



My Baby Bird

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Complex Combinations

This story has several challenging words, particularly "squeak", "found", "young".
Take the time to explain each word and the rules.

Phonic Decoding

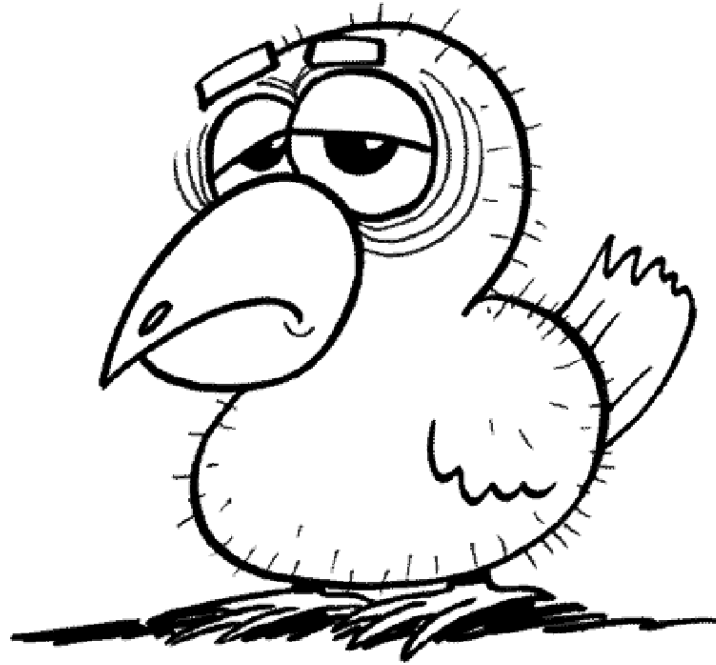
The Sound 'eak' - as in the word 'speak'
The Sound 'eep' - as in the word 'peep'

Carefully Explain

Silent 'e' as in 'little' & 'some'.

Try These New Words

weak beak squeak speak deep
sleep weep peeped started little
found young seemed began trying



I found a young bird, he was so weak.

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I put some food in his baby beak.

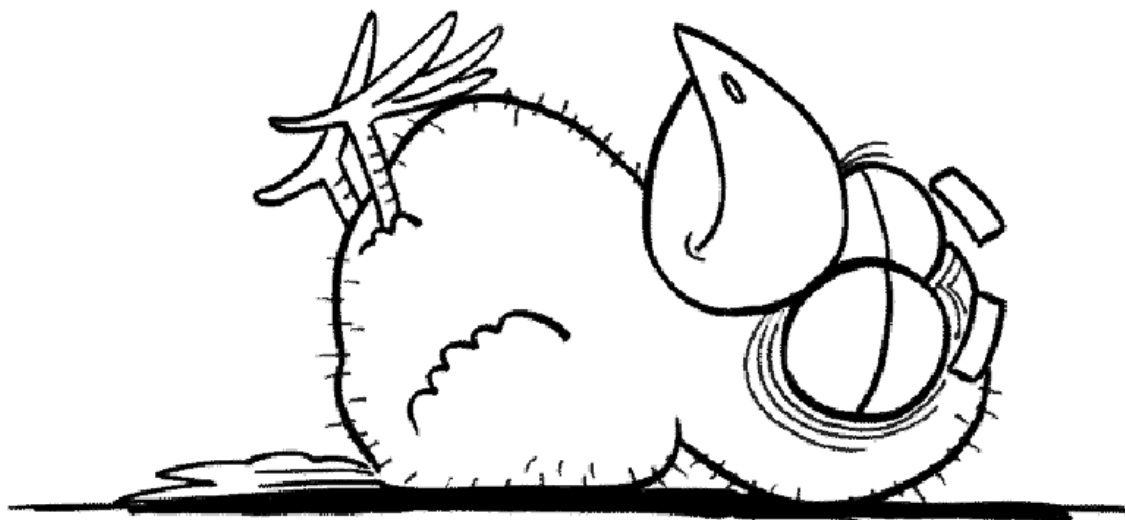


He looked up at me and made a squeak.

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It seemed to me he was trying to speak.



Then he fell on his back, in a deep, deep sleep.

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I began to feel sad and started to weep.



The poor little bird seemed so sick,
and so weak.

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Then he peeped up at me and began to squeak.

Extra Words

sleep slept weep wept deep
depth little brittle

Comprehension

1. What was wrong with the baby bird?
2. What noise did the bird make?
3. What was the bird trying to do?
4. What did the bird fall on?
5. What did the baby bird finally do?



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Complete the sentences with these words.

found, food, weak, beak.

I _____ a bird, he was so _____,

I put some _____ in his _____.