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Lesson

Preview

Read this African folktale about how Hare tricked Elephant and Hippopotamus into ploughing his field. As you read, think about what happens and why. Look for clue words.

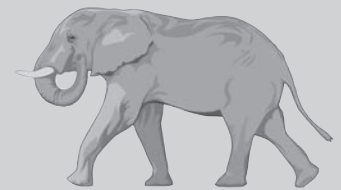
Farmer Hare

Farmer Hare loved to eat, but he hated to work. When he looked out over his empty field, he knew he'd have to trick someone into ploughing the field for him, as he had no intention of ploughing it himself. But if he didn't get the field ploughed, there would be no food and he would starve. It didn't take long for the tricky Hare to devise the perfect plan. All he needed was a stout rope and two big fools – er – animals.

Farmer Hare grabbed a length of thick rope, coiled some around his shoulder and dragged the rest to the bushes by his field. There he snoozed until Elephant came bursting through the trees. When Elephant inquired about the rope, Farmer Hare said that it was for a game and he asked Elephant if he would like to play a game of tug-of-war against Hare. Elephant chuckled to himself because the thought of the small Hare playing tug-of-war against a strong animal such as himself was amusing. Since he believed he'd easily win, Elephant agreed to play. As Farmer Hare handed Elephant one end of the rope and told him to hold onto it until he felt Hare tug it, Farmer Hare grabbed the other end of the rope and hopped across the field and into the bushes on the other side.

Within minutes, Hippopotamus wandered along the path by the bushes where Farmer Hare was waiting. When Farmer Hare proposed a tug-of-war against himself, Hippopotamus agreed because he, too, thought he could easily win. Farmer Hare told Hippopotamus to wait for him to tug on the rope to begin the game and then he hopped off to the bushes by the middle of the field. Once there, he gave the rope a good yank.

Elephant felt the tug on the rope and pulled one way. Hippopotamus felt the pull on the rope and tugged the other way. Back and forth the rope sawed and as it did, it dug long furrows into the ground. Before long, Elephant and Hippopotamus's game had ploughed Farmer Hare's entire field.



1. Farmer Hare needed to get someone to plough the field for him so that he could

- Ⓐ make more friends.
- Ⓑ trick Elephant.
- Ⓒ avoid starving.
- Ⓓ play tug-of-war.

2. What caused the furrows in Farmer Hare's field?

- Ⓐ Elephant and Hippopotamus played tug-of-war and the rope dug the furrows.
- Ⓑ Farmer Hare ploughed his field and dug the furrows himself.
- Ⓒ Elephant inquired about the rope.
- Ⓓ Farmer Hare gave the rope a good yank.

Look at the answer choices for each question. Read why each answer choice is correct or not correct.

1. Farmer Hare needed to get someone to plough the field for him so that he could

- Ⓐ make more friends.

This answer is not correct because the story doesn't mention Hare having any friends. In fact, he thought of some of the other animals as fools.

- Ⓑ trick Elephant.

This answer is not correct because this is what Hare did in order to get Elephant to plough his field; it is not the reason why Hare needed to get the field ploughed.

- avoid starving.

This answer is correct because the first paragraph states that if Farmer Hare didn't get his field ploughed, there would be no food and then he'd starve. So he had to get his field ploughed.

- Ⓓ play tug-of-war.

This answer is not correct because tug-of-war was part of Hare's plan to get Elephant and Hippopotamus to plough the field for him; it was not the reason why Hare needed to get the field ploughed.

2. What caused the furrows in Farmer Hare's field?

- Elephant and Hippopotamus played tug-of-war and the rope dug the furrows.

This answer is correct because the story says that Elephant and Hippopotamus's sawing of the rope across the field caused long furrows to be cut into Farmer Hare's field.

- Ⓑ Farmer Hare ploughed his field and dug the furrows himself.

This answer is not correct because Farmer Hare hated work and had no intention of ploughing his own field.

- Ⓒ Elephant inquired about the rope.

This answer is not correct because even though Elephant did inquire about the rope, that did not directly cause the furrows. Elephant could have decided not to play the game and then the rope would not have dug the furrows.

- Ⓓ Farmer Hare gave the rope a good yank.

This answer is not correct because the yank did not cause the furrows; the sawing back and forth of the rope during the tug-of-war game caused the furrows.