

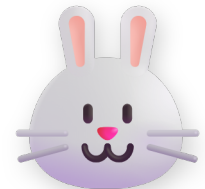


Read the fable carefully. Then answer each question below in a full sentence.

Think about what the character learned and what lesson the fable is teaching. Use details from the story to support your answers.

Barnaby Rabbit and the Berries

Barnaby Rabbit loved to run. "I am the fastest in the whole meadow!" he would shout. He often zoomed past his friends, leaving them in a cloud of dust.



One sunny morning, wise old Professor Owl heard Barnaby bragging. "Speed is good," hooted the owl, "but wisdom is better. Let's see who finds the sweetest berry patch first. But no running, Barnaby. Only looking and thinking."

Barnaby laughed. "Easy!" he cried. He hopped quickly, looking under every bush. He did not stop to smell the air or watch where the birds flew. Professor Owl flew slowly, watching the ground. He saw tiny berry stains on a leaf. He smelled the sweet, ripe fruit.



Soon, Professor Owl found a big patch of juicy red berries. Barnaby was still hopping around, tired and empty-handed. The moral of the story is: thinking before acting is often better than just being fast.



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

(1) Who is the main character in this story, and where does he live?



(2) What challenge did Professor Owl give to Barnaby Rabbit?

(3) Why did Barnaby Rabbit think he would win the challenge easily?

(4) Was Barnaby Rabbit's choice to hop quickly and not think a good one? Use a detail from the fable to support your answer.

(5) What lesson does this fable teach? How could this lesson help you in real life?

