

Bruno's New Home



Essential Question

What can stories teach you?
Read how one story taught
a bear an important lesson.

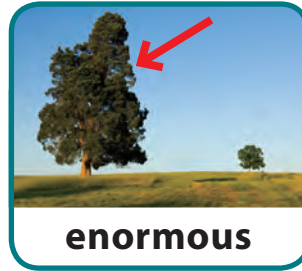
Build Background

Read and say what you think.

- What are the children doing?
- What was the most interesting story that you enjoyed?
- What did you learn from the stories that you read?

Vocabulary

A. Write the words next to the correct meanings.



1. v. to get free of something or to get away _____
2. v. to see or find something _____
3. v. to go to sleep for the winter _____
4. v. to catch a person or an animal _____
5. v. to use teeth to break up food in the mouth _____
6. *adj.* very big _____
7. v. to push into a small space _____
8. *n.* a hole or an empty space for people or things to go through

B. Write the words next to the correct meanings.

1. Jenny smiled **down / at** me during Match class yesterday.
2. Please come back **with / on** a good news!
3. The rabbit is digging **out / at** of the hole.

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Winter is coming. Bruno is tired and cold, and he needs a warm place to **hibernate**. He searches everywhere but finds nothing!

Finally, Bruno **discovers** a cave in a hillside, but there is an **enormous** pile of dirt and tree roots blocking the **opening**.

Bruno thinks, "First, I can dig out some dirt and make the opening bigger, then I can hibernate."

Bruno digs with his enormous paws, but the dirt is difficult to move. He pulls helplessly at the strong roots.

Suddenly, he hears a cracking sound.

A squirrel smiles at Bruno. "Need some help?"

"I'm trying to **squeeze** into this cave, but I can't make the opening bigger."

"My name is Jack, and I think I can help you," replies the squirrel.



“But you're too tiny,” says Bruno.

“Wait,” says Jack. He dashes away, and comes back with a book.

“Read this. It can help.”

Bruno reads about a big lion and a tiny mouse. One day the lion is **captured** in a net, but the mouse chews the net's ropes and helps the lion **escape**.

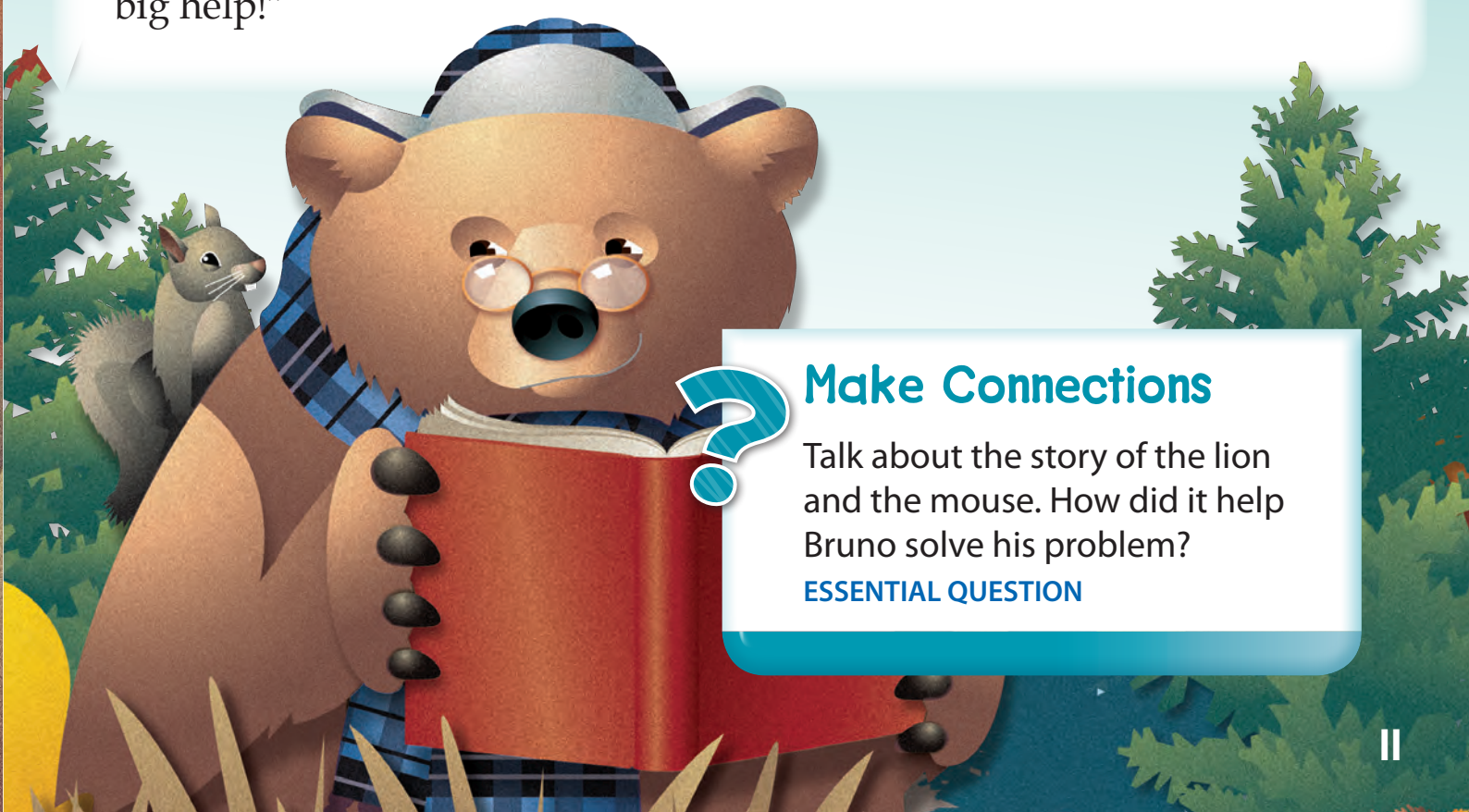


The story gives Bruno an idea: Jack has sharp teeth like the mouse. Can Jack help?

They work together all afternoon, with Jack **chewing** through the roots and Bruno digging out the dirt. Finally, Bruno squeezes through the opening.

“Are you happy with your new home?” asks Jack.

“Yes! And I learned something,” says Bruno. “Small friends can be a big help!”



Make Connections

Talk about the story of the lion and the mouse. How did it help Bruno solve his problem?

ESSENTIAL QUESTION

A. Read the story then answer the questions.

1. What is this story about?
 - a. It is about how Bruno makes friends with a squirrel.
 - b. It is about how Bruno is able to find a new home.
 - c. It is about how Bruno feels when winter is coming.
2. Why can't Bruno get into the cave?
 - a. The cave is blocked with dirt and roots.
 - b. The cave has an enormous opening.
 - c. The cave is too deep in the hillside.
3. Why did Jack give Bruno a book?
 - a. To show he was a good friend
 - b. To stop Bruno from digging
 - c. To help give Bruno a good idea
4. What can you infer from the story?
 - a. Anyone can be a helpful friend.
 - b. A lion and a mouse can be friends.
 - c. Smaller animals are smarter than big ones.

B. Read and circle YES or NO.

1. Bruno wants to find a place to hibernate in winter. YES / NO
2. At first, Bruno can't make the opening to the cave bigger. YES / NO
3. Jack can't help Bruno because he is too tiny. YES / NO
4. In the end, Bruno makes a new friend. YES / NO

C. Answer the questions.

1. How do Bruno and Jack meet?

2. How does Jack help Bruno make the opening bigger?



Visualize

Look for key words as you reread the story. Use these words to **visualize** or form pictures in your mind. This will help you better understand the text.

Use Text Evidence

Step 1

Read the sentences and find the key words that help you visualize the story.

Word Box

big

too

tired

tiny

cold

paws

1. Winter is coming. Bruno is _____ and _____.
2. Bruno digs with his _____, but the dirt is difficult to move.
3. "But you're _____," says Bruno.

Step 2

Picture the above sentences in your mind. Find the matching pictures and write the numbers.



Character

A **character's** actions and feelings make the events in the story happen. Bruno is the main character in the story.



Use Text Evidence

Reread the text and look at the chart that describes Bruno.

Winter is coming. Bruno is tired and cold, and he needs a warm place to hibernate. He searches everywhere but finds nothing!

What Bruno Needs	<i>needs a warm place to hibernate</i>
What Bruno Does	<i>He searches everywhere.</i>
How Bruno Feels	<i>tired and cold</i>

Your Turn

Reread the text and use the underlined text to complete the character chart.

Bruno thinks, "First, I can dig out some dirt and make the opening bigger, then I can hibernate." Bruno digs with his enormous paws, but the dirt is difficult to move. He pulls helplessly at the strong roots.

What Bruno Needs	
What Bruno Does	
How Bruno Feels	

Summary

Fill in the blanks to complete the summary.

a good idea

the opening bigger

can't go in

Bruno a book

a new friend

need a home

It is almost winter. Bruno _____.
He sees a cave, but he _____.
A squirrel called Jack wants to help. He gives
_____. Bruno reads a story.
He has _____. Bruno and Jack
work together. They make _____
_____. Now Bruno has a new home and
_____.

Vocabulary Review

Complete the sentences with the correct words. Two words will not be used.

Word Box

enormous

hibernate

sharp

captured

opening

discovered

squeezed

chew

difficult

escape

1. The fish was _____ in a net.
2. Don't _____ with your mouth open.
3. She _____ her clothes into the suitcase.
4. He found an _____ rock in the mountain.
5. Jack _____ something interesting in the field.
6. One fish jumped out of the fishbowl to _____.
7. The man is going to go into the hole through the _____.
8. Bears _____ because of the cold and the lack of food during winter.



Make Connections Discuss how you and your friends help one another.