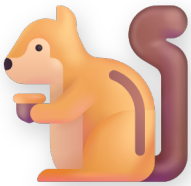
Clever Animal Fables

Grade 2 Name: _____

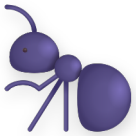
Read the fable carefully. Then answer each question below in a full sentence.
Think about what the character learned and what lesson the fable is teaching. Use details from the story to support your answers.

The Squirrel and the Ant



Squeaky the Squirrel loved to chatter. He lived in a tall oak tree. One sunny autumn morning, Squeaky watched Pip the Ant carrying a tiny seed. "Why work so hard, little ant?" Squeaky called out. "Winter is still far away!"

Squeaky spent his days leaping from branch to branch, burying a few nuts here and there. He often stopped to show off his quick moves. "Look how fast I am!" he chirped, doing a flip. Pip, however, kept busy. She carried seeds and crumbs to her nest, never stopping.



The air grew colder. The leaves turned bright red and orange. Squeaky had many small piles of nuts, but he couldn't remember where all of them were. He felt a chill in the wind. Pip's nest, deep underground, was full of food. She had worked without a fuss.

Soon, snow covered the forest floor. Squeaky shivered in his tree, hungry. He found only a few nuts. Pip, warm and fed, knew she had made a good choice. The fable teaches that steady work and planning are better than quick bursts and showing off.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

(1) Who are the two main characters in this fable, and where do they live?

(2) What challenge did Squeaky the Squirrel face when winter arrived?

(3) Why did Squeaky spend his days showing off instead of working steadily like Pip?

(4) Was Squeaky's choice to show off and not prepare well for winter a good one? Use a detail from the fable to support your answer.

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