The Tortoise Dies

Two storks and a tortoise lived in a wet place. The place was drying up. The storks said, “The water will be gone soon. Then, we’ll go away. Goodbye.” The tortoise said, “Please take me.” One stork asked, “How?” The tortoise said, “You two storks get a stick. One of you will hold one end of the stick. One of you will hold the other end of the stick. I will bite the middle of the stick.” The storks said yes. They found a stick. They picked it up. The tortoise bit the middle of the stick. They flew over a village. A child saw the storks and the tortoise. The child said, “What smart storks!” The tortoise felt angry. He opened his mouth and said, “I thought of it!” The tortoise let go of the stick. He fell and died.
a. Where did the two storks and the tortoise live? ________________________________

b. Why were they going away? ________________________________________________

c. What was the tortoise’s idea? ______________________________________________

d. Why did the tortoise die? ________________________________________________
Two _______ and a _________ lived together in a _________ place. Their home was turning from wet to __________. The two storks were going to go away soon. The tortoise wanted to come too. He said that the storks should carry a _______. One stork would carry one _________. The tortoise would ________ the middle of the stick. When they were flying over a ____________, a child saw them. The child said “Those storks are very __________.” The tortoise opened his _________ to yell. He _________ and _________.