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Donkey Is Found Out

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A donkey was walking home. In a ditch he saw something big and gold.

It was a lion costume, for a play. It had fallen off a cart.

"What fun!" said the donkey. He wriggled inside and pulled the mask over his head.

His long ears stuck out, so he tucked them in. He walked to the village, slow and tall.

The hens saw him and ran off, squawking. The dog hid under a cart.

Even the goats jumped over the fence. "They are all afraid of me!" thought the donkey.

He marched into the square like a king. A fox sat by the well and watched him.

The donkey wanted to roar. He opened wide, and out came a loud hee-haw!

Everyone stopped. The fox began to laugh. "I was scared until you brayed," he said.

The hens crept back and pulled off the mask. There stood the donkey with his long ears.

The whole village laughed. The donkey felt silly, and he trotted home.

Questions

1. What did the donkey find?

A. A real lion
B. A lion costume
C. A hat

2. Who ran away from him?

A. The fox
B. The king
C. The hens and the dog

3. Where did the donkey go?

A. To the village
B. To the sea
C. To the hill

4. What did the donkey say when he tried to roar?

A. Moo
B. Meow
C. Hee-haw

5. What does "bray" mean in this story?

A. To run

B. A donkey's loud call

C. To hide

6. What does this fable show?

A. You cannot hide who you are for long

B. Lions are kind

C. Foxes are fast

Words to know

costume: play clothes

village: a small town

bray: a donkey's call

mask: a face cover

Answer key: Donkey Is Found Out

1. B. A lion costume
2. C. The hens and the dog
3. A. To the village
4. C. Hee-haw
5. B. A donkey's loud call
6. A. You cannot hide who you are for long