**Chapter 2 – The Skin Horse Tells His Story - Before Reading**

**Vocabulary Words:** Ask an adult to help you understand the meaning of these words or look them up in a dictionary.

hustled mantlepiece expression  
scarcely shabbier burrows

**Predict:** In Chapter 1, the Velveteen Rabbit and the Skin Horse talked a lot about becoming real. The Velveteen Rabbit was very worried that it would hurt when toys become real. Do you think it would hurt for a toy to become real? Why or why not?

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**Make Connections:** The Skin Horse is the wisest toy in the nursery. Who is someone you think is wise? Why do you think that?

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How did the Skin Horse treat the Velveteen Rabbit in a way that was different than the other toys did? Why do you think he did that?

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