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WELL SAID

Henry the badger was the youngest member of his family. He often felt ignored and tried to get attention by the things he said.

"You are looking bigger today than you ever have," said Henry to his sister. His sister left the den crying.

Later in the day, Henry told his brother that the picture he drew in the sand looked ugly. The brother ran in to the den crying. Henry sat on the rock and wondered what he should do next. Just then, Henry's mom came strolling over.

"I need you to put this sock in your mouth," Mother said.

"A sock in my mouth? Why?" asked Henry

Just then, Henry's mother stuffed the sock in Henry's mouth. He let out a gargled cry.

Later in the afternoon, Henry saw his Aunt Bertie walking up with a loaf of bread. "Oh, yuck," thought Henry. "Her bread is always so disgusting!" He was about to say that when he choked on the sock that was still in his mouth. Henry's aunt smiled and walked right on past him.

That night, while Henry's family was having dinner, Henry was about to tattle on his older brother for something, but ended up gagging on the sock. Henry's mother smiled at him. Henry looked into his mother's eyes and began to understand the lesson she was trying to teach him.

That same night, he wrote a letter to his mom asking for permission to remove the sock, and he promised to watch his words. His mother winked as Henry took out the sock.

STORY QUESTIONS

1. What is the lesson in this story?
   a. What goes around comes around.
   b. If you can't say anything nice, don't say anything at all.
   c. A rolling stone gathers no moss.
   d. No use crying over spilt milk.
2. What would be a good title for this reading passage?
   a. "Henry Learns a Lesson"
   b. "Henry vs. the Family"
   c. "The Leader of the Pack"
   d. "Them Is Fightin' Words"
3. Locate the statement below that is <u>not</u> true.
   a. Henry seemed insecure about himself and so he took it out on others.
   b. Henry didn't say very nice things to his family members.
   c. Henry's mother put a sock in Henry's mouth.
   d. Henry was learning to ride his bike.

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PEER PRESSURE

A group of squirrels lived in the branches of the great cottonwood tree on Farmer Jack's farm. The squirrels had lived there for many years and had built up a great home nestled in the tree. Sammy always seemed to be looking for adventure.

One day, Sammy saw a trap that the farmer had set. Most of the squirrels knew that they should avoid the traps. Sammy slowly walked up to the trap and sniffed it. As he left, his tail brushed over the trap. Snap! Sammy's tail had gotten caught in the trap! It had cut Sammy's big bushy tail right off! He gasped, "Yikes! My tail! What am I going to do?"

That night at dinner, Sammy sulked as he ate his food. He was so sad about his tail that he just didn't know what to do.

The next morning, Sammy got up early. He planned to visit all the squirrels he could find. While visiting with the squirrels, he encouraged each of them to cut off their tails. He explained the benefits of doing so and modeled his own stub. Each squirrel considered his request, but in the end told Sammy that they liked their tails.

One squirrel wisely said, "Sammy, just because you lost your tail over foolishness does not mean we should join you." Sammy slowly made his way home. He would have dragged his tail between his legs if he had one.

STORY QUESTIONS

1. What is the main conflict or problem in this story?
   a. Sammy always seems to be looking for adventure, and this time he gets into trouble.
   b. Sammy was trying to convince the other squirrels to be like him so that he wouldn't feel so badly.
   c. Sammy got his tail cut off.
   d. Sammy was not successful at making the other squirrels cut their tails off.
2. What is the meaning of the word *sulked* as used in the story?
   a. chilly
   b. frantic
   c. disrupted
   d. moped
3. What is the moral to this story?
   a. A bird in the hand is better than three in a bush.
   b. A friend in need is a friend indeed.
   c. Work before play.
   d. Misery loves company.

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THE LONG JUMP

Frieda the goat loved to go to the well. Each day she stopped to get a long drink. On this particular day, she could hear noises coming from the well. She went to the well to see what was inside.

What she saw down in the well caught her by surprise. There was a wolf. He was so big that he could barely fit inside the well.

"What are you doing?" asked Frieda.

"Getting a drink," replied the frustrated wolf.

"But why did you get inside the well to get the drink?" asked Frieda.

"Oh, it's much easier this way," lied the wolf. "Besides, I can get a much bigger drink down here."

"Oh," answered Frieda, and she waited patiently for her turn. After a few minutes, the wolf asked Frieda if she wouldn't mind helping him out of the well. Frieda thought about it for a minute and decided that she should help. The wolf told her to climb inside the well and then he would step on her back to get out.

"But then how will I get out myself?" asked Frieda.

"We'll figure something out," replied the wolf.

Frieda climbed down into the well, and the wolf stepped on her back to get out. The wolf disappeared and Frieda hollered, "Hey! Aren't you going to help me?"

The wolf came back and peered down into the well. "You foolish goat! You should have never jumped down into the well." And with that, he hurried off into the forest.

STORY QUESTIONS

1. What is the problem in the story?
   a. Frieda is thirsty and needs a drink.
   b. The wolf is stuck down in the well.
   c. Frieda gets stuck in the well trying to help the wolf.
   d. Frieda no longer wants to help the wolf.
2. Which one of the following words best describes the wolf?
   a. unhappy
   b. insecure
   c. conniving
   d. tall
3. What is the moral to the story?
   a. Look before you leap.
   b. A friend in need is a friend indeed.
   c. Work before play.
   d. none of the above

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PRETTY SONG

One sunny afternoon, a crow swooped down and gathered a piece of meat in its mouth. A lion had watched the whole thing happen, and he was jealous of the crow. He wanted the piece of meat in the worst way. He was hungry and started to drool. He thought and thought about what he could do to get the meat from the crow. Finally, he had an idea.

He sat down at the foot of the tree and called up to the crow, "Hey, crow, don't your feathers look crisp and clean today?" The crow smiled to himself and admired his feathers.

The lion then said, "Hey, crow, your beak looks awfully handsome today, as well." The crow smiled again and felt his face turning red.

At this point, the lion knew that the crow was probably ready for the next step. He called out, "Hey, crow, I've heard you have a beautiful voice. Do you mind singing just a few notes for me?"

By this time, the crow was beaming. He knew his voice was beautiful. He immediately opened his mouth and let out a shrill sound. The notes cascaded down to the base of the tree. The piece of meat that was in the crow's mouth fell out. It landed at the lion's feet. The lion snatched up the meat and scurried off into the forest.

STORY QUESTIONS

1. What lesson did the crow probably learn in the story?
   a. Good things come in small packages.
   b. Birds of a feather flock together.
   c. Flatterers are not to be trusted.
   d. A bird in hand is better than three in the bush.
2. What is meant by the meaning of the word *cascaded*?
   a. fell
   b. slumped
   c. defended
   d. swaggered
3. Which sentence below is not true?
   a. The crow was flattered by the lion's kind words.
   b. The crow was able to get a piece of meat.
   c. The crow grew tired of listening to the lion.
   d. The crow dropped the meat to the lion.
4. Which of the following animals was <u>not</u> in the story?
   a. lion
   b. hen
   c. crow

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THE JEALOUS WOLF

There once was a wolf that spent his day catching rabbits. He prided himself in catching the biggest and fattest ones around. One morning he spotted the perfect rabbit. He proceeded to chase it. The rabbit was quick. He was able to dodge the wolf for a very long time. However, the rabbit soon tired and was caught by the wolf.

The wolf was tired and headed for home. As he crossed the bridge, he happened to look down into river. He was amazed at what he saw. There standing in the river was another wolf. This wolf had a rabbit in his mouth, as well, but it looked much bigger.

This made the wolf angry. He was known for his hunting skills, and he always caught the biggest rabbit. How dare this wolf try to outdo him! As the wolf continued to trot along, he couldn't stand it any longer. He ran back to the edge of the bridge and looked down at the wolf with the bigger rabbit. He wanted that rabbit instead of the one in his mouth. Without a moment of hesitation, he plunged over the side of the bridge. The rabbit in his own mouth fell into the water and sank to the bottom of the river.

Once the wolf jumped into the river, he couldn't find the other wolf anywhere. He sputtered around looking, but the other wolf was never found. The wolf, saddened by the loss of his rabbit, went home hungry.

STORY QUESTIONS

1. What was the wolf in the river?
   a. The wolf in the river was a cousin to the wolf on the bridge.
   b. The wolf in the river was just his imagination.
   c. The wolf in the river was just a reflection of himself.
   d. none of the above.
2. What lesson did the wolf learn?
   a. A rolling stone gathers no moss.
   b. Pride goes before the fall.
   c. Practice makes perfect.
   d. The early bird gets the worm.
3. Which of the following statements can be determined after reading the passage?
   a. The wolf was prideful.
   b. The wolf was scared.
   c. The wolf was not a good swimmer.
   d. The wolf was content with what he had.

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THE OLD MAN'S DAUGHTERS

There once was an old man who had three daughters. The daughters were each very beautiful and talented. Each day, the old man would try to wake his daughters to help him on the farm. But each day only the youngest daughter would rise from her bed to help her father.

The old man wished he could think of a way to get his two oldest daughters to rise from their beds so they could learn to work. But try as he might, he could not convince them. He secretly devised a plan. Late that night, he buried a diamond ring in the cabbage patch.

Early the next morning, he woke his three daughters, but only the youngest got up. She went to work in the cabbage patch. Imagine her surprise when she came across the diamond ring! The other daughters were furious. They didn't think it was fair.

The next night, the old man buried a diamond necklace in the apple orchard. The following morning, the youngest daughter found the necklace as she picked apples. The other daughters were outraged.

But the old man's plan worked. Early the third morning, all three daughters arose when called and went to work. They worked all day, but they never found anything special. They continued getting up each morning hoping to find a surprise. The old man smiled to himself. His plan had worked. With a twinkle in his eye, he set about his work.

STORY QUESTIONS

1. What is the moral of this story?
   a. What goes around comes around.
   b. Work before play.
   c. A rolling stone gathers no moss.
   d. The early bird gets the worm.
2. What would be a good title for this reading passage?
   a. "Patience Is a Virtue"
   b. "The Two Sleepyheads"
   c. "Work Before Play"
   d. "Commitment Has Its Reward"
3. Locate the statement below that is <u>not</u> a fact.
   a. Two of the daughters slept in late every morning.
   b. The old man was concerned about his daughters' work ethic.
   c. The old man was trying to punish his daughters by making them work late.
   d. The oldest daughters were upset with the youngest daughter.

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CLIMBING HIGH

Each morning, Kinga the koala bear would get up to practice climbing trees. She wanted to compete in the annual tree-climbing contest. Her mother didn't think she was big enough. Her father didn't think she was strong enough. Her friends didn't think she was tough enough. But Kinga had the will to try.

There were other races around the area that Kinga decided to compete in before the big event. At her first race, Kinga came in dead last. Tears dropped from her eyes as she walked home. She knew that she could have done better, but she had forgotten to get her claws deep enough inside the tree because she was so worried about going fast. The onlookers laughed at her as she slipped down the tree.

At the next small race, Kinga dug her claws in so deep that she had a hard time getting them out fast enough. In fact, Kinga was stuck for a few minutes. The crowd laughed as Kinga came in last again.

Finally, the day of the annual tree-climbing event was here. Kinga's parents were so worried about their daughter. They didn't want her to be laughed at again! But as the whistle blew, Kinga raced up the tree. She was the first to reach the top. She had won! She couldn't believe it. The crowd cheered for Kinga. As Kinga walked home at the end of the day, a tear trickled down her face—but this time it was a tear of joy!

STORY QUESTIONS

1. What is the problem in the story?
   a. Kinga's mom thinks that she isn't big enough.
   b. Kinga's father thinks that she isn't strong enough.
   c. The crowd is laughing at Kinga.
   d. Kinga is having a hard time learning how to climb the tree quickly.
2. Which of the following words best describes Kinga?
   a. dedicated
   b. insecure
   c. quick-witted
   d. dull
3. What is the moral to the story?
   a. People in glass houses shouldn't throw stones.
   b. If at first you don't succeed, try, try again.
   c. Big things come in small packages.
   d. Don't put all of your eggs in one basket.

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GOOD FORTUNE

There once was a young tortoise walking through the desert. It had been a dry year, and the drought was taking its toll on the animals. The tortoise had searched in vain for food. On this day, things had been especially tough. The tortoise was about to give up and stopped next to a large rock to rest.

"Oh, how I wish I could eat some food," said the tortoise.

The tortoise looked down and saw something very unusual. Sticking out from the rock was a pile of leaves. The tortoise walked around to the other side of the rock and was stunned to see a large pile of leaves, lettuce, berries, and more.

"What good fortune I have in finding this food. Now I will not starve to death," said the tortoise as he sat down to eat.

It didn't take long before the tortoise was joined by an old tortoise. The old tortoise looked longingly at the food. The younger tortoise did not want to share his food. Minute by minute the time ticked away and the old tortoise continued to stare at the young tortoise eating his food. The young tortoise couldn't handle it any longer and so he said, "Would you like some of this food?"

"I would love that," said the old tortoise.

Before long, the two tortoises were munching away. The young tortoise had a good feeling inside. He was glad he had decided to share his food. Somehow he didn't seem as hungry anymore.

STORY QUESTIONS

1. What was the lesson learned in this story?
   a. Patience is a virtue.
   b. Sharing is caring.
   c. People in glass houses shouldn't throw stones.
   d. A watched pot never boils.
2. How does the tortoise learn his lesson?
   a. He gets in a fight with the tortoise.
   b. He takes advantage of the old tortoise.
   c. He teaches by example.
   d. He begins to feel badly and shares his good fortune.
3. Using the context clues, what is the meaning of the word *toll*?
   a. price
   b. worry
   c. anger
   d. lane

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PLAN B

A fox and a cat were having an argument about who was best at being able to free himself from danger. The cat explained that he had an easy way to escape. He would climb a tree. The fox claimed that he had at least 10 means of escape: he could fight, hide in a den, run fast, and so on.

Just then, a pack of dogs could be heard in the distance. Both the cat and the fox were scared. They knew that the pack of dogs would eat them if given the chance. The cat quickly scampered up the tree. He knew he would be safe there.

The fox, on the other hand, couldn't decide what to do. First, he ran to his den to hide. Then he jumped up and ran to the river; he would swim faster than the dogs. But that would not work. He decided to run faster than them. The poor fox didn't know what to do. As he scurried around from one option to another, he grew tired.

Before long, the dogs were there. The fox began to run, but he was exhausted. He was worn out and couldn't stay far enough ahead of the dogs. It didn't take long before the dogs overtook him, and that was the end of the fox.

The cat in the tree watched the whole thing.

He shook his head and said to himself, "That poor fox. He should have gone with just one of his plans!"

STORY QUESTIONS

1. What is the moral to the story?
   a. Birds of a feather flock together.
   b. Better one safe way than a hundred you cannot choose between.
   c. Practice makes perfect.
   d. Don't judge a book by its cover.
2. What is the meaning of the word *scurried* as used in the passage?
   a. astonished
   b. confused
   c. ignored
   d. dashed
3. Which of the following statements can be verified from the story?
   a. The fox was afraid of the cat and the dogs.
   b. The fox and the dogs had been in a fight before.
   c. The fox had a hard time making decisions.
   d. The fox and the dogs were going to put on a show for the cat.

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