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## Focus Question

In what ways are gray squirrels like acrobats?





Gray squirrels are some  
of nature's acrobats.  
They move quickly  
and easily to find food  
or escape from other animals.

They dart or dash  
across the ground.  
They can stop quickly  
with their tails up.



They are alert for danger.  
They whip their tails from  
side to side if they see  
other animals.





They move fast on the ground.  
They run and leap quickly  
so that cats or foxes do not  
catch them.



They cling to tree  
trunks with their claws.





They can climb  
and change direction quickly.  
They can change direction  
to escape from birds  
or other squirrels.



They can leap easily from large branches to small ones.

They land easily on small branches by using their tails. They use their tails to keep their balance and not fall off.





Small branches or wires are like tightropes that they easily run across.





They can hang from  
the bottoms of branches.  
They can even climb  
upside down!





Squirrel acrobats can quickly and easily climb, leap, and run!

## Words to Know

acrobats

alert

balance

direction

escape

squirrels

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**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Gray squirrels are the most common squirrels in North America. There are over two hundred species of squirrels in the world. Most of the different species can be considered nature's acrobats, but many do not behave exactly as the gray squirrel does.

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## Connections

### Writing

Write a poem describing how a gray squirrel moves.

Share your poem with the class.

### Science

Where do gray squirrels live?

Draw a picture of their habitat.

Describe your picture to a partner.

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