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Pork-ulele tunes each string for the picnic concert. He has written a gentle tune and imagines everyone playing it exactly his way.



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Coop-Accino adds a sleepy melody, but Octo-Pop splashes in with a much faster beat. Pork-ulele stops playing. "That is not how my tune goes."



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They listen again: slow melody, quick rhythm, then a bright plink from Pork-ulele. The different sounds begin answering one another instead of competing.



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Their new song is nothing like Pork-ulele planned—and much better than anything he could play alone. Even the birds add a chorus from the trees.

Questions for Pork-ulele's Picnic Song

Read the story together first. Use the page prompts and the questions after reading. Answers are below the dotted line: fold them under or cover them while reading.

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Talk together: What does Pork-ulele expect the group to do?

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Talk together: Why does the music stop?

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Talk together: How do the musicians solve their problem?

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Talk together: Why is the final song special?

After reading 1

What did the crew make together?

After reading 2

What did Octo-Pop add to the song?

Answers (fold under before reading)

After reading 1: A happy song.

After reading 2: A faster beat.