



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.

The Big Juicy Mango

Pip the squirrel loved collecting acorns, but one sunny afternoon, he found something much bigger. It was a giant, juicy mango, fallen from a rare tree! The sweet smell filled the air. Pip tried to roll it, pushing with all his might, but the mango was too heavy. It would not budge an inch.



Down by the river, Benny the beaver was looking for tasty roots. He saw Pip struggling with the big fruit. Benny, being strong, thought he could move it easily. He pushed and pushed, his paws slipping on the grass. "This is much heavier than it looks!" he huffed, beads of sweat forming on his brow. He couldn't move it either.



Pip sat down, feeling tired. Benny plopped beside him. "It's too big for one of us," said Pip. Benny nodded. "But what if we both pushed at the same time?" he suggested. Pip's eyes lit up. They decided to try working together.

They stood on opposite sides of the mango. "One, two, three, PUSH!" shouted Benny. Together, they rolled the big fruit all the way to Pip's cozy tree stump. They happily shared the delicious mango, enjoying every bite. They learned that many hands make light work, and teamwork makes even the biggest tasks easy.



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS



(1) Who are the main characters and where do they find themselves?

(2) What problem or challenge did the characters face?

(3) Why did Pip and Benny decide to work together?

(4) Was the characters' choice to work together 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?

