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The Lion Skin

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A donkey saw a big gold thing in a ditch.

It was a cloth lion skin. It fell off a cart.

The donkey got in it. He put on the mask.

His ears stuck out. He hid them as best he could.

He went to the town. He walked like a lion.

The hens ran. The dog hid. The goats jumped the fence.

"They are all scared of me!" said the donkey.

He went to the well in the square. A fox sat there.

The donkey wanted to roar. Out came a loud hee-haw!

The fox began to laugh. "I was scared, but then you brayed!"

The hens came back. They pulled off the mask.

There was the donkey with his long ears.

Everyone laughed. The donkey went home.

Questions

1. What did the donkey find?

A. A big bone
B. A lion skin
C. A boat

2. Who ran from him?

A. The fox
B. The cat
C. The hens

3. What came out when he tried to roar?

A. A hee-haw
B. A moo
C. A song

4. Who laughed?

A. The goat
B. The lion
C. The fox

5. What does this fable show?

A. Donkeys are fast
B. You can't hide who you are
C. Hens are mean

Words to know

skin: a cover
mask: a face cover
roar: a lion's call

Answer key: The Lion Skin

1. B. A lion skin
2. C. The hens
3. A. A hee-haw
4. C. The fox
5. B. You can't hide who you are