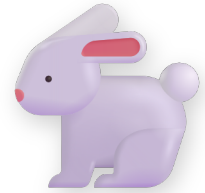




Read the fable carefully. Then answer each question below in a full sentence.

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

Brer Rabbit's Berry Trick



Brer Bear was a big, grumpy fellow who loved berries more than anything. One sunny morning, he found the biggest, juiciest patch of sweet, red berries in the whole forest. "These are all mine!" he grumbled, sitting right in the middle of them. He wouldn't let any other animal even sniff the air near his treasure.

Soon, Brer Rabbit came hopping by, his nose twitching. He saw the beautiful berries and his tummy rumbled. "Good morning, Brer Bear," he said politely, trying to sound friendly. "Those berries look mighty fine." Brer Bear just glared. "They are fine, and they are MINE," he growled, showing his big teeth. "Go find your own."



Brer Rabbit scratched his ear. He knew he couldn't fight Brer Bear. Brer Bear was much too strong. But Brer Rabbit was clever. "Oh, I don't want these old berries," he said, waving a paw carelessly. "I just heard about a *much* better patch, deep in the Whispering Woods. They say those berries are as big as plums, and sweeter than honey!"

Brer Bear's eyes widened. "Bigger than plums, you say?" he asked, his voice a little softer. Brer Rabbit nodded gravely. "Oh yes! But be warned, Brer Bear. They say a terrible, roaring monster guards that patch. It makes a sound like a hundred angry bees!" Brer Bear puffed out his chest. "A monster? Ha! I'm Brer Bear! No monster scares me!"



With a mighty roar, Brer Bear lumbered off towards the Whispering Woods, dreaming of giant berries. Brer Rabbit waited until Brer Bear was out of sight, then he



hopped right into the berry patch. He ate until his tummy was full and happy, chuckling to himself. Sometimes, brains are much better than brawn.



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

(1) Who are the two main characters in this story, and where does the story take place?

(2) What problem did Brer Rabbit face when he wanted to eat the berries?

(3) Why did Brer Rabbit tell Brer Bear about a "much better patch" of berries?

(4)



Was Brer Rabbit's plan to trick Brer Bear a good idea? Use a detail from the story to explain your answer.

(5) What lesson can we learn from Brer Rabbit's story? How could this lesson help you in real life?

