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Nature Story
The White-tailed Deer



As the sun began to burn the mists off the meadow, a small fawn stepped cautiously from the forest and began to chew on the tender young grass near the edge of the trees.

Every few seconds, he would lift his head and turn his ears, almost like radar antennas, listening carefully for any sounds of danger. He would look for any rustling grass and sniff for any unfamiliar scents. Never venturing far from the edge of the forest, he looked back into the woods where his parents remained listening and very still.

Suddenly, the buck heard the "snap" of a twig breaking and he looked up, sniffing the breeze and listening intently. He gave a warning. Instantly the fawn turned and leapt back into the forest where his parents were waiting. As they fled, they saw the tail of a cougar moving through the grassy meadow. He had been quietly waiting for the fawn to graze closer to him so he could have him for dinner!

The fawn was so thankful for his father's attentiveness, using all his senses, for the safety of his first grazing lesson. And his parents were so happy that their baby had been attentive to their warning to flee. The deer family were once again safe and peaceful in their forest home.

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