

# Unit 5

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## Reader's Notebook

### The Strangest Friend

#### Before Reading

What did you notice about the title and pictures?	What do you predict?
<b>Example:</b> The pictures show a girl relaxing in her yard.	<b>Example:</b> Something will happen that she is not expecting.
The title has the word <i>strangest</i> in it.	Something is out of the ordinary.
Pictures of birds and a birdfeeder.	Birds will play a part in the story.
Shows a girl holding something in her hand.	Maybe the girl finds something in the story.

## During Reading

Facts from the story, page 70 of Literacy in Action 5	What do you infer?
<b>Example:</b> Lina loved to relax in her back yard.	<b>Example:</b> It must be summer; maybe she is on holidays.
Lina liked all the birds in her yard except the crow.	Since the story mentions the crow specifically, maybe that bird is important to the story.
Someone started leaving presents for Lina on her deck railing.	Maybe she has a secret admirer.
Facts from the story, page 71 of Literacy in Action 5	What do you infer?
Lina's mom and best friend said they were not leaving her presents.	Someone Lina doesn't know is leaving the presents.
Lina got the idea to spread flour on the ground so she could see the person's tracks.	This might be how Lina discovers who is leaving the presents.
The crow shows up just when Lina gets her last present.	The crow was the one leaving the presents.

## After Reading

1. How did your predictions compare with the actual ending of the story?

Answers will vary.

2. What do you know about mysteries that helped you when you read this story?

Answers could include the following: knowing that the culprit could be someone very unusual, knowing how other detectives in stories found things out.

3. Did this story remind you of other stories you have read?

Answers will vary.

4. How did making connections to other stories help you read this story?

Answers could include the following: helped use prior knowledge to solve the mystery, maybe have read other mysteries involving animals.