Reader's Companion

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Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears

Just then, Turtle walked by.

"Turtle!" Lion roared. "Are you Snake's friend?"

"What?" Turtle removed the leaves from her ears. "Yes, I am Snake's friend."

"Then why didn't you speak when Snake said hello?" asked Lion.

"I did not hear him," said Turtle. "Mosquito gossips, so I put leaves in my ears."

"All this mischief started with you, Mosquito," the angry lion said. "You may never talk again."

All the animals were satisfied, but not Mosquito. Even today mosquitoes want to talk. But all they can do is buzzzzz!

Use What You Know

List three reasons it's a bad idea to gossip.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Genre

MARK THE TEXT

Underline the sentences that tell you this is a pourquoi tale.

Reading Strategy

MARK THE TEXT

Lion asked Turtle a question. Circle the sentence that tells what Turtle did next.

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