

Where Can Sloth Nap?



Sloth's arms are limp. His legs are limp. Sloth must rest.

'I must nap,' says Sloth. 'But first, I must find the best spot.'





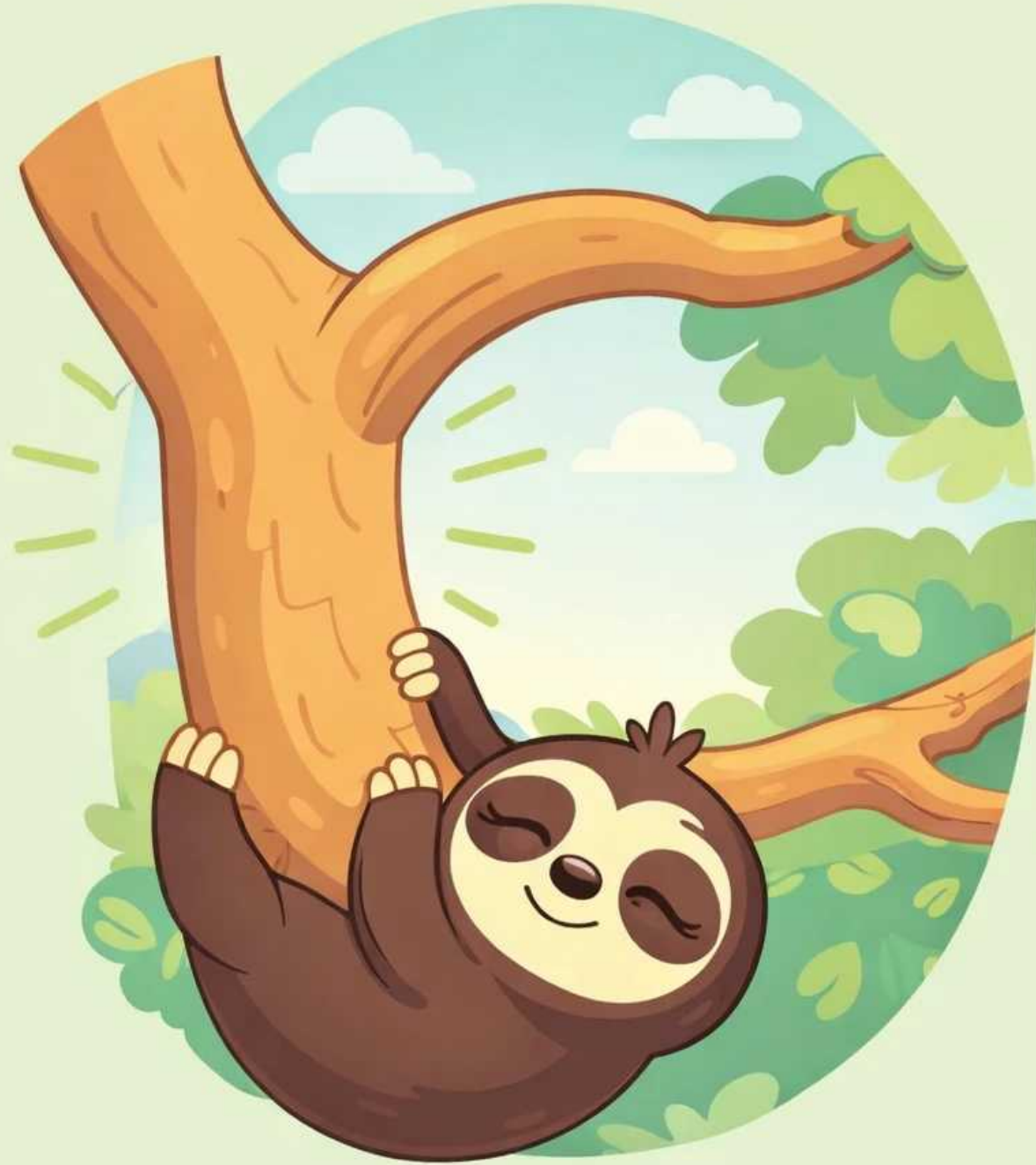
Sloth spots a tall tree. 'That is the spot for me,' he says.

He grips the trunk and starts up. Sloth is not fast, but his grip is firm.

Sloth finds a branch
with a **curve** in it.

He hangs on with all
four and **curls** up.

'This is the spot,'
says Sloth. He
shuts his lids.





Snap! Giraffe nips at Sloth's fur! The moss on his fur looks like a plant. 'Stop, Giraffe, stop! That hurts!' yells Sloth. He scrambles up the tree.

Sloth finds a
fresh branch far
up. A soft wind
stirs his fur.
'This is the spot,'
says Sloth. He
shuts his lids.



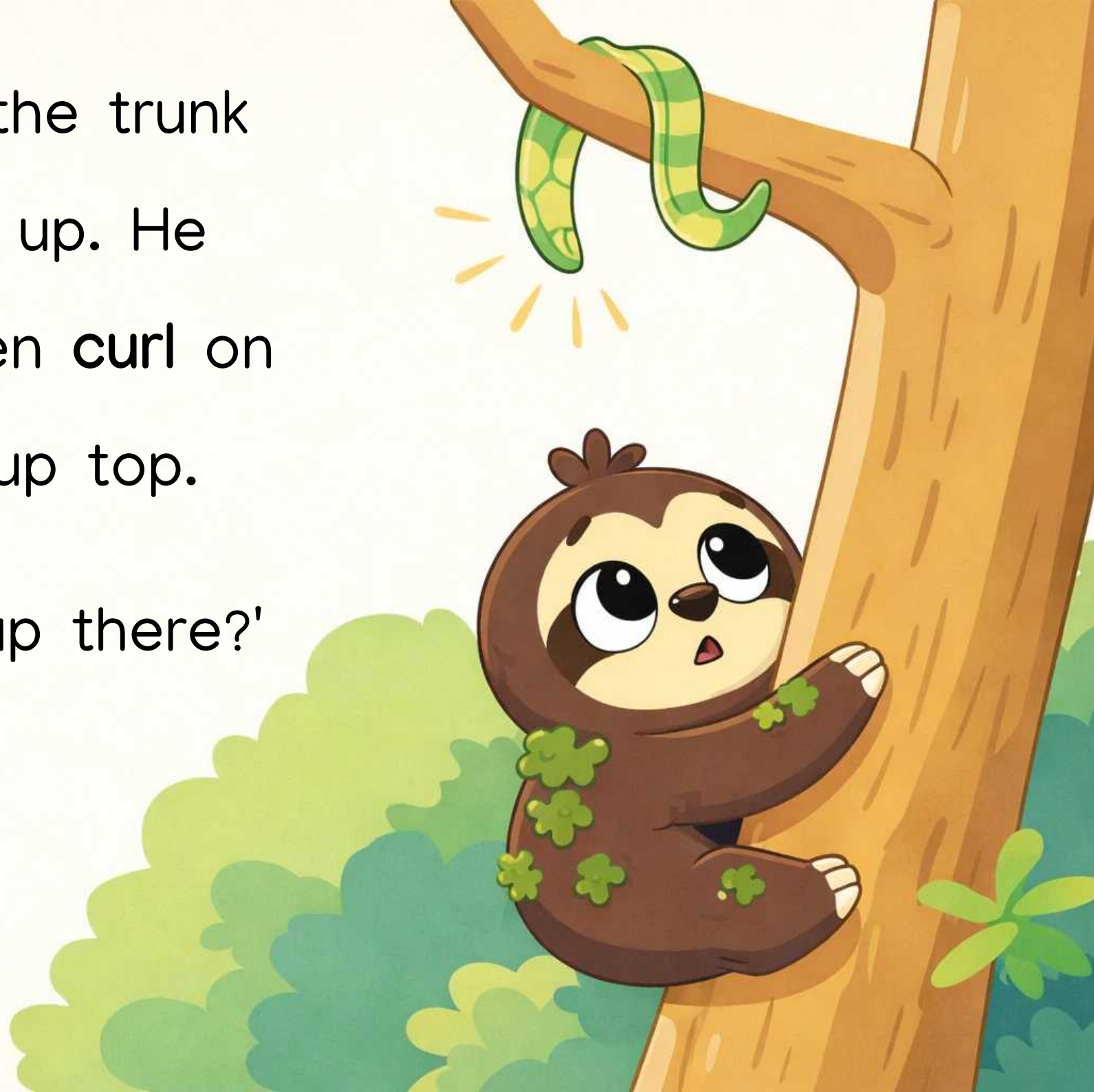


Buzz, buzz! A big
hive hangs on the
branch. Bugs swirl
by Sloth.

'I must go,' says
Sloth. 'Do not
sting me!'

Sloth hugs the trunk
and squints up. He
sees a green curl on
the branch up top.

'Who lurks up there?'
asks Sloth.





Ssssss! Snake bursts
up and hisses at
Sloth.

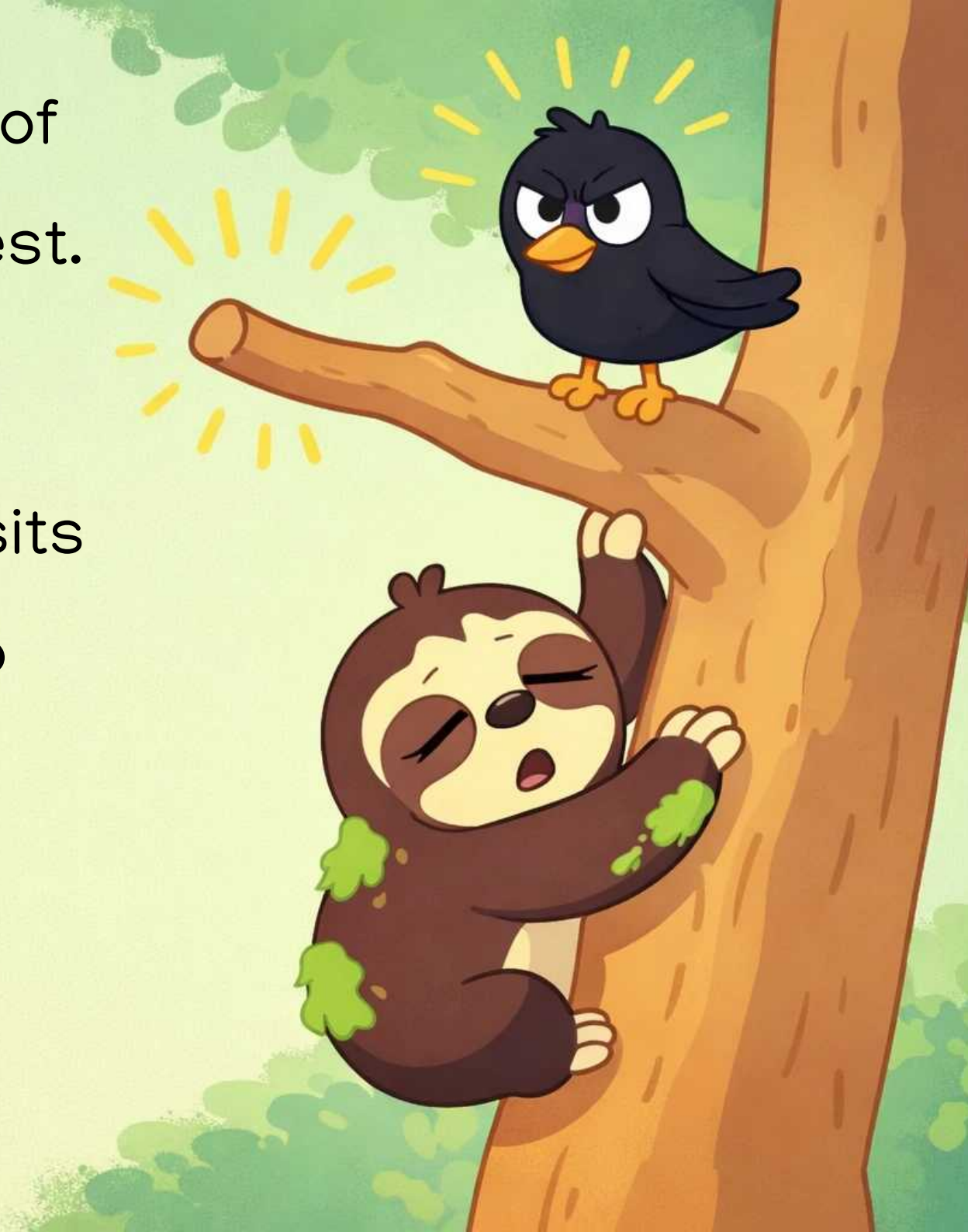
'This is my spot!'
hisses Snake. 'Go,
Sloth, go!'

Sloth **squirms** and
scrambles up fast.

Sloth's arms hurt. All of
him hurts. He must rest.

Up top he spots a
fresh branch. A bird sits
on the branch next to
it.

'I beg you, let this be
the spot,' says Sloth.





Chirp, chirp, chirp!

Bird chirps and
chirps. It is not a
soft chirp. It is a
big, big chirp.

'Hush, Bird, hush!'
says Sloth. But Bird
chirps on.

Sloth goes up to the top of the tree, the last spot. He curls up snug and shuts his lids. No Giraffe. No bugs. No Snake. No Bird. At last, Sloth naps.





At sunset, they all settle in. Sloth naps first, at the top. Bird perches next. Snake curls up on the third branch. Giraffe stands under the tree. 'Where can I nap?' asks Giraffe. Hush! They all nap. Well, all but the bugs.



A Nap at Last

Sloth is exhausted and needs the perfect spot for a nap, so he climbs a tall tree, gripping the trunk with a firm hold. But every branch brings a new problem, from a hungry giraffe to a buzzing hive to a grumpy creature who lurks nearby, hissing that it was there first. Will sloth ever find a quiet place to rest? Created to align with the UFLI Foundations scope and sequence (Lesson 81: ir, ur /er/), this book practices words like 'firm', 'lurks', 'hurts', 'curls', 'bird'.

Phonics Focus: ir, ur /er/

bird, bursts, chirp, chirps, curl, curls, curve, firm, first, fur, hurt, hurts, lurks, squirms, stirs, swirl, third

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