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# A Rail Full of Corn

Reading level 5 (2nd grade) · 111 words

Chatterer the Red Squirrel was thin and hungry.

There were no nuts by his new home.

So he ran along the old stone wall.

He came to Farmer Brown's corn field.

Chatterer dug in the leaves. He found corn!

He ate and ate. Then he put corn in his cheeks.

It was a long way home. He sat on a fence post.

One rail was hollow. He saw a little hole.

Chatterer chewed the hole. Then it was big.

He squeezed in. It was dry inside!

"A good place for corn," said Chatterer.

He put in his corn. He ran back for more.

Soon the rail was full. Winter could come!

## Questions

**1. Why was Chatterer hungry?**

A. He had no nuts near his home
B. He was lost
C. He was sick

**2. What did Chatterer find in the field?**

A. Nuts
B. Corn
C. Berries

**3. Where did Chatterer put the corn?**

A. In a boat
B. In a pail
C. In a hollow rail

**4. Why did Chatterer keep the corn?**

A. To eat in the winter

B. To give to a fox

C. To make a toy

## Words to know

hollow: empty inside

rail: a fence bar

cheeks: sides of the face

# Answer key: A Rail Full of Corn

1. A. He had no nuts near his home
2. B. Corn
3. C. In a hollow rail
4. A. To eat in the winter