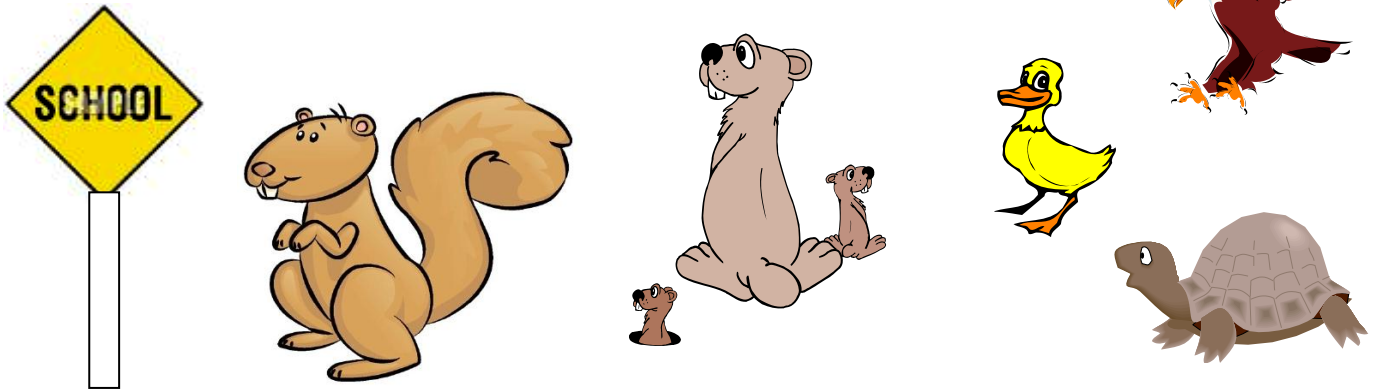


INDIVIDUAL DIFFERENCES

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Once upon a time, the animals had a school. The curriculum consisted of running, climbing, flying, and swimming, and ALL the animals had to take ALL the subjects.

The duck was good in swimming; better, in fact, than the instructor. He made passing grades in flying, but he was particularly hopeless in running. Because he was low in this subject, he was made to stay in after school and drop his swimming classes in order to practice running. He kept this up until he was only average in swimming. But average was acceptable, so nobody worried about that. Except the duck.

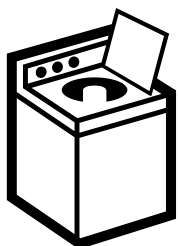
The eagle was considered a problem pupil and was severely disciplined because, although he beat all the others to the top of the trees in climbing class, he insisted on using his own method – flying. The rabbit started out at the top of his class in running, but he had a nervous breakdown and had to drop out of school because of so much make-up work in swimming.

The squirrel led the class in climbing, but his flying teacher made him start his flying lessons from the ground up instead of from the top down. He developed charley horses from the overexertion at takeoff and began getting C's in climbing and D's in running.

The practical prairie dogs apprenticed their offspring to the badgers when the school authorities refused to add digging to the curriculum.

P.S.: The turtle was placed in a slow learner class and spent much of his time in detention for failure to comply in flying class.

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Remember: We aren't trying to make people normal. Normal is a cycle on a washing machine.