

Sheep, Wolf, and Hare

adapted from a Tibetan folktale

Sheep was on her way to the mountains where the grass grew thick and 14
 green. Suddenly in her path was a big, hungry wolf! Poor Sheep was so 28
 scared. “Please Wolf, if you wait until the fall to eat me, I will be much 44
 fatter. Think how good I will taste then.” Wolf *did* think about this. 57
 “Very well,” he said, “but you must meet me in this very spot in four 72
 months.” Wolf ran off and Sheep went to the mountains. As the end 85
 of summer came, Sheep grew sadder and sadder. Hare saw Sheep 96
 crying. Sheep told how Wolf was going to eat her, so Hare made a 110
 plan. He dressed himself in fine clothes, strapped a saddle on Sheep’s 122
 back, and picked up a pen and paper. Hare leaped into the saddle and 136
 he and Sheep started down the path. Soon they reached the spot where 149
 Wolf waited. “I am on a special mission for the king,” said Hare. “He 163
 needs ten wolf skins. It is lucky that I met you. You will do for one.” 179
 Hare took his pen and wrote a large one on the paper. Wolf ran from 194
 there so quickly that he was just a brown blur. And Sheep never had a 209
 problem with him again. 213

	day 1	day 2	day 3	day 4
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*?

