

Chirp Chirp

Tim ~~gamborpxamborpx~~ called Dan and asked him to play.

"What ~~will~~ will we do?" Dan asked.

"I have a bowling set, and we can bowl outside on the grass." Tim said.

"That sounds fun. I'll come over right now."

Tim & Dan
The boys bowled for a few minutes. *They* Tim and Dan were *very happy* ~~having fun,~~ ~~and~~ playing ~~laughing.~~ *Tim did not think about Mrs. Smith. He did not think together.* ~~Tim~~ about his spelling. He only thought about how many

pins he could knock over with his bowling ball.

Tim turned around. It was his ~~mother's~~ father, Mister Ping.

Tim, will you please mow the lawn for me. The grass is too high. Also, please trim the plants in the yard...especially that big fern by the birdbath.

"See you later, Tim, I have to go home now," Dan said.

That night Tim sat at the table doing this spelling homework. He could hear birds ~~chirping~~ *singing* outside. He could not see them, ~~though~~ He felt upset.

"Dad" Tim said

Yes, Tim, do you have a question? ~~about spelling.~~

~~Yes.~~

~~But~~ Dad, *why* how ~~come~~ birds don't have to work? *birds*

His father

~~His father~~ ~~laughed~~ ~~and~~ ~~he~~ put his hands behind his head, ~~lay~~ back on the pillow, and began to laugh ~~very~~ loud.

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Splash! The crow swam ^{noisily} ~~easily~~ in the birdbath.

Tim rested on his elbow and looked through the window at the crow. He was trying to do his spelling ^{lesson} ~~homework~~ ^{the next afternoon.} But he wanted to walk outside and play in the sun. ^{Then} He thought ^{about} of his teacher, Miss Smith, asking ^{him} ~~him~~ for ^{his home} ~~the~~ work. That made him afraid, so he scratched his arm and turned back to the spelling.

Chirp! Chirp! Several more birds were lying in the birdbath, ~~playing~~ ^{that} ~~they were~~ playing ~~with~~ in the sunshine. Tim knew ^{that} they were having fun and ~~that~~ he wasn't having fun.

He said to himself, "I will finish this spelling later. Now, I want to go outside and play."



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Questions for story number two.

Why was Tim upset at the end of the story. How did he deal with being upset?
Was that a good decision?

Why did thinking of his teacher make Tim afraid, and cause him to turn back to his spelling homework.

Why did the Father laugh ^{at} the ~~end of the~~ story?

Why did Dan leave Tim?

What does the title refer to? (Note, could it also be "thoughts" in Tim's mind?)