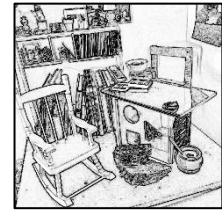




**Tell Secrets  
Share Worries**



Characters: Teddy Bear Chicka Chickadee & Finny Finch Setting: Teddy's office

Teddy sits in his fifth floor office and looks out the window. Chickadee and Finch arrive in the open window at the same time.

**Finny Finch:** Hello, Teddy!

**Teddy:** Come in and sit with me, Finny Finch!

**Chicka Chickadee:** Hello, Teddy!

**Teddy:** Come in and sit with me, Chicka Chickadee.

Finny Finch and Chicka Chickadee perch on the back of Teddy's chair. Finny is on the left side, Chicka is on the right side.

**Finny:** I need to tell you something private.

**Chicka:** I want to tell you a secret.

**Teddy:** Chicka, whisper your secret in my right ear. Finny, whisper your private thing in my left ear.

**Finny** (*whispers in Teddy's left ear*): I'm afraid that I'm sick. I itch all the time and have to scratch.

**Chicka** (*whispers in Teddy's right ear*): I'm scared of big black crows. They're so big and I'm so little.

Since both birds talk at the same time, Teddy is confused.

**Teddy:** Scared of sick crows that itch so big.

**Chicka** (*looks upset*): I told you a secret so you would help me. But you make fun of me instead.

**Finny** (*looks sad*): I told you something private, Teddy, and you make fun of what I told you.

**Teddy:** I was not making fun of what either of you said. The problem is you were both whispering in my ears at the same time. So your messages were jumbled together.

**Chicka:** We did not take turns. I should have let Finny go first."

**Finny:** Yes, we didn't take turns. I should have let Chicka go first.

**Teddy:** Now take turns. Tell me what worries you.

**Chicka:** I'll tell my worry out loud now.

**Finny:** I won't whisper my worry this time.

**Teddy:** Good idea! We can share worries and find help together.

**Chicka:** I'm scared of big black crows. They're so big and I'm so little. What can I do?

**Teddy:** You are small, but smart. You can outsmart a big crow any time.

**Finny:** Stay out of their way. Stay far away. *(stops)* I'm afraid that I'm sick. I itch all the time and I need to scratch.

**Teddy:** You are not sick, just itchy because bird mites are on you. They are parasites that feed on your blood.

**Chicka:** Tell the mites - I'll share my blood. I'll share my blood because I'm good.

**Teddy:** It's healthy to share our worries, instead of keeping them inside. Others can help us understand them.

**Finny:** Thank you, Teddy. Thank you, Chicka! You help me understand my worry.

**Chicka:** Thank you, Teddy! Thank you, Finny! You help me understand my worry.

**Teddy:** We found answers to your secrets and worries together.



What worries me? Do I share my worries with others? Do I help others understand their worries?

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TELL SECRETS, SHARE WORRIES

1. Who are the characters? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. What is the setting? \_\_\_\_\_

3. How do Chicka and Finny tell Teddy their problems? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. What is Chicka's problem? What is Finny's problem? \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. Why does Teddy mix-up their problems? \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. How are their problems solved? \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. Writing. Text-to-self. Have you had a similar experience?  
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8. Writing. Stop and Think! What worries me? Do I share my worries with others? Do I help others understand their worries?  
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