



The Eagle

Challenge

A wise old owl was looking for an assistant to help with him with his busy jobs. He set a challenge. Every animal who wanted to qualify had to get to the top of the highest mountain in the land, where an ancient castle was located, and return with the magical golden feather. This, thought the owl, will prove who is worthy of working for me.

Many animals from forests near and jungles far came to take on the challenge. But as soon as they started to ascend the mountain, they realised it would be an impossible task.

Tortoise was determined but too small to make the journey alone. Ant took a team with him and made it the first few metres, but it was a feat too great. Wolf set off alone but had to turn back.

Would any animal succeed with such a challenge?

Along came Eagle. "I am motivated to do well and I can challenge myself!" she announced confidently.

"It will be hard work," warned the wise old owl, "Many others have tried and failed."

"But I like the feeling of being stretched," Eagle replied. "I will return successful, with the magical golden feather and prove I am worthy of the job!" And off she flew to try.

And try she did. Eagle flew to the summit and entered the ancient castle, found the magical golden feather and clasped it carefully in her claws. She made her descent and headed straight for the wise old owl. Proudly, she presented him with the feather and proved that she had not been afraid of his challenge!

The owl was surprised but thrilled that Eagle had achieved so much and immediately gave her the job of being his assistant.