

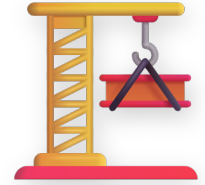


Read the fable carefully. Then answer each question below in a full sentence.

Think about what the character learned and what lesson the fable is teaching.

## The Berry Bush Bridge

Barnaby Bear, Squeaky Squirrel, and Bucky Beaver lived in a bustling forest. One sunny morning, they spotted a magnificent berry bush on a tiny island in the middle of a winding stream. Its branches drooped with plump, juicy berries. All three friends loved berries, but the stream was too wide and swift to cross alone.



Barnaby, with his great strength, pushed a large fallen log towards the water, but it was too heavy to bridge the gap. Squeaky Squirrel tried to leap from a tall tree, but the island was too far. Bucky Beaver considered gnawing a smaller tree, knowing it would take all day. Each friend felt frustrated trying alone.

They sat defeated, watching the tempting berries. "This is no good," Squeaky chirped. "None of us can get them alone." Barnaby sighed. "My strength isn't enough." Bucky tapped his tail thoughtfully. "Perhaps our *different* strengths could work *together*?" A spark of an idea lit up their faces.

They decided to build a bridge. Barnaby rolled the heaviest log closer to the stream. Bucky expertly gnawed and shaped smaller branches for supports. Squeaky scurried, carrying stones and twigs to wedge the log firmly. Their combined efforts made the heavy task feel lighter.



Soon, a strong, wobbly bridge connected the bank to the berry island. With triumphant cheers, they carefully crossed and began to feast on the sweet, ripe berries. They shared their delicious reward, understanding that by combining their unique talents, they



achieved what was impossible alone. Teamwork truly made their task light and their reward sweet.



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**COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS**

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**(1) Who are the three main characters in the story, and where did they find the berry bush?**

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**(2) What was the main challenge the friends faced when they saw the berry bush?**

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**(3) In paragraph 2, the story says each friend felt "frustrated trying alone." What does "frustrated" mean in this sentence?**

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**(4) Was the friends' decision to work together a good choice? Use a detail from the fable to support your answer.**

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**(5) What lesson does "The Berry Bush Bridge" teach about teamwork? How could this lesson help you in real life?**

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