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The Squirrel Who Hid Too Many Acorns

Circle group

Sunny the squirrel loved acorns. All fall she buried them in the ground. She hid one under a log. She hid one by a rock. She hid one by the old oak. She hid hundreds.

When winter came, Sunny was hungry. She went to the log and dug. Nothing. She went to the rock and dug. Nothing.

"Oh no," said Sunny. "I forgot where I put them!"

A chipmunk named Chip watched her dig in the snow. "I have a store of seeds in my burrow," he said. "Do you want some?"

Sunny felt embarrassed. She had not kept track. He had.

"Thank you," she said. She ate every seed.

In spring, something odd happened. Tiny green shoots came up all over the forest floor. They were baby oak trees. They grew from the acorns Sunny forgot.

"Look," said Chip. "Your mistake planted a new forest."

Sunny laughed. This year she would make a map of her hiding spots. But she would leave a few acorns on purpose.

Questions

1. What did Sunny bury all fall?

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2. What happened when Sunny dug by the log and the rock?

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3. Who offered Sunny some seeds?

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4. What grew on the forest floor in spring?

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5. What did Sunny plan to make this year?

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6. Why did Sunny feel embarrassed in front of Chip?

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7. How did Sunny's mistake help the forest?

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Words to know

acorns: the nuts that grow on oak trees
buried: put under the ground and covered with dirt
embarrassed: feeling shy or silly about a mistake
shoots: new young plants just starting to grow
store: a supply of things saved for later

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
2. What did your sheet tell you that you think another group's did not? Ask them.
3. What is one question about this topic that none of the sheets answered?

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The Squirrel Who Hid Too Many Acorns

Triangle group

Sunny the squirrel loved acorns. All autumn she buried them in the ground. She hid one under a log, one beside a rock, and one by the old oak. She hid hundreds in all.

When winter came, Sunny was hungry. She went to the log and dug. Nothing. She went to the rock and dug. Nothing again.

"Oh no," said Sunny. "I forgot where I put them!"

A chipmunk named Chip watched her scratch at the snow. "I have a store of seeds in my burrow," he said. "Would you like some?"

Sunny felt embarrassed. She had not saved one for the future, and he had.

"Thank you," she said, and she ate every seed.

In spring, something strange happened. Tiny green shoots poked up all over the forest floor. They were baby oak trees, grown from the acorns Sunny had forgotten.

"Look at that," said Chip. "Your mistake planted a whole new forest."

Sunny laughed. This year, she would make a map of her hiding spots. But she would leave a few acorns behind on purpose.

Questions

1. What did Sunny bury all autumn?

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2. What happened when Sunny dug by the log and the rock?

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3. Who offered Sunny some seeds?

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4. What grew all over the forest floor in spring?

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5. What did Sunny plan to make this year?

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The Squirrel Who Hid Too Many Acorns

Square group

Sunny the squirrel adored acorns. Throughout the entire autumn she buried them in the ground. She hid one beneath a log, another beside a rock, and a third near the old oak. In all, she hid hundreds of them.

When winter arrived, Sunny was ravenous. She hurried to the log and dug. Nothing. She hurried to the rock and dug. Nothing again.

"Oh no," said Sunny. "I forgot exactly where I put them!"

A chipmunk named Chip watched her scratch frantically at the snow. "I have a store of seeds in my burrow," he said kindly. "Would you like some?"

Sunny felt embarrassed. She had failed to keep track of her supply for the future, and he had not.

"Thank you," she said, and she ate every last seed.

In spring, something remarkable happened. Tiny green shoots poked up all over the forest floor. They were baby oak trees, grown from the acorns that Sunny had forgotten.

"Look at that," said Chip. "Your mistake planted an entire new forest."

Sunny laughed. This year, she would draw a map of her hiding spots. But she would leave a few acorns behind on purpose.

Questions

1. What did Sunny bury throughout the autumn?

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2. What happened when Sunny dug by the log and the rock?

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3. Who offered Sunny some seeds from a burrow?

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4. What poked up all over the forest floor in spring?

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5. What did Sunny plan to draw this year?

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6. Why did Sunny feel embarrassed in front of Chip?

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7. How did Sunny's mistake end up helping the forest?

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Words to know

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For the teacher: The Squirrel Who Hid Too Many Acorns

Each student sheet carries a shape, not a level. The same topic and facts, written three ways.

Circle: The Squirrel Who Hid Too Many Acorns

Easier · 168 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1

1. Acorns.
2. She found nothing.
3. Chip the chipmunk.
4. Tiny baby oak trees.
5. A map of her hiding spots.
6. He had saved food and she had not kept track of hers.
7. The forgotten acorns grew into new oak trees.

Triangle: The Squirrel Who Hid Too Many Acorns

This passage · 177 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.9

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2. She found nothing.
3. Chip the chipmunk.
4. Tiny baby oak trees.
5. A map of her hiding spots.
6. He had saved food for the future and she had not kept track of hers.
7. The forgotten acorns grew into new oak trees.

Square: The Squirrel Who Hid Too Many Acorns

Harder · 192 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 3.1

1. Acorns.
2. She found nothing.
3. Chip the chipmunk.
4. Tiny green shoots that were baby oak trees.
5. A map of her hiding spots.
6. He had kept a store for the future while she had not kept track of hers.
7. The forgotten acorns grew into new oak trees.