



BOOKLINK

Read a version of Thumbelina. See suggestions on page 10.

Need Help

If writing a letter is new to your child, model the greeting for him: "Dear Swallow." Then suggest that he begin with the words "Thank you..." but ask him, "Thank you for what?" Also model a typical closing, like "Yours truly" or "Love."

Go Further

Take advantage of real opportunities for your child to dictate and send thank-you letters.

Dear Swallow

SUGGEST THAT you and your child are going to pretend to write a thank-you letter to the swallow who gave Thumbelina a ride to the garden full of fairies. Ask your child to tell you what the letter should say. She dictates, and you write the words here.

Repeat each sentence that your child dictates as you write it down. Sign your child's real name. Now read the letter out loud, sliding your finger under each word as you read it.



A large vertical rectangular area with a light green background and faint purple floral patterns. It contains ten horizontal blue lines for writing a letter.



READ THIS FIRST
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If there are answers your child does not remember, turn back to the story and look at the pictures or read that episode over again.

Go Further

"Thumbelina" is a complicated story. Ask your child to tell you part of it. You can use these pictures, once you have agreed on the right answer, to prompt your child to talk about that part of the story.

Remember Thumbelina

HERE IS ANOTHER SET of questions about a story. Read "Thumbelina" again if it has been a while. Ask each question, then help your child choose which of the two choices is right. Talk about each part of the story as you look at the pictures.



Where did Thumbelina like to sleep?



Who carried Thumbelina away from her home with the old woman?



What animal did Thumbelina care for all winter long?



Who did Thumbelina marry?