

## Powerful Verbs Sheet

Copy out this passage replacing the underlined verbs with better ones.

guessed	became	ignored	stroked	noticed
laboured	landed	lifted	grabbed	shift

### How the Squirrel got its stripes.

The monkeys tried very hard. They carried piles of rocks every day to build the bridge. Suddenly one monkey saw a small squirrel who was also helping. The monkey thought he was too small to help but the squirrel said “I can bring little pebbles.” All the other monkeys began to laugh and told the squirrel not to be silly. They told her to go back home and leave the work to them. The little squirrel took no notice of them and just carried on as before. One monkey got angry and took hold of her tail and threw her out of the way. She went flying into the air but when she came down, Lord Rama caught her. He had overheard everything. He told the monkeys that even tiny creatures can help. Then he touched the squirrel on the back and left his finger marks for all to see. That is why the squirrel still has stripes on its back today.

2) Think of 10 words of your own to improve the passage.

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Replied	Trotted	Crawl	Leapt	Glancing

### The Fox and the Goat.

While reaching down to drink the water in the well one day, a fox went in. Try as he would, he could not get out again because the walls of the well were too high.

Not long after a goat came along. Seeing the fox down there, he asked him the reason why.

“I am enjoying the cool, pure water,” said the fox.

“Wouldn’t you like to come down and taste it?”

Without stopping to think, the foolish old goat went down. No sooner had he got to the bottom than the cunning old fox jumped onto his back and climbed to the top.

Looking down at the unhappy goat the fox laughed and said, “Next time, friend goat, be sure to look before you leap.”

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