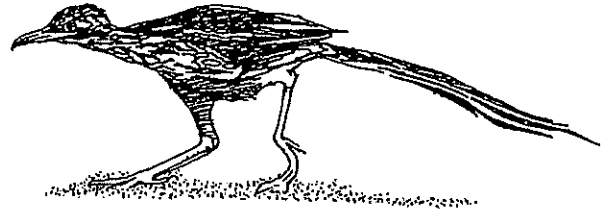


# Roadrunner

Story 6, Tracks 6-9  
Spanish, Track 10

## Review Key Words<sup>6</sup>

- dodge** Dodge means to avoid something by moving quickly.
- desert** A desert is a dry land where few plants grow.
- provoke** Provoke means to cause something to happen.
- agile** Agile means able to move easily, quickly, or gracefully.



## Write a Prediction

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## Read the Story<sup>7-9</sup>

6 To many animals in the American  
12 Southwest, the rattlesnake is a serious  
18 **threat**. But this **venomous** snake often  
25 **won't stand a chance** against a fairly  
30 harmless-looking bird: the roadrunner.  
38 This two-foot-long bird is slim. It  
45 doesn't have big, strong claws, and it  
55 doesn't fly often or far. But it can run at  
63 speeds close to 20 miles an hour. The  
71 roadrunner uses its long tail to make quick  
79 turns. Its speed and **agility** help it **dodge**  
83 and outrun dangerous animals.  
90 Yet the roadrunner doesn't try to escape  
97 when it meets a rattlesnake. Instead, it  
107 circles the snake to see how big it is. The  
113 roadrunner may **provoke** the snake into  
striking. Rattlesnakes can **strike** fast. But

119 the roadrunner is even faster. It **dodges**,  
126 then **darts** in again, grabs the snake in its  
135 beak, and pounds it to death against a rock!  
144 The roadrunner swallows its prey whole. It  
151 seems able to take in the rattlesnake's  
158 venom with no problem.  
162 The roadrunner can get the best of other  
170 **desert** animals too. If an animal is small  
178 enough to swallow, the roadrunner might  
184 chase it down. The roadrunner can even  
191 jump up and grab low-flying birds from the  
200 air.  
201 The roadrunner may not look like a  
208 dangerous predator. Yet this quick and  
214 **agile** bird has some surprisingly clever  
220 tricks!  
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## Answer the Questions

1. What is the main idea of this story?
  - a. Roadrunners can jump up and grab low-flying birds from the air.
  - b. Roadrunners are able to take in a rattlesnake's venom with no problem.
  - c. Roadrunners are agile and surprisingly dangerous predators.
2. What body part does a roadrunner use to make quick turns?
  - a. its tail
  - b. its claws
  - c. its wings
3. What does the word **agility** mean in this story?
  - a. ability to take in venom
  - b. ability to move quickly
  - c. ability to kill others
4. How does the roadrunner provoke the rattlesnake to strike?
  - a. by pounding the snake to death against a rock
  - b. by swallowing the snake whole and taking in its venom
  - c. by getting within the snake's striking distance
5. How does the roadrunner get the best of some desert animals?  
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6. Match each word with its definition.

1. threat	a. ___ a danger
2. strike	b. ___ moves quickly
3. darts	c. ___ to try to bite
4. venomous	d. ___ ability to move gracefully
5. agility	e. ___ having a type of poison
7. Number the events below in the correct order.
  - \_\_\_ The roadrunner pounds the snake to death against a rock.
  - \_\_\_ The roadrunner grabs the snake in its beak.
  - \_\_\_ The roadrunner circles the snake to see how big it is.
  - \_\_\_ The roadrunner swallows the snake whole.
  - \_\_\_ The roadrunner provokes the snake to strike.

Number Correct: \_\_\_\_\_

## Summarize the Story

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