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Leo ignored them, and (**let**, like, spend) them say what they thought as (they, **he**, very) worked. Using metal wire and navy (sharp, wind, **silk**), he made a spiked fin down (a, the, for) fish's back and two large side (people, **fins**, enough) to catch up-drafts. If everything (**went**, would, when) as Leo planned, the body of (into, **the**, a) fish would billow with air, the (**fins**, our, eagle) would catch the wind, and his (place, sturdy, **fish**)-kite would rise high into the (home, win, **air**).

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(Then, **They**, He) even used real feathers spray-painted (**with**, for, the) gold. They gave their eagle-kite (looking, **gleaming**, top) black eyes and a sharp, hooked (fins, **beak**, pointed).

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(For, **The**, And) day of the competition, Mark and (feathers, the, **David's**) kite swooped up into the air (rising, last, **right**) away. But the eagle-kite swooped (**too**, top, yours) fast. It swooped to the right, (**it**, enough, he) swooped to the left, and then (sharp, fish, **it**) swooped right into a tree.

Leo's (arched, **fish**, honors)-kite climbed into the air slowly, (sure, **like**, eagle) a great fish rising out of (and, from, **the**) water. Many people pointed at Leo's (**kite**, fins, every).

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