The Cap Seller and the Monkeys

One hot day, a cap seller set out on a journey to go sell his caps at the local market. The shortest route to the market was through a forest. He had walked for a long time and was quite tired, so he decided to take a nap under a shady tree. In the shady tree lived a family of naughty monkeys. As soon as the cap seller fell asleep, they came down from the tree. They took his caps and put them on their heads and then climbed back up the tree. After a short nap, the cap seller woke up. He saw that his caps were gone. He looked around desperately to see if he could find them. Finally, he looked up and saw the monkeys wearing his caps. He knew that monkeys liked to imitate people and this gave him an idea. He took off his cap and threw it on the ground, the monkeys mirrored his actions and took off the caps and threw them down. The cap seller quickly collected his caps and continued on his journey to the market.



Use words from the question to complete each answer.

1. Where was the cap seller going?

   was going to the market.

2. Why did the cap seller walk through the forest?

   , because it was the shortest way to the market.

3. How did the monkeys take the cap seller's caps?

   very quietly and gently.

4. How do we know the cap seller was upset when he woke up and his hats were gone?

   , because he looked around desperately.

5. Why did the monkeys throw the caps back down?

   , because they were imitating the cap seller.

6. How do we know that the monkeys did not damage the caps?

   , because the cap seller was still going to sell them.

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