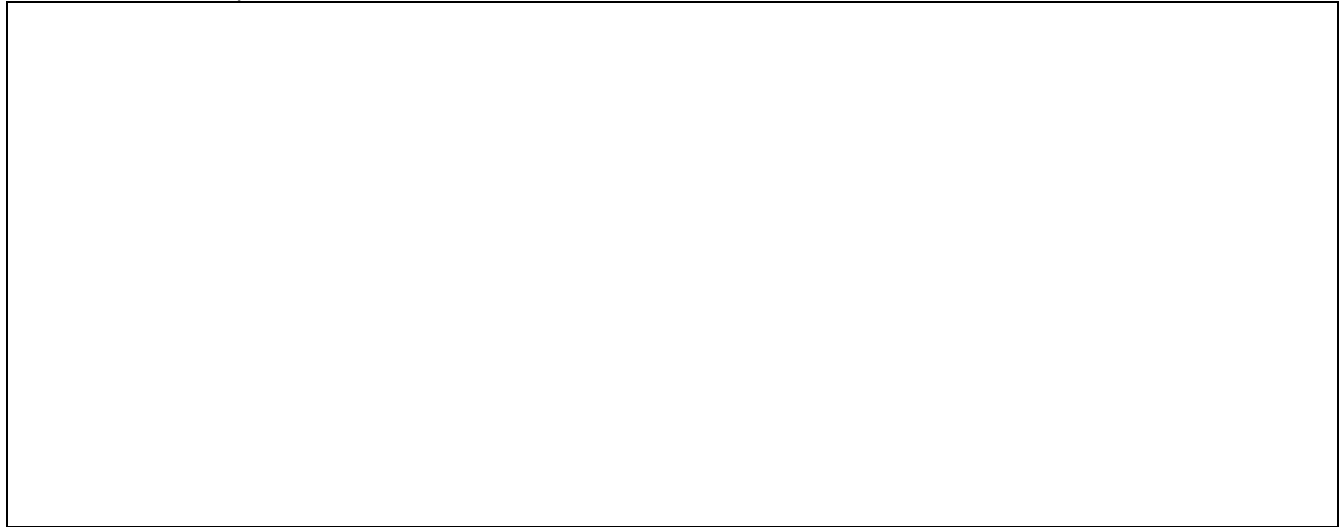


Surprise on the Track

Illustrate the story here:



“Ready, set, go!” yelled the track coach. The first race of the fourth-grade track meet had begun. Heather had been waiting for this track meet for months. She was ready to win.

At first, Heather took the lead. But, as she sprinted to the finish line, she saw some other fourth graders catching up to her. She did not want to give up her lead. She worked on keeping her breath steady as she ran and leaped over the hurdles.

Heather was almost to the finish line when, all of a sudden, she saw something white wander onto the track. “A swan!” yelled a child in the stands. A swan wandered onto the track from the swamp up the road. The swan began to waddle to the finish line. Heather crossed the finish line at the same exact time as the swan. “So, who won the race?” asked the class. “It’s a tie! Heather and the swan both won!” exclaimed the track coach.