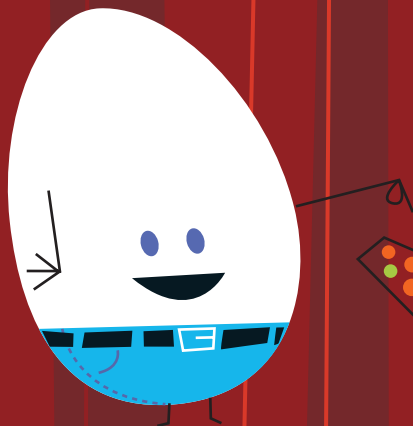


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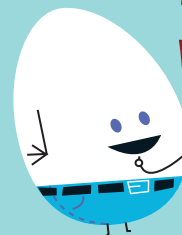


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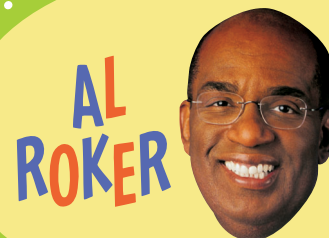
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EGG'S mysterious SURPRISE



What could it be?



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There are lots of fun ways to share a story.
You can tell a story using rhyming words, read
a story in a book – or make up a song! You
could even make up a story using objects
around your home. **PBS KIDS** asked **Al Roker** to
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Mysterious Surprise**" and watch the ordinary
turn into the EGGS-traordinary!

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Give them words to grow by



Hi, I'm Al Roker. Sharing stories is like
spreading sunshine! So I've got a special story
to share with you. *It's about an Egg who's about
to get a big surprise.*



What a perfectly nice day!

Egg and his little bird pals planned a picnic in the park.
Perfect friends, perfect weather, everything was perfect until...



Egg got popped with an acorn!

"Oh my! Are you okay?" asked the little birds all at once.

"I'm okay!" said Egg, "It didn't hurt a bit."

The little birds, who were small but smart, noticed a huge crack in Egg's shell.

"Oh my!" said the little birds. "You should see nice Doc Chicken!"

So they moved the picnic to nice Doc Chicken's office.



"There is a crack in your shell," said nice Doc Chicken.

Doctors are also smart.

Doc Chicken knew just what to do. Egg would have to sit in a shiny room with a big light bulb for a while.

"Don't worry Egg," said the little birds, "we'll be right in the waiting room looking at magazines."

"Oh, I'm not scared," said Egg, "I'm really, really brave."

Egg sat bravely in the box. It was very shiny and warm. Before long nice Doc Chicken said Egg could be with his friends again.

But something very mysterious happened!

WAIT A SECOND!

What do you think happens to Egg? Did the crack go away?
Does Egg wear a fancy wig? Use your imagination! **It's up to you!**



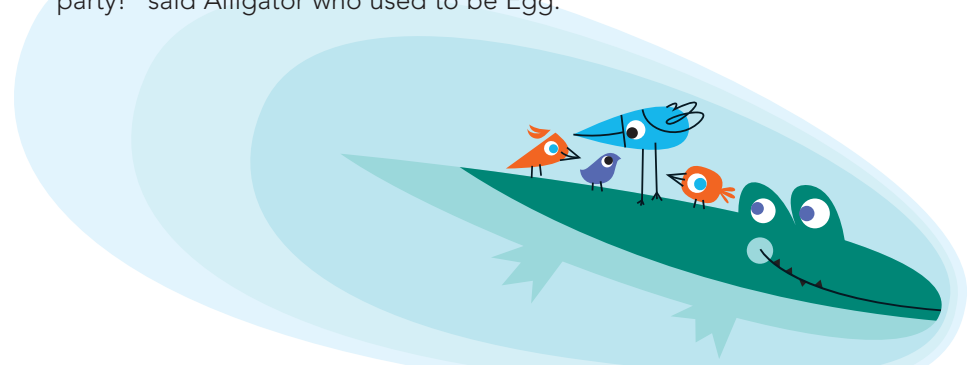
"Hey guys!" said Egg as he walked into the waiting room.

But when the little birds looked up from their magazines all they saw was an adorable baby alligator.

"Guess what! I was an alligator egg! The light bulb room helped me hatch!" explained Egg who is now Alligator, "Crazy, right?"

"Happy Birthday!" shouted the little birds as they pulled out a yummy cake. "We were eggs once too! When we saw that crack, we knew you were going to hatch! We just didn't know what you were going to be."

"Thanks guys! What a nice surprise! Looks like our picnic turned into a party!" said Alligator who used to be Egg.



As Alligator who used to be Egg grew, he gave the little birds rides on his back and they helped by cleaning his many, many teeth. They were the best of friends.





STORYTELLING

ACTIVITIES

STORY BOX ACTION

Hey! Egg and the little birds took turns putting things in a box. Now they have to make up a story using the things they found! Can you help? What story would you make up using the things from the box?

You can find things and make your own box of story action! All you need is a box, some things from around the house and your imagination! Simple, right?

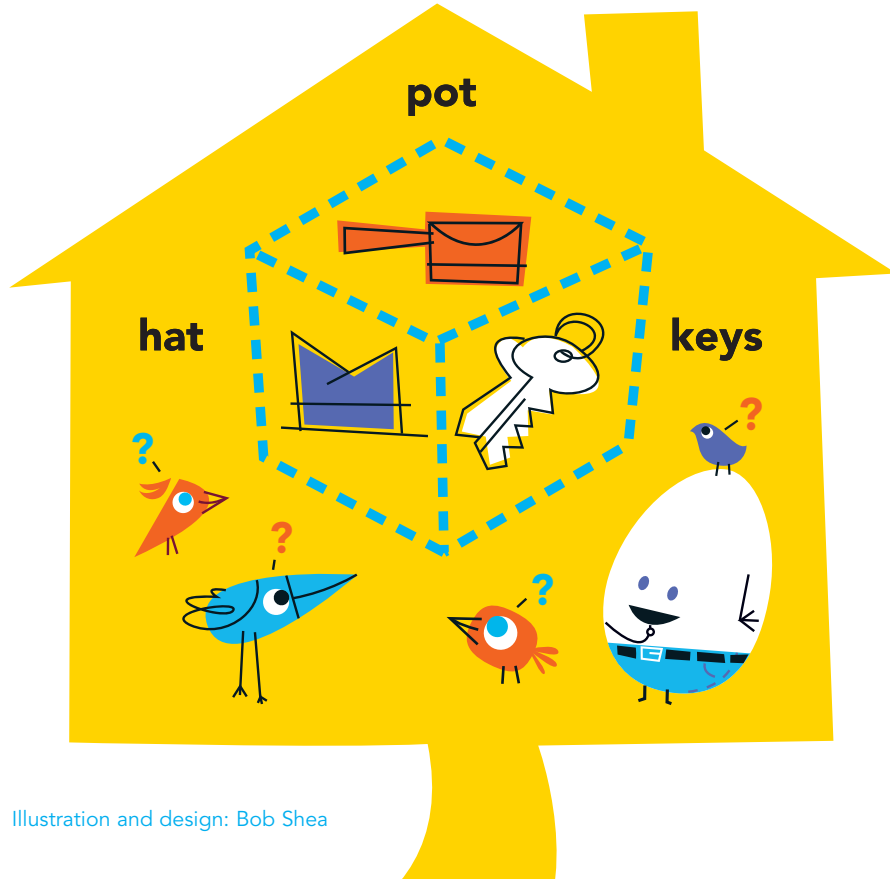


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PICTURE MATCHING CHALLENGE

Are you ready for a really fun picture matching storytime challenge? Sure you are!

See those pictures in the story below? Help match the pictures in the story with their words using the handy chart! Then the storyteller can use the words when telling the story!

Can you remember the story and share it with someone else? Give it a try.



One day, Violet was bringing a freshly baked  over to Grandma's house. As she walked through the deep dark , she began hearing a strange rumbling noise.

"Grumble, grumble!" went the noise. And it was getting louder.

Just then, a big brown  jumped from out of the deep dark .

"Grumble, grumble!" roared the bear! "My belly is rumbling! I'm hungry!"

"Oh no, you're not going to eat me, are you, Mr. Bear?" asked Violet.

"Heavens no," said the  "I'm a vegetarian! I only eat vegetables!"

"How about we just split that ?"

"You're on!" said Violet. And they both enjoyed some nice pie in a  meadow.

Violet picked grandma some flowers.