



## **The Green Lizard and the Gecko**

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It was evening. Green lizard crawled on a branch.  
Suddenly, she noticed a gecko stuck to the wall of a house.

Oh! A new friend,  
she thought.



"Hello, I am a green lizard," she said. "I like to hunt for food in the day."  
"Hello, I am a gecko," he said. "I like to hunt for food at night."  
The two reptiles were very interested in one another's lives.



"How about we switch how we live?" said the gecko. "I am bored on the wall. I could hunt on trees and in the grass, like you do!"

"And I could climb up walls to hunt, like you do!" answered the green lizard. "It will be such fun!"



A few days later...

"My hands and feet aren't sticky like the gecko's," realized the green lizard.

"I can't climb on walls like him. I can't hunt! Ooooh, I'm so hungry."



Meanwhile...

"I can't bear this daytime heat!" realized the gecko. "My skin is not like the lizard's. I'm so hot, I can't hunt. And I'm soooo hungry!"



And so they decided to switch back.  
The green lizard went back to her tree and happily hunted for food in the day.





The gecko went back to his wall and happily hunted for food at night.  
And they stayed friends...  
...who sometimes met in the evening.

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This is a Level 2 book for children who recognize familiar words and can read new words with help.



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