Musical Picnic
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Lily and Mom had a picnic under a tree.

Lily bit into her apple once, then again. CRUNCH, CRUNCH!

"I hear the music of your apple," Mom said.

Mom bit into her carrot once, then again. MUNCH, MUNCH!

"I hear the music of your carrot," Lily said. "It sounds like my apple."

Birds landed in the tree. RUSTLE, RUSTLE, RUSTLE.

"I hear the music of birds on branches," Mom said.

Wind blew the leaves in the tree. SWISH, SWISH, SWISH.

"I hear the music of wind on leaves," said Lily.

Leaves fell on Lily and Mom. "Ha, ha, ha, ha!" they laughed.

"I hear the music of us laughing," Mom said.

"I hear the music of us laughing, too," said Lily.

Suddenly, Lily and Mom heard new music.

"TWEET! TWEET! TWEET!" sang the birds.
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1. What did Mom eat in the story? ______________________________

2. Where does this story take place?
   a. by the river  b. under a tree
   c. in the back yard  d. at the beach

3. What sound did the birds make when they landed in the tree?
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4. What kind of music do Lily and Mom hear?
   a. people playing drums  b. people singing songs
   c. outdoor sounds  d. songs on the radio

5. If you were outside, what sounds might you hear?
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Draw lines to match the words from the story with their meanings.

1. picnic  ●  ● red fruit
2. carrot  ●  ● sound that birds make
3. apple  ●  ● moving air
4. laughing  ●  ● eating outside
5. wind  ●  ● Ha, ha, ha!
6. tweet  ●  ● orange vegetable
In the story, “Musical Picnic,” Lily and her Mom have a picnic outside. They hear birds, wind, and many other sounds.

Go outside. Listen to the sounds. Write about the things you hear.