



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.

Leo and the Patient Oak



Leo was an eager boy who loved visiting the ancient oak tree in the forest. He admired its strong branches and cool shade. But Leo often wished things would happen faster, especially with nature's slow pace.

One sunny morning, Leo found a smooth, brown acorn. "I want my own oak tree!" he decided. He dug a small hole near the old oak's roots and placed the acorn inside, covering it with earth.

Leo waited. He waited the next day, then the day after. Nothing happened. He grew impatient. "Grow, little tree, grow!" he whispered, even trying to pull at the soil. The ancient oak, watching, rustled its leaves softly.



Frustrated, Leo complained to the old oak, "Why does it take so long? I want a big tree now!" A soft voice seemed to drift into his mind. "Little one," it murmured, "great things take time. The acorn needs sun, rain, and many seasons to become strong. Rushing it will only break its delicate start. Patience is the secret."

Leo paused, listening to the quiet wisdom of the forest. He realized nature had its own rhythm, a slow, steady beat. He decided to visit his acorn every day, watering it and watching patiently. He understood true growth was a beautiful, slow journey, learning to respect nature's wisdom.



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS



(1) Who is the main character and where does he find himself?

(2) What problem or challenge did Leo face after planting the acorn?

(3) Why did Leo grow impatient after planting the acorn?

(4) Was Leo's initial choice to try and rush the acorn's growth 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?

