

Instructions:

1. Read the story below. You may read it with a parent.
2. Then answer the questions about the story.
3. Save the completed worksheet as a pdf or jpeg file and submit it to your Flex course.

When you read and discuss the story, look for key details to help you find the central message or moral of the story. To help you understand and remember the key details in a story, answer such questions such as who, what, when, where, and why.

The Three Billy Goats Gruff

Once upon a time there were three billy goats who were to go up to the hillside to make themselves fat, and the name of all three was "Gruff." On the way up was a bridge over a cascading stream they had to cross. Under the bridge lived a great ugly troll with eyes as big as saucers and a nose as long as a poker.

First came the youngest Billy Goat Gruff to cross the bridge. "Trip, trap, tip, trap!" went the bridge.

"Who's that tripping over my bridge?" roared the troll.

"Oh, it is only I, the tiniest Billy Goat Gruff, and I'm going up to the hillside to make myself fat," said the billy goat with such a small voice.

"Now, I'm coming to gobble you up," said the troll.

"Oh no, don't take me. I'm too little," said the billy goat. "Wait a bit until the second Billy Goat Gruff comes. He's much bigger."

"Well, be off with you," said the troll.

A little while later the second Billy Goat Gruff came to cross the bridge. "Trip, trap, tip, trap!" went the bridge.

"Who's that tripping over my bridge?" roared the troll.

"Oh, it's the second Billy Goat Gruff, and I'm going up to the hillside to make myself fat," said the billy goat, who hadn't such a small voice.

"Now, I'm coming to gobble you up," said the troll.

"Oh no, don't take me. Wait until the big Billy Goat Gruff comes. He's much bigger."

"Very well. Be off with you," said the troll.

But just then up came the big Billy Goat Gruff. "Trip, trap, tip, trap!" went the bridge, for the billy goat was so heavy that the bridge creaked and groaned under him.

"Who's that tripping over my bridge?" roared the troll.

"It's I! The big Billy Goat Gruff," said the billy goat with a big, brave voice.

"Now, I'm coming to gobble you up," said the troll.

The troll jumped up on the bridge, and the big Billy Goat Gruff ran at him and rammed him with his strong head. The troll went flying far away. After that the big Billy Goat Gruff went up to the hillside. There the billy goats ate so much grass and got so fat they were scarcely able to walk home again.

1. **Who** is not a character in the story?

- a. the troll
- b. the billy goats
- c. the bridge

2. **What** was the problem in the story?

- a. The troll wanted to talk to the billy goats.
- b. The troll didn't want the billy goats to cross the bridge.
- c. There wasn't very much grass to eat.

3. **Where** were the Billy Goats Gruff going?

- a. to the bridge
- b. to the river
- c. to the hillside

4. **When** did the troll talk to the goats?

- a. before they crossed bridge
- b. as they started to cross the bridge
- c. after they crossed the bridge

5. **Why** did the troll let the smallest Billy Goat Gruff go across his bridge?

- a. The smallest goat told him that a much larger one was coming and that he should wait.
- b. The smallest goat told him that his larger brother was coming and would fight him.
- c. The smallest goat told him that he should was going to the hillside with his brothers.

6. **How** did the biggest Billy Goat Gruff escape from the troll?

- a. He told him that a larger billy goat was coming behind him.
- b. He fight him and knocked him off the bridge.
- c. He asked him to let him cross the bridge.

7. What is the lesson of this story?

- a. It's best to trick someone to get what you want.
- b. Always be with a buddy when you go outside.
- c. You can work to overcome an obstacle.