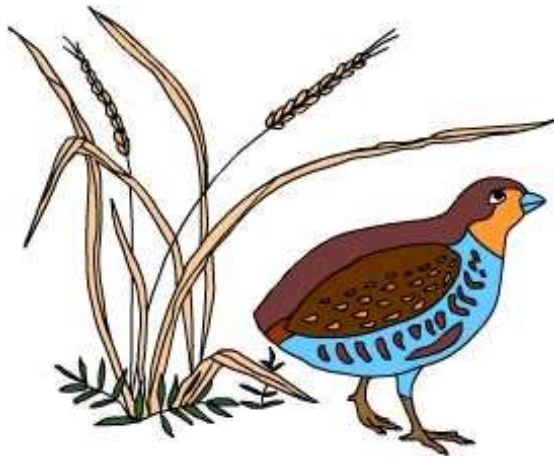


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Once upon a time...
There was an Itty Bitty Quail.
The Itty Bitty Quail,
My friend, had no tail!

Now, quails need their tail
For lots of things, my dear.
When they are flying,
They use it to steer!

When they are ready to land
Near a pond or a lake
They spread their tail,
And use it for a brake!



Since the Itty Bitty Quail
Didn't have a tail
She had to make do
And learn something new!

While soaring in flight
She would lean left or right.
To the others it looked queer
But that is how
She learned to steer!



When getting ready
To touch the ground,
She would wave her wings
Around and around!

The Itty Bitty Quail knew
That she had a handicap.
But she also knew—yahoo!
Her life was not a trap!

When you have
A difference,
Don't you think
That it makes sense...?

To try another way,
And to practice every day?
Do that, and you will see
How much easier things can be!

You may not do
Quite as well
As the others,
But I do tell

Most of the others
Don't really care!
Just as long as you show
That your heart is there!

So the Itty Bitty Quail
Learned to fly and sail
She learned to land and brake
And rarely made a mistake!

She used what was strong
To get along!
A handicap didn't hold her back.
She stayed right on track!



Our Itty Bitty Quail
Sleeps well at night.
She knows she gave it her best.
She tries each day with all her might!

And she lived happily ever after...



LESSON PLAN

What kind of handicap did the Itty Bitty Quail have?

What things could she not do in the beginning?

Once she practiced new ways of doing things, was Itty Bitty Quail able to fly and land?

Have you ever helped a handicapped person?

How do other handicap people and animals overcome their challenges?

What are some of the rhyming words used in the story?