

# Leila, Chirpy and the Story-Writing Competition

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1. Add an adverb in each gap to provide more detail in the sentence.

Chirpy, the family's cheeky green parrot, was flying \_\_\_\_\_  
in and out of the kitchen.

Leila tried hard to smile \_\_\_\_\_ as she thanked her, but she  
still felt worried.

Leila and Maryam ran \_\_\_\_\_ over to Akeem, too.

Akeem sat \_\_\_\_\_ on the grass below the peach tree, holding  
his ankle.

Leila's mind began \_\_\_\_\_ filling with ideas.

Maryam and Akeem started giggling \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Find and write six compound words from the book.

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3. An idiom is a group of words that has a meaning that is different from the words themselves. In this book, *butterflies in my stomach* is an example of an idiom because it means nervous – it has nothing to do with actual butterflies.

Write what you think each of the underlined idioms below means.

Leila was all ears when her teacher was talking about the story-writing competition.

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The teacher told Will that he was on thin ice when he called out for the third time.

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Grace couldn't go for her afternoon walk because it was raining cats and dogs.

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Soraya was on cloud nine when her netball team won the grand final.

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