



“Oi, fella – watcha doing down there?” yelled a squeaky voice. You looked up to the green treetops and spotted a monkey. “Life’s better up here, you should try it,” he called down. “And that snake’s getting pretty close to you.”

You tried to clamber up the tree by wrapping your arms around but each time you just slipped back down. Then you had an idea. You touched your arms and they grew longer, just like the monkey’s. Quickly, you escaped from the snake.

1 Where did you first see the monkey? Tick **one**.

on a boat

in a spaceship

at the top of a tree

in the ocean

2 Find and copy one word that means climb.

3 Why did you go up the tree?



Up in the canopy, the leaves glinted in the sunlight and birds swooped over the tree tops. You could see the lorry zooming away. You had to help Shift.

“We better get swinging,” said the monkey. He swung off easily, moving from branch to branch. It was difficult to follow so you grew a bendy tail to help you. As you swung, you felt free. Then you remembered Shift and you got a sick feeling in your tummy.

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Up in the canopy, the leaves glinted in the sunlight and birds swooped over the tree tops.

Choose the best words to match the description above.

The leaves

grew

shone

climbed

hissed

The birds

flew

ran

pecked

squawked

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What did you grow to help you swing through the trees? Tick **one**.

a fin

a trunk

a tail

fur

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Then you remembered Shift and you got a sick feeling in your tummy.

Why did you get a sick feeling when you thought about Shift?



Ahead of you, the trees were disappearing. One after another, they fell down like bowling pins. Suddenly, the tree you were holding fell too. The air made a whooshing sound in your ears. The ground was getting closer.

“Helloo, little monkey! Grab on to me!” called a voice from the sky. You looked up and saw a huge bird. You jumped from your tree just before it hit the ground.

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One after another, they fell down like bowling pins.

How were the trees like bowling pins?

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Number the sentences below from 1 to 5 to show what order they happened in the story.

The first one has been done for you.

You grew a tail.

You climbed a tree.

You jumped on to a bird.

You met a monkey.

You saw trees falling down.