

# The Deer and His Image

A deer told himself every day, "I am the most handsome deer in the forest. My large **chest** shows 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 ran after 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 the **rough** rocks. However, his horns got caught in branches and slowed him down. His large chest could not fit between the thick trees.

The deer **estimated** that he ran for an hour. He felt like he was running to the limit of his **strength**. In the end, the deer escaped the **threat** 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 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

Answer these questions by writing a, b, c, d next to the question.

1. What is this story about?
  - a. Why a chest shows 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 not sensitive.
  - c. He knew he had plenty of strength left.
  - d. His legs were narrow.

- 3.** What can we infer from 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.

Evidence (dẫn chứng câu trong bài): \_\_\_\_\_

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- 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

Evidence (dẫn chứng câu trong bài): \_\_\_\_\_

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