



## PART ONE: Read a Folktale

**Read this retelling of a folktale from Belgium. Then answer questions about the folktale. Choose the best answer for Numbers 1 through 6.**

A long time ago, all the birds in the world were gray. One day, the Great Bird who ruled the birds saw a rainbow in the sky. This gave him an idea.

He told the birds, "I am going to give each of you some splendid colors." He told them to quickly line up. "Shake a leg!" he said.

How excited the birds were! They pushed and shoved to get to the head of the line.

"I want blue!" hollered the jay.

"Give me orange," shouted the oriole.

"I want red!" whistled the cardinal.

And so it went until all of the colors were used up. The Great Bird spied the finch. She was still gray and looked sad. "Why are you so down in the dumps?" asked Great Bird. "And why haven't you chosen a color?"

"I was waiting for my turn," said the finch. "And now all the colors are gone."

Great Bird had an idea. "I'll take a bit of color from each bird and give them to you."

The Great Bird took a bit of color from every bird and gave them all to the finch. And that is the way the finch looks to this very day.

