

# Show Don't Tell!



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## Writing Prompt:

Look at the image above. How does this character feel? How can you tell?

Now read the following text from the story:

**“Hedgehog shuddered, thinking of Fox’s sharp teeth. He was very tired of asking for hugs. Maybe he should just go home.”**

Circle the words that show how this character feels. What do you notice?

Think of your own character. Think about how they might feel: sad, happy, mad, worried, any feeling. Write down that feeling.

Now, try writing your own sentence about your character and how they feel. Try to let the reader know how your character feels without specifically writing the word for that feeling. (So try not to write words like sad, tired, angry, fearful, proud.)

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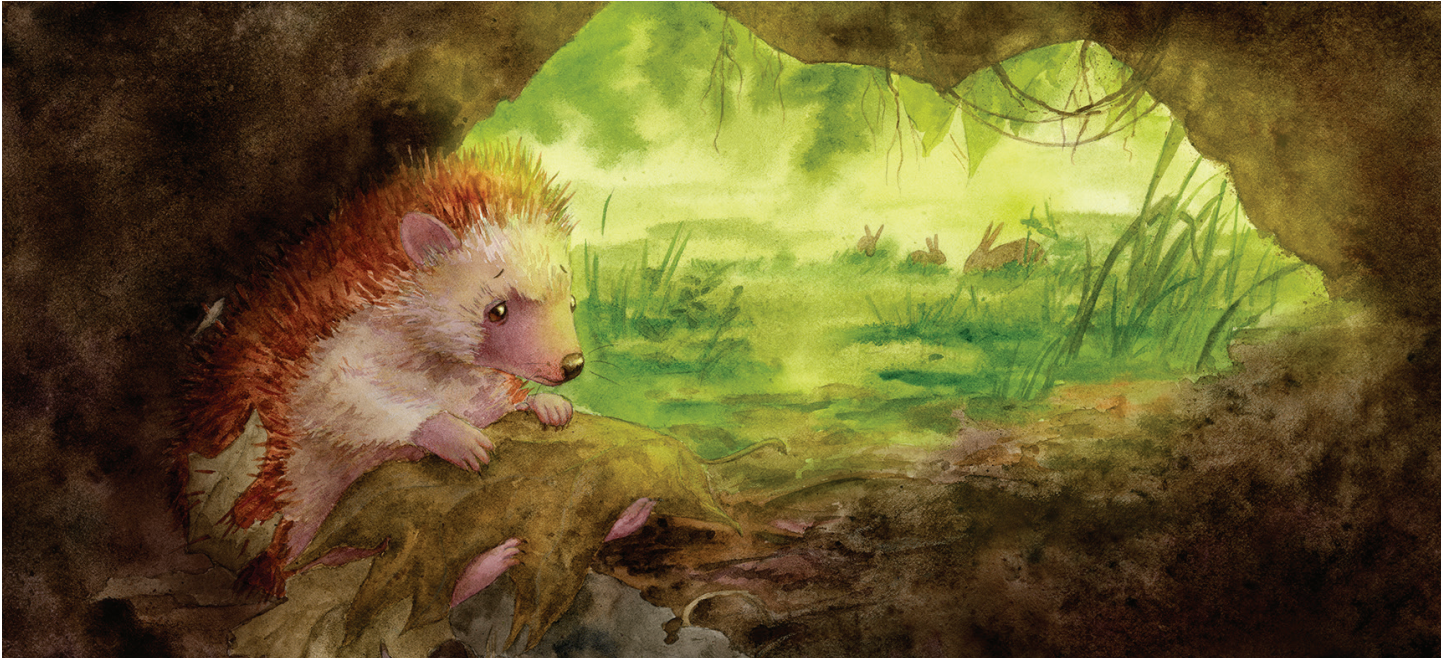


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**When Hedgehog awoke in his cozy nest, he felt down in the snout and droopy in the prickles. I'll feel better if I get a hug, he thought.**

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# Storytelling



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Discussion questions from [www.onceuponapicture.co.uk](http://www.onceuponapicture.co.uk)

## ***Discussion/Writing Prompt:***

- Where is the hedgehog?
- What is it doing?
- How is it feeling? How do you know?
- Why is the hedgehog here? Why is it alone?
- The title of this illustration is, *Hedgehog Needs a Hug*. Why does the hedgehog need a hug?
- Tell/write this hedgehog's story. Will it ever find someone to hug?

# Story Predictions



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## ***Discussion/Writing Prompt:***

- What is the fox doing?
- How does the hedgehog feel? How do you know?
- The text for this image is: **I'm so sorry no one will give you a hug," drawled Fox, sly-slide-slinking over. "I'm not afraid of your spines, little Hedgehog...**
- Is the Fox being nice or tricky? What do you think is happening?
- What do you think will happen next? Tell/write this hedgehog's story.