

HFW - READING - UNIT 3

The deer and his image

A deer told himself every day, "I am the most handsome deer in the forest. My large **chest** is a symbol of my power. And my beautiful horns **impress** other animals."

But he did not like his legs and hooves*. "My legs are **narrow** and my hooves are ugly. They do not **satisfy** me."

One day, the deer saw a big dog. The deer made some noise and **disturbed** the dog. The dog woke up and chased him. The deer felt **terror**. He **screamed**. He did not want to be a **victim**, so he ran into the forest. His strong legs helped him run fast. His **pale** brown hooves were hard, so they were not **sensitive** to **rough** rocks. However, his horns got caught in branches, slowing him down. His large chest could not fit between thick trees.

The deer **estimated** that he ran for an hour. He felt like he was running a **marathon**. In the end, the deer escaped the **treat** of the dog. He sat in the **shade** of a tree. "That was almost a **disaster**! I almost did not escape because of my chest and my horns. My legs and hooves saved me". As a **consequence**, the deer learned to **honor** his fast legs and have **confidence** in his strong hooves. "Pretty things only **supplement** important things", he thought.



*Hooves: the feet of animals, like deer and horses.

READING COMPREHENSION

1. What is the story about?

- A) Why a chest is a symbol of power.
- B) How a deer becomes a victim.
- C) Why deer have confidence in their horns.
- D) How a deer learned to honor useful things.

2. Why did the deer scream?

- A) He felt great terror.
- B) He was sensitive.
- C) He ran a marathon.
- D) His legs were narrow.

3. What can we infer by the end of the story?

- A) The deer impressed the animals with his long run.
- B) The deer was a victim of disaster.
- C) The deer's legs and hooves satisfied him.
- D) The deer went back to disturb the dog again.

4. According to the passage, all the following are true EXCEPT ...

- A) The deer's hooves were pale.
- B) The deer sat in the shade of a tree.
- C) The deer experienced a bad consequence.
- D) The rough rocks decorated the forest.

5. What happened to the deer's horns when he ran away?

- A) They kept getting caught in branches, slowing him down.
- B) They helped him to discover his way out of danger.
- C) They helped him go faster.
- D) They frightened the dog, which stop chasing him.