



Chapters 1-4

1. What is the “creep and pounce” and why does Marlon do it? (Chapter 2)
2. What usually happens when Marlon pounces on his brother Albert? Why does that happen? (Chapter 3)
3. What does Mamma Cat tell Marlon when he does the scratch and bite? Why? (Chapter 3)
4. Do you ever get angry? What do you do when you get angry? Why?
5. What is the *Quiet Count*? What is it supposed to do? Can people use the *Quiet Count*? (Chapter 4)
6. What is the *Check It Out*? Can people do it too? When would you use it? (Chapter 4)



Chapters 5-11

7. Why does Marlon like Silky? How do you know? (Chapter 5)
8. Why does a house sparrow like Silky like to be around people? (Chapter 6)
9. Marlon paces back and forth as he thinks. What is he thinking about? What does he want? Why doesn't he just ask someone what he should do? (Chapter 7)
10. What does it mean to make a plan? What happens to Marlon's plan when he tries to fly? (Chapters 8 and 9)
11. Silky tells Marlon how birds are able to fly. What does she tell him? (Chapter 10)
12. When Marlon realizes he can't fly like Silky, he makes a new plan. What is his new plan? Does it work? Why? (Chapter 11)



Chapters 12-14

13. When Marlon realizes he can't sing like Silky, what are some of his thoughts about what to do next? What do you think about his ideas? Why? (Chapter 12)
14. What is a dust bath? Why do birds take a dust bath? (Chapter 12)
15. What does it mean to trust someone? What does Silky tell Marlon as tries to give her the red yarn? Why does Marlon get upset when Silky says she thinks he's trying to trick her? (Chapter 13)
16. What does she mean when Silky says "actions speak louder than words?" Do you agree? Why? (Chapter 13)
17. How does Marlon find a way to show Silky that she can trust him? Did Marlon finally make a plan that worked? Why did it work for Silky? Why did it work for Marlon? (Chapter 14)
18. What did you learn from this story? Was there anything else you noticed?

