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**this sp deals alot
with sun and shade*

ELINOR WONDERS WHY

EP 111 Lizard Lounge

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**can you add greyscale
when character/props are
in shade (shadows) so it's clear for client, and to be added in animation,*

Elinor's Question: Why do Lizards sit in the sun?

Log line: The kids learn that lizards use the sun to warm themselves

Curriculum Goals:

LS3. Understand that all animals need food in order to live and grow, that they get their food from plants or from other animals, and that plants and animals need water and light to live and grow: Elinor will observe that the lizard needs sunshine.

ND4. (RTL Crosscutting concept 'Flows, Cycles, and Conservation'): Appreciate the way that elements in the natural world change, interact and are re-used, and how we can organize our designed world to better fit and care for the environment. Elinor will rearrange the rocks and other natural things in the park to create the Lizard Lounge.

SEP1b: Ask more complex questions about observable phenomena [They ask why the lizards are choosing this rock specifically]

SEP3b: Compare and contrast objects and events by describing similarities and differences in detail [comparing the feeling of shade and sun]

SEP6a: Use background knowledge experiences, and data to construct reasonable explanations and theories of natural phenomena [The kids hypothesize why the lizards sit on that rock]

SEP7: Engaging in argument from evidence [Elinor reminds them that lizards only sit on rocks during the day]

SEP8b: Obtain information using various age-appropriate texts, text features, and other media to help answer a question and/or support an explanation [Hazel looks up lizards]

LINE COUNT: 102

MAIN CHARACTERS: Elinor, Ari, Olive, Ranger Rabbit, Mrs. Beaver,

INCIDENTAL CHARACTERS: Mr. Buffalo and Mrs. Hippo.

SETTING: Park

PROPS: Two lizards, rocks, water bottle, sun hat.

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RECORD DRAFT: 20-March-19

1. EXT TRAIL -- DAY *EXT trail_001 - see funpack design -*

Open on a beautiful scene on a cool morning in early spring. The sun is out, but it's not sweltering. The setting is thin and open. We see RANGER RABBIT (wearing a BACKPACK), ELINOR, ARI and OLIVE (carrying her SATCHEL) in the middle distance, walking towards us. They disappear around a hill and then come around a corner into view, full size. First to appear is Ranger Rabbit, also wearing a SUN HAT.

ari is following behind a bit

Since we can't see their full bodies when we first see them - maybe start with a bird/birds flying - open up to reveal full - see them in distance - disappear behind hill (goes so right to left)

RANGER RABBIT

What a WONDERFUL day for a walk!

Elinor and Olive appear, also wearing SUN HATS. Olive has her NOTEPAD out.

ELINOR

Yeah, mom, I love sunny days! There are so many interesting things to see and smell and find!

Elinor follows around a butterfly.

cani hqp a few times in excitement - as she follows butterfly

OLIVE

(drawing a flower)

Elinor, you notice interesting things on any kind of day!

ELINOR

(stops to think)

It's true, Olive. I notice things in rainy days, and windy days and cloudy days... (pause) I notice things in all kinds of days!

Olive stops to draw in her note book - Elinor could end up coming back to Olive as butterfly leads her in that direction



Elinor and Olive <GIGGLE>. Just then, Ari comes around the bend last, his pace dragging a bit in comparison to the others. He looks a little winded (but not hot).

keeping them closer to one another

ARI

Phew. Wait up, guys! How do you walk so fast?

RANGER RABBIT

(empathetically)

Oh, Ari, you look like you could use a break. Let's stop here for a minute.

So lets not push this pace too much

The group pauses to wait for Ari.

ARI

Good! I'm a bit thirsty!

Ranger Rabbit starts to remove backpack -

Ranger Rabbit should stop to wait. (if she in frame)

Ari stops right in the shade of a small tree while everyone else is in the sun. Ranger Rabbit hands him a water bottle and he takes a long drink while Ranger Rabbit gives Olive some fruit slices.

I'm guessing somewhere so right of path.
Wes - add small tree wherever you need it & we'll adjust the main layout

8 *in a small bag*
 ARI (CONT'D)
 Ahhhh... that's better.

Ranger Rabbit walks ahead a little, and Olive shares the fruit with the other kids.

As they munch, a little breeze blows through, and Ari starts to shiver slightly.

9 ARI (CONT'D)
 Ooh. I feel a little bit chilly here!

add slight movement to hair, secondary

10 ELINOR
 Really? I'm not cold. It's nice and toasty in the sun.

→ closes eyes & looks up to sky

Ari looks up at the tree and at the ground, and then steps out from under the shade.

11 ARI
 Wow, the sun can really warm you up!

still holding water bottle

Olive steps into the shade.

12 OLIVE
 Yeah, standing in the shade cools you down, and the sun warms you up.
 (sways to the sun)
 Warm.
 (sways to the shade)
 Cool!

Olive can put bag (fruit) into her satchel



could repeat this

13 RANGER RABBIT
 OK, let's keep going! Ari, are you feeling better?

14 ARI
 Yeah! Thanks, Mrs. Rabbit! Parents are the BEST!

can start heading towards Ranger Rabbit

Elinor and Olive <GIGGLE> and Ranger Rabbit smiles. They start walking again.

15 MRS. BEAVER
 (indistinct OS)
 Oh no. No, no, no... that wasn't the plan...



Elinor and her Mom look at each other puzzled.

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~~MRS. BEAVER~~ (CONT'D) Ranger Rabbit 16
I wonder what's going on.

They go off to investigate.

2. EXT CLEARING -- DAY

Mrs. Beaver and her helpers, Mr. Buffalo and Mrs. Hippo, are gathered around a folding table with a set of blueprint plans on it.

they enter here
Ranger Rabbit and the kids enter the clearing.

MRS. BEAVER

Nope. Nope! That just won't do.

Ranger Rabbit and the kids approach the table.

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RANGER RABBIT

Hello, Mrs. Beaver. Is something wrong?

Mrs. Beaver throws her arms in the air in frustration.

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MRS. BEAVER

Is something wrong? Oh, only EVERYTHING! We can't do ANYTHING today. We are supposed to build a new park bench right over there!

Mrs. Beaver holds up a blueprint sketch of the bench and points to a rock sitting in a sunny spot in the middle of the clearing.

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ELINOR

That's a great spot for a bench! It would have such a nice view of the river.

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RANGER RABBIT

Oh, I see. That rock is in the way.

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ARI

Do you need help moving it? I'm super strong, I can do it!

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MRS. BEAVER

Thanks Ari, but MOVING the rock is not the problem.
(MORE)

add tool box on table or on floor - piles of wood for bench

Ari no longer has water bottle

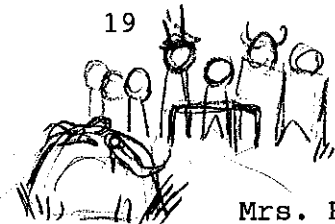
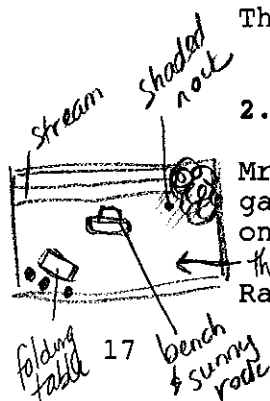
* make sure lizards are facing away from river throughout story point later

- show her p.o.v.

- flexes

Ranger Rabbit
Beaver
Elinor
Olive
Ari

Can have Elinor move to opposite side of Mrs. Beaver somewhere during this dialogue so we can play out pg 4 as she has to look back & forth



MRS. BEAVER (CONT'D)

The problem is that there are two LIZARDS sitting on the rock and they just won't budge!

And of course, park rules say we can't build something if there are animals there. We've tried everything to get them to leave so we can move the rock and build our bench, but nothing works!

she can gesture to Mr. Buffalo & Mr. Hops - they nod in agreement

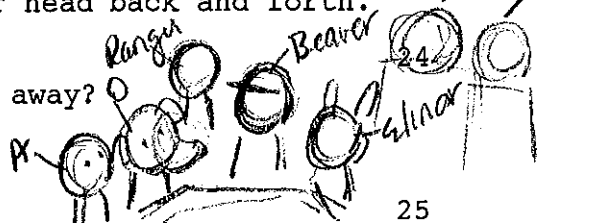
The kids fire some suggestions at Mrs. Beaver from both sides. As she answers, she turns her head back and forth.

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ELINOR

Did you try shoo-ing them away?

Mrs. Beaver nods.



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OLIVE

Did you try calling them to come over here?

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MRS. BEAVER

Tried it.

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ELINOR

Did you wave your arms?

silly poses

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MRS. BEAVER

Yup.



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ARI

Did you try singing a song and doing a silly dance? Like THIS! La, la, LAAA!

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Ari does a silly soft shoe. Everyone looks at Ari. A beat.

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ARI (CONT'D)

Hey, it could work!

deadpan

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The kids and Ranger Rabbit smile.



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OLIVE

Do the lizards EVER move?

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MRS. BEAVER

Yes, they do leave at the end of the day, but by then it's too dark for us to work!

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ELINOR

What about in the morning?

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34 MRS. BEAVER 34
Every morning they come back and climb on top of the rock again!

35 RANGER RABBIT 35
Mrs. Beaver, have you thought about building the bench in a different spot?

36 MRS. BEAVER 36
A different spot? Oh no! The plans say we have to build it there! If we don't figure out something soon, we won't be able to build the bench!

37 RANGER RABBIT 37
Hmmm... Can I take a look at the plans, Mrs. Beaver?

While Ranger Rabbit and Mrs. Beaver huddle over the plans, the kids move to the side to discuss.

38 ELINOR 38
Hmmm, that is SO INTERESTING! I wonder why the lizards like that rock so much?

39 ARI 39
There's another rock right over there. I wonder why the lizards like *this* rock, and not that other one?

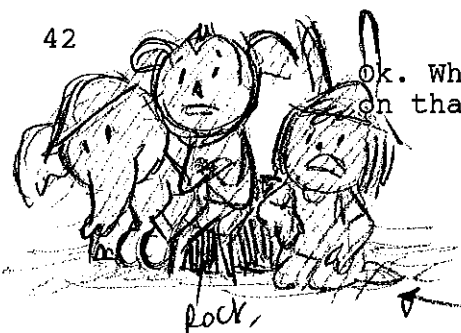
Ari points to another rock in the clearing, a few paces from the lizard rock. This rock is sitting in the shade between two small trees.

40 OLIVE 40
Good question, Ari. If we knew what they liked about that rock, maybe we could figure out how to get them to move to another rock!

41 ELINOR 41
Hmmm. It sounds like we need MORE OBSERVATIONS!

The kids run over to the other (shaded) rock, which is closer, and sit down behind it to look at the lizards.

42 ELINOR (CONT'D) 42
Ok. Why do the lizards like to sit on that rock so much?



Show the rock with lizards again

- comes in close to table to look over plans - Olive & Ari shift over

Elinor goes behind Mrs. Beaver & Ranger to join Ari & Olive

clearly show shaded rock - please add tone so it's clear

her stock move

could have one of them seated on shaded rock

- But they are clearly in shade

43 OLIVE 43
Maybe they like the view of the river?

44 ARI 44
But they're looking the wrong direction!

45 ELINOR 45
Maybe they're playing a *super* long game of freeze tag?

46 OLIVE 46
Hmmm, but they DO move. They leave at the end of the day and come back in the morning. And I've never heard of lizards playing tag.

47 ARI 47
I wonder what lizards DO like to do?

48 ELINOR 48
I know! Let's learn more about lizards. Olive, do you have your Nature Book?

49 OLIVE 49
Of course! It's my favorite book!

She pulls her NATURE BOOK out of her satchel and cracks it open so they can all get a good view.

50 OLIVE (CONT'D) 50
Let's see... Ladybugs... Leaves... Lilypads... Ah, here it is. Lizards!
(reading)
Lizards are animals with scaly skin.

Olive points out the scales on the lizards in her book.

51 OLIVE (CONT'D) 51
They mostly eat bugs...

52 ARI 52
Crunchy!

53 OLIVE 53
And they also eat worms.

54 ARI 54
Slurpy!

could create a shot of rock/lizards in foreground - kids on BG.

*if we see Ranger Rabbit & Mrs Beaver - they are talking in distance as they look at their plans.
Mr Buffalo & Mr Hippo standing around*

- gets up on her knees to grab book from satchel - then sits back



*Olive holding book reading
cut to image in book*

*Ori can look down at book
Elinor is just listening*

can cut back out to show the kids saying these lines

55 OLIVE 55
But they also like fruit!

56 ARI 56
I like fruit!

57 OLIVE 57
And they need the sun to warm
themselves up.

This makes Elinor think.

58 ELINOR 58
Hmmm...

Just then, another little breeze blows through in the shade,
and Ari feels a little bit of a shiver.

59 ARI 59
Speaking of the sun, I'm feeling a
little chilly here in the shade.
I'm gonna move over here where it's
sunny.

*- takes a few
steps into
sun - turns to
look back
at girls*

ANGLE ON: Ari moves out of the shade into a sunny spot.

60 ARI (CONT'D) 60
Ahh, that's better.

Elinor looks closely at Ari.

61 ELINOR 61
Ooooooh.
(suddenly she realizes)
That's it! It's the sun! The
lizards must like that rock over
there because it's in the sun, so
it's warmer!

*can stand
up in
excitement*

ANGLE ON: the lizard rock in bright sunlight.

*- create
beautiful
shot - lizard
basking in
sun*

62 OLIVE 62
You're right! They look nice and
toasty over there.

63 ARI 63
The rock is where they sit to get
warm!

maybe she gets up here

*too -
depends
on
composition*

64 ELINOR 64
Hmmm. But why do they leave the
rock at the end of the day?

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OLIVE

I know! It's because there's no sun at the end of the day. That's why they leave!

- or gets up here - still holding book

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ELINOR

That's it!! Let's go tell Mrs. Beaver and my mom!

Olive puts book away in satchel

The kids rush back over to where the adults are.

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ELINOR (CONT'D)

Mom! I think we discovered something! The lizards like to sit on that rock because it's in the sun.

sun rock

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OLIVE

Lizards use the sun to warm themselves up.

beaver table kids Ranger

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ARI

And that other rock is too shady and cool for them.

- gesturing to shaded rock

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RANGER RABBIT

I think you're right, kids. Lizards can't get warm by themselves, so they like to sit in places that get a lot of sun.

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MRS. BEAVER

Huh! Well, I'm glad we figured that out, but how do we get them to move!?



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ELINOR

Well... now that we know WHY they like that rock, maybe we can figure out how to make them move to ANOTHER rock.

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OLIVE

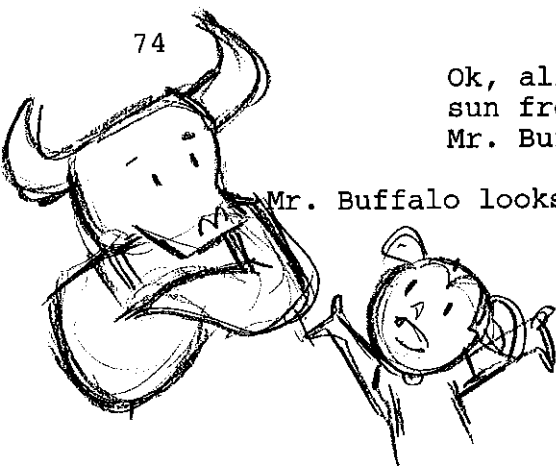
Yeah, we need to get the sun OFF of their rock and ON to another rock.

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ARI

Ok, all we have to do is move the sun from there to... over there! Mr. Buffalo, can you move the sun?

Mr. Buffalo looks confused and shrugs.



75 OLIVE 75
Ari, we can't move the sun!

76 MRS. BEAVER 76
(thinking)
No, but we can move that other rock
into a sunny spot.

77 ELINOR 77
Great idea!

The adults and the kids move over to the rock where the kids
were before. Everyone stands back as Mr. Buffalo and Mrs.
Hippo roll the rock a few feet over into the sun. Under the
rock we see some worms wriggling.

78 OLIVE 78
Perfect! That's just the way the
lizards like it. Nice and sunny!

79 ARI 79
We can make it even nicer for the
lizards. Let's get them some
snacks!

The kids collect stuff to make the rock a perfect spot for
the lizards. They pick the worms from under the rock and
find fruit slices (from Ranger Rabbit's backpack.)

As they work, they sing a ditty explaining what they're doing
and enticing the lizards to come over:

80 ELINOR/ARI/OLIVE 80
We want to find the perfect spot,
For lizards to feel nice and hot!

In the sun! In the sun!
You can feel warm and have more
fun!

Worms look really gross to eat -
But lizards think they're quite a
treat!

In the sun! In the sun!
You can feel warm and have more
fun!

At the end of the ditty, the rock has worms and fruit slices
on it. The kids and the adults step back and look to where
the lizards are still hanging out, unmoved.

81 ELINOR 81
Hmmm. The lizards haven't moved.



again show it/characters in shade clearly in sun once they roll it.
could all put on sunglasses
can have shot of sun in sky - three kids in one

or Olive put bag with fruit slices back in her satchel - she can take it out of there
dance around rock
prick them up - they wiggle
lizards don't eat them yet
maybe pull off sunglasses

just as the start to roll it - cut close - see 78. worms wiggle under it.

82 MRS. BEAVER 82
Oh, it didn't work! We won't be
able to build the park bench!

83 RANGER RABBIT 83
Hmmm...

84 OLIVE 84
But we made them the perfect spot!

85 ARI 85
Maybe they haven't noticed yet?

86 ELINOR 86
Hey, Lizards, look at this warm
rock over here!

87 OLIVE 87
It's in the sun!

88 ARI 88
Check it out! It's got worms and
fruit and it's nice and warm!

The lizards ignore them.

89 OLIVE 89
They're NOT moving.

90 ELINOR 90
I guess they like their rock.

Ari stretches his wings out in frustration.

91 ARI 91
But our rock is sunny and warm,
too!

His open wings make a big patch of shade right in front of
Elinor.

92 ELINOR 92
Wait a minute. That's it! Your
shadow! We need shade! Good
thinking, Ari!

Ari looks a bit surprised, then pleased with himself.

93 ARI 93
Yeah! Umm... What?

Elinor whispers in Ari's ear.

- looking to
adults

- close to
lizards
- Elinor starts to
walk back
to new rock
Ari could
go close
to new sun
rock - in
close to worms
and fruit

So he's standing
next to it
*maybe he
cast his shadow
over rock
now putting it
in the
shade
- Elinor
notifies -
(so it's not that
he cast a
shadow on
just the
ground
since our
shadows are just
puzzle shadows
don't in react
to big movements

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ARI (CONT'D)

Oh, I get it! I can make shade on the rock to cool it down! Leave it to me!

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Ari flaps his wings and takes off. He flies over to the lizards' rock and hovers above them, using his wings to make shade. He's starting to get tired, and the lizards shift a bit but don't move.

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OLIVE

They still aren't moving! It must not be cool enough yet.

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ARI

I can't fly forever!

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Just as he looks ready to give up, the lizards start to move. They slither off Mrs. Beaver's rock and go over to the rock the kids prepared, where they munch happily on the snacks.

<SFX: ELINOR/OLIVE/ARI YAY WE DID IT WALLA>

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RANGER RABBIT

They moved! Good job, kids!

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MRS. BEAVER

Thank you so much, kids! Now we can build the bench and finish the project!

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Mrs. Beaver and her helpers go off to start building the bench.

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ELINOR

And the lizards can still stay warm on their new rock. Good job, Ari!

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Ari flies back and collapses on the ground.

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ARI

Phew! Now I'm a bit hungry too!

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OLIVE

Well, the lizards ate the fruit... but there are still some worms left!

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ARI

Ok, I'm not THAT hungry.

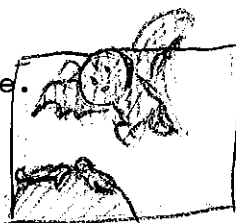
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They all giggle. From above, we take in the scene and point up towards the sun as we...

FADE OUT



maybe even push angle ↓



head back to table - (may see them grab a few tools or some wood)

on rock with lizards

could add "It's working!" so we can cut to character - then back to lizards getting on new rock so we don't have to watch them

entire time

SEGMENT 2.

1. INT CLASSROOM -- DAY

ELINOR, ARI and OLIVE are gathered in front of Ms. Mole's desk, looking expectant.

103 OLIVE 103
Isn't it story time?

104 ELINOR 104
Yeah. Where'd Ms. Mole go? She was
just here!

The kids look left and right, confused. Ms Mole pops out from behind the desk.

105 MS MOLE 105
Surprise! Here I am!

Elinor hops in the air. Olive's ears flap out and Ari hides under his wings. <SFX: ELINOR/ARI/OLIVE SURPRISE WALLA INCL. TRUNK TRUMPET>

106 MS MOLE (CONT'D) 106
Ha ha! I love it. Because today's
story time is about SURPRISES and
what LIZARDS do when they get
SURPRISED.

Ms. Mole opens the book, revealing a lizard (a green anole) sunning itself happily on a rock.

2. EXT GRASSY FIELD (BOOK) -- DAY

The lizard is lying on a sunny rock. It's smiling, eyes closed.

107 MS MOLE (O.S.) 107
This lizard is about to get a big
surprise.

The lizard opens its eyes, looking alarmed by Ms. Mole's words.

108 MS MOLE (O.S.) (CONT'D) 108
Look out! Up in the sky, there's a
hawk!

Pan up to the sky and zoom in on a hawk silhouette. The hawk looks down, squawking in anticipation. <SFX: ELINOR/ARI/OLIVE GASP OH, NO WALLA>

109 MS MOLE (O.S.) (CONT'D) 109
The hawk swoops down!

The hawk swoops towards the lizard's tail end. It opens its talons, reaching out to grasp the lizard.

110 MS MOLE (O.S.) (CONT'D) 110
But then something SURPRISING happens: The lizard's tail falls off!

The lizard's tail falls off. The hawk looks surprised.

ON: Ms. Mole, she's very reassuringly.

111 MS MOLE (CONT'D) 111
Don't worry, kids. Our lizard friend isn't hurt. A lizard can drop its tail on purpose!

BACK ON: The lizard's scene. The hawk is standing on the ground, poking at the tail with its beak. It's wiggling. The lizard sneaks behind the rock.

112 MS MOLE (O.S.) (CONT'D) 112
The tail wiggles so that the lizard can escape!

The lizard sneaks off the screen.

BACK ON: The kids.

113 ELINOR 113
Is the lizard OK without a tail?

114 MS MOLE 114
Yes, and this lizard has one more surprise for you!

BACK ON: The tailless lizard, sunning itself once more on a rock.

115 MS MOLE (CONT'D) 115
Over the next few months, the lizard GROWS A NEW TAIL!

The lizard's tail slowly regrows over sped-up day/night moon/sun cycles [possibly: use rapid page flip]. Once the tail is back to its normal length, the lizard happily swishes it back and forth. <SFX: ELINOR/OLIVE OOOOH WALLA>

BACK ON: Ms. Mole. She closes the book, while Ari tiptoes in sneakily from behind her.

116 MS MOLE (CONT'D) 116
And that's the end of our story!

Ari is about to tap Ms. Mole on the shoulder, but she turns around and surprises him.

117 MS MOLE (CONT'D) 117
(gently, playful)
Boo!

Ari jumps, then <SFX: Ari laughs>

118 MS. MOLE 118
Nice try, Ari! But it's not so easy
to surprise this old mole!

119 ARI 119
You're right! Ms. Mole, you are one
cool teacher, and you win the
surprise prize!

Elinor, Ari and Olive <SFX: GIGGLE>

THE END.