

Sheep, Wolf, and Hare

adapted from a Tibetan folktale

Sheep was on her way to the mountains where the grass grew thick and green. Suddenly in her path was a big, hungry wolf! Poor Sheep was so scared. “Please Wolf, if you wait until the fall to eat me, I will be much fatter. Think how good I will taste then.” Wolf *did* think about this. “Very well,” he said, “but you must meet me in this very spot in four months.” Wolf ran off and Sheep went to the mountains. As the end of summer came, Sheep grew sadder and sadder. Hare saw Sheep crying. Sheep told how Wolf was going to eat her, so Hare made a plan. He dressed himself in fine clothes, strapped a saddle on Sheep’s back, and picked up a pen and paper. Hare leaped into the saddle and he and Sheep started down the path. Soon they reached the spot where Wolf waited. “I am on a special mission for the king,” said Hare. “He needs ten wolf skins. It is lucky that I met you. You will do for one.” Hare took his pen and wrote a large one on the paper. Wolf ran from there so quickly that he was just a brown blur. And Sheep never had a problem with him again.

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words read in 1 minute				
– number of mistakes				
= total words read correctly				
adult initials				

Parent Tips

One important goal of weekly fluency practice is to make students automatic readers. A reader who has to sound out each word cannot focus on the meaning of what is being read. "Fluency is, in a sense, a bridge between phonics and word decoding on one hand, and vocabulary (word meaning) and comprehension (passage meaning) on the other. Fluency means making readers' decoding skills so automatic that they can focus on the meaning of the passage."

--Tim Rasinski, *Fluency: An Oft Neglected Goal of the Reading Program*

1. How did Sheep feel when she saw wolf?
 - happy
 - frightened
 - bored
2. Where did Sheep go for summer?
 - at home
 - by the lake
 - in the mountains
3. Why did Wolf run from Hare?
 - He hates the king and queen.
 - He didn't want to be killed for fur.
 - Sheep wasn't fat enough to eat yet.
4. How is this story like *The Three Billy Goats Gruff*?

