

How does Dr. Dolittle learn to
communicate with animals?

In this lesson you will learn to
describe an event in the story
by drawing on characters'
words and actions.

Let's Review

The Story of Doctor Dolittle
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BEING THE
HISTORY OF HIS PECULIAR LIFE
AT HOME AND ASTONISHING ADVENTURES
IN FOREIGN PARTS NEVER BEFORE PRINTED.

- Characters' words and actions lead to events in the story

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Cause

Characters'
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Effect

Events
happen in
the story

Core Lesson

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"Yes, there ARE plenty," said Polynesia. "But none of them are any good at all. Now listen, Doctor, and I'll tell you something. Did you know that animals can talk?"

"I knew that parrots can talk," said the Doctor.

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"My! You don't say so!" said the Doctor. "You never talked that way to me before."

"What would have been the good?" said Polynesia, dusting some cracker crumbs off her left wing. "You wouldn't have understood me if I had."

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At tea-time, when the dog, Jip, came in, the parrot said to the Doctor, "See, HE'S talking to you."

"Looks to me as though he were scratching his ear," said the Doctor.

"But animals don't always speak with their mouths," said the parrot in a high voice, raising her eyebrows. "They talk with their ears, with their feet, with their tails—with everything."

Sometimes they don't WANT to make a noise. Do you see now the way he's twitching up one side of his nose?"

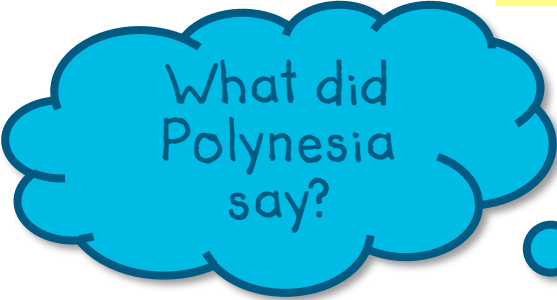
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"That means, 'Can't you see that it has stopped raining?'" Polynesia answered. "He is asking you a question. Dogs nearly always use their noses for asking questions."

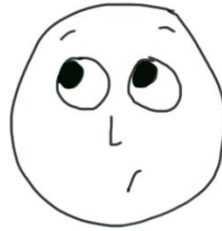
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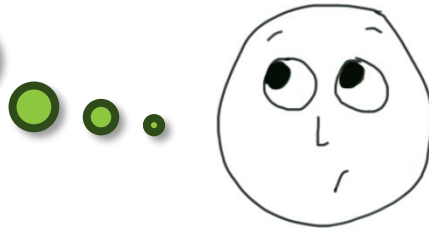
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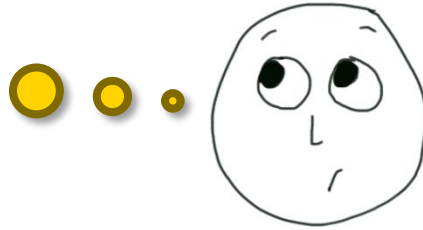
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I need examples and evidence from the text.



Because Polynesia the Parrot tells Dr. Dolittle that animals can talk, Dr. Dolittle asks Polynesia to teach him how animals communicate. She tells him about Bird-Language and teaches him sounds and what the sounds mean. She teaches him other types of animals' languages and how they use their ears, feet, and tails to communicate.

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