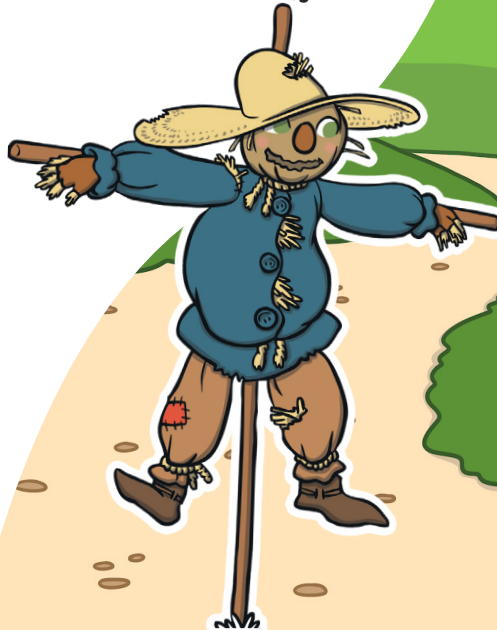


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Read Together Quick Questions



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☐ fly over them



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☐ harvest
☐ garments



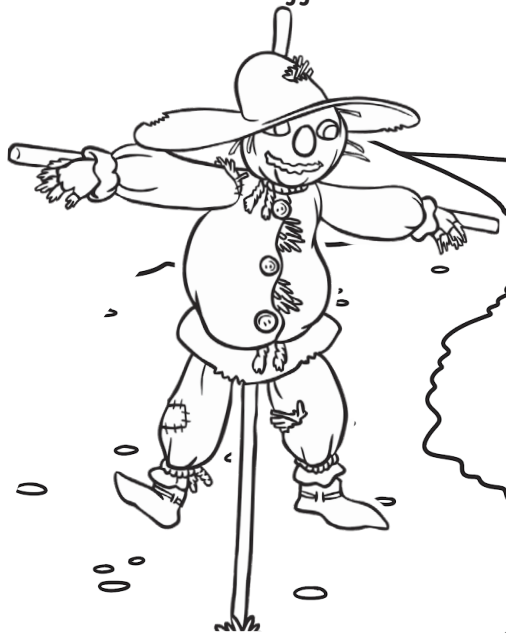
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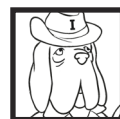
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4. Why do you think starlings might be afraid of a stick person in a field?

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think that starlings might be afraid of a stick person in a field because they might think it's a real person waiting to scare them away.