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"The Tale of Timmy Tiptoes"

Directions: Read the story. Then look up these words in a dictionary: *thatch*, *whisked*, *prudent*, *thicket*, *commotion*, *twittering*, *cuffed*, *peck*, *stunned*, *ventured*, and *fort-night*. Then answer these questions.

1. Why would Timmy Tiptoes have thatched his nest with leaves or Goody push moss under the thatch?
2. Timothy was prudent when he said they would wake thinner in the spring. Does this mean he wasn't hungry? What does prudent mean?
3. There is a nut thicket in this story where other squirrels were working. Where are the squirrels when they are in a nut thicket?
4. There was a commotion in the woods when the squirrels found nuts that did not belong to them. What was happening, and why?
5. Twittering is something the birds did in the story. Were they gathering nuts too? What were they doing?
6. If you were cuffed and scratched by other children, what would they be doing to you? Would you like being cuffed?
7. A peck is a measurement of volume. Sometimes farmers measuring their crops use it. Explain what a peck is.
8. If you were stunned when you fell down, what would being stunned mean?
9. Goody ventured to the nut bushes and wandered all over looking for Timothy. Does this mean she gathered nuts and ran home with them? What does it mean?
10. We don't often use the word fort-night to explain this period of time. How much time is a fort-night?