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ANNOTATE

THE COW AND THE TIGER

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Once there was a cow named Bala. She had a beautiful calf. Bala liked to graze in the shadowy forest and then feed her calf.

One day, Bala went to the forest.
An angry tiger caught her. Sad
Bala cried, “Please don’t eat me!
Let me go feed my calf.”



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What can you visualize about the forest? Highlight the details that help you.

Bala said, “I promise, I promise
to come back.

I’ll come back soon. Then you
can attack!”



Tiger agreed. Bala went back to her grassy home. She quickly fed her calf. Then she returned to the shadowy forest and looked for Tiger.



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Underline the words that describe where Bala lives.



Bala said, “I promised, I promised that I’d come back.”

Tiger was surprised to see her. He was pleased that Bala kept her word.

Tiger said, “You promised, you promised that you’d come back. You told the truth. Now I won’t attack.”



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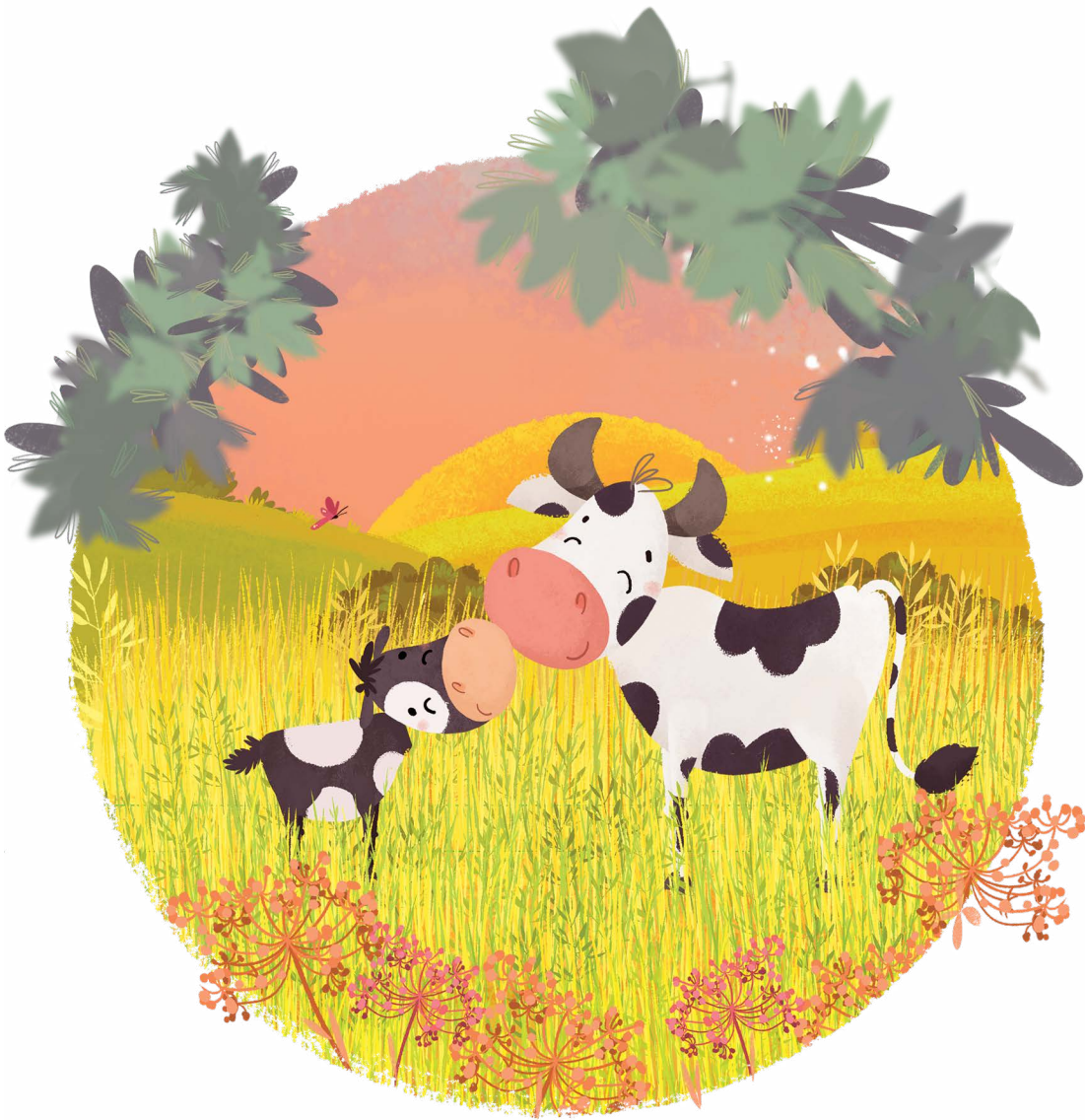
Underline why Tiger does not attack Bala.



Bala was very happy. She went back to her calf.

Tiger was not mad anymore. He promised, he promised to protect Bala from other animals.

Moral: Always keep your promises. Always tell the truth.



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