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The Egg-Cellent Egg Drop

by Anita N. Amin

As Deb limped into her workshop, the other bunnies turned to look.

Eggs splattered. Pots clattered. Paint splattered.

“Boss!” Benjamin, the chief egg boiler, cried. “What happened?”

“I broke my toe,” Deb moaned. “I can’t hop tomorrow.”

“But you’re the Easter Bunny!” Clara cried, waving her paint brush. “Nobody else can deliver our eggs.”

“Is Easter canceled?” Penny, an apprentice, asked.

Deb’s whiskers twitched. “No, it’s not cancelled. The world needs us. Somehow, we



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“I don’t know how to fly.”

So they kept brainstorming. Trains were too noisy, buses too slow, bikes too small.

A thud from outside interrupted them.

“The mail is here!” Peter said.

Deb followed Peter outside. They waved to the mailman, Pigeon.

Pigeon was flying his hot-air balloon. It was filled with packages. Each package had a parachute attached to it.

Deb watched the balloon soar higher. An idea poked her. She didn’t like the idea. But it was her only chance.

That afternoon, Deb visited the post office. She told Pigeon her plan.

Pigeon cooed. "Yes, I'll fly you. I'm happy to help."

"Thanks," Deb said. "Don't forget the parachutes. They'll keep the eggs safe."

That night, the bunnies loaded Pigeon's balloon with painted eggs. A tiny parachute cradled each egg.

At dawn Deb and Pigeon lifted off.

The bunnies below waved. "Bon voyage! Have a good trip!"

Deb didn't wave back. She was too busy holding on tight.

Feeling sick, Deb closed her eyes. When she opened them again, fog coated everything. Her heart thumped. She couldn't see the balloon or Pigeon! "Pigeon!"

"We're stuck in a cloud," Pigeon called. "Hopefully, it's a small one."

Suddenly the balloon rocked. Deb slid forward.

"Hang on!" Pigeon shouted. "We hit an air bump!"

They kept seesawing. When they finally sailed into sunny skies, Deb breathed again.



Slowly, Deb peeked down. Frosted mountains, shimmering lakes, and tree-topped hills rolled by. How beautiful, she thought. She kept watching.

Deb shook a basket over a school yard. Several eggs parachuted down, landing softly on the grass. Deb smiled.

She dropped eggs over parks, backyards, front yards, gardens, until every egg was gone. "Time to head home," sighed Deb.

When Deb and Pigeon reached home, everybody cheered.

Deb hugged Peter. "Next year, you can ride with me and Pigeon. Happy Easter!"

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 - b. The bunnies discover that Easter is canceled this year.
 - c. The Easter bunny broke her toe and must find a new way deliver the Easter eggs.
 - d. The bunnies are fighting about who gets to ride in the hot air balloon with Pigeon.
2. *Resolution* is a term used to describe how the problem is solved. What is the resolution in



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4. Read the following excerpt from the story.

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Based on your knowledge of what happens in the story, which emotion is Deb feeling in the excerpt above?

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| a. fear | b. anger |
| c. excitement | d. surprise |

5. Identify the three rhyming verbs that are used to describe what happens when Deb walks into the workshop with her broken toe.

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Clue: long hairs that grow from the snout of many animals



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Clue: someone who is learning a skill from someone else with more experience

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Clue: decided that an event won't take place

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Clue: large pieces of fabric that fill with air and provide a gentle landing for whatever is attached to them

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In the story, "The Egg-Cellent Easter Drop" by Anita N. Amin, Deb faces her fear of flying by riding in the hot air balloon with Pigeon, in order to deliver the Easter eggs. She actually discovers how beautiful the view is from way up high, and enjoys herself much more than at the start of the ride.

Tell about a time when you were afraid to do something but did it anyway. What were you afraid of? How did you face your fear? What did it feel like when the experience was over?



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