



Barnaby and the Tree Full of Gold

A hungry brown bear spends a long summer day looking for one special tree deep in the green forest.

Barnaby was a big brown bear. He lived in a green forest¹ near a cold river. Every summer, Barnaby was very hungry. He wanted one special thing. He wanted sweet honey.

His mother told him a story when he was a small bear.

"There is a secret tree in this forest," she said. "It is old and tall, and it is full of gold honey. But you must be very careful², because the bees live there too."

Now Barnaby was big and strong, and he wanted to find this tree. One warm morning, he started to walk. He walked past the river. He walked up a small hill. The sun was hot, and Barnaby was tired, but he did not stop.

Soon Barnaby met a little bird. "Hello, bird," he said. "Do you know the secret honey tree?" The bird was happy to help.

"Yes! Follow me," she said. "But be careful. There is danger³ there. The bees are angry when you take their honey."

The little bird was fast, so Barnaby walked quickly behind her. They went deep into the forest. The trees were tall and old. Barnaby could hear a soft sound. It was the sound of many, many bees. His heart was fast, and he was a little scared⁴. But he wanted the honey very much.

Then he saw it. The tree was very big, and high in the tree there was a hole. Gold honey was on the tree, and it looked sweet and beautiful. But Barnaby did not run to the tree. He was a clever⁵ bear, and he had a plan.

"I will wait," he thought. "When the sun goes down, the bees will be quiet." So Barnaby sat down under a different tree, and he waited. He was patient. He watched the bees fly home. Slowly, the forest became quiet.

In the evening, Barnaby walked to the old tree. He put his big paw into the hole. The honey was soft and warm. He ate a little, and then he ate more. It was the best food in all the world.

Barnaby did not take all the honey. He left some for the bees, and he left some for the little bird. "Thank you, bird," he said. "You are a good friend."

That night, Barnaby went home to the river. He was not hungry now. He was very happy, and he wanted to enjoy⁶ this good day for a long time. He knew the secret of the forest, but he kept it safe. The honey tree was his special place, and now it was a happy story too.

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VOCABULARY — KEY WORDS FROM THE STORY

#	WORD	DEFINITION	EXAMPLE SENTENCE
1	forest <i>noun</i>	a large area of land with many trees growing close together.	"We saw many birds and small animals in the forest."
2	careful <i>adjective</i>	giving your attention to what you do so that you do not have an accident or make a mistake.	"Please be careful when you cross the busy road."
3	danger <i>noun</i>	the chance that something bad or harmful can happen to you.	"The sign says the water is deep, so there is danger here."
4	scared <i>adjective</i>	feeling afraid or worried because you think something bad can happen.	"The little girl was scared of the big dog."
5	clever <i>adjective</i>	able to learn and understand things quickly and make good decisions.	"My sister is very clever and always gets good marks at school."
6	enjoy <i>verb</i>	to get pleasure from something; to like something and feel happy when you do it.	"I enjoy my coffee every morning before work."

COMPREHENSION — ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

QUESTION 1 — MULTIPLE CHOICE

Why did Barnaby want to find the special tree?

- A-) He wanted to meet the bees
- B-) He was hungry and wanted honey
- C-) He wanted to sleep in the tree
- D-) He wanted to see the little bird

QUESTION 2 — MULTIPLE CHOICE

How did the little bird help Barnaby?

- A-) She gave him some food
- B-) She showed him the way to the tree
- C-) She took the honey for him
- D-) She talked to the angry bees

QUESTION 3 — SHORT ANSWER

Barnaby left some honey for the bees and the bird. What does this tell us about Barnaby? Use your own words.

COMPREHENSION ANSWERS

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Q1 He was hungry and wanted honey ✓ Correct (B)

The story says, 'Every summer, Barnaby was very hungry' and 'He wanted sweet honey.' This tells us his reason clearly. The tree was special because it 'is full of gold honey.'

Q2 She showed him the way to the tree ✓ Correct (B)

When Barnaby asked about the tree, the bird said, 'Yes! Follow me.' Then 'They went deep into the forest.' This shows she helped by taking him to the right place.

Q3 **Answer:** This tells us that Barnaby is a kind and thoughtful bear. He does not think only about himself. He remembers his friend the bird and helps her. He also leaves food for the bees, so he is fair. He shares because he is happy and he wants others to be happy too. A good friend gives, and does not take everything.

Explanation: A good answer should say Barnaby is kind, fair, or thoughtful, and should give a reason from the story (he shared with the bird and the bees). Look for at least one clear character word plus simple support from the text.

VOCABULARY — TRANSLATION & NOTES

forest

We often say 'in the forest' or 'a thick forest'. Do not confuse it with 'desert', which is dry with no trees.

careful

Very common phrase: 'be careful'. The opposite is 'careless'. The adverb is 'carefully'.

danger

Often used as 'in danger' or 'a lot of danger'. The adjective is 'dangerous'.

scared

We say 'scared of' something: 'I am scared of spiders'. It describes a feeling, like 'happy' or 'tired'.

clever

Use for people and animals. 'A clever idea' means a good, smart idea. The opposite is 'stupid'.

enjoy

After 'enjoy' we use the -ing form: 'I enjoy reading'. Do not say 'I enjoy to read'.

YOUR TURN — SENTENCE BUILDING

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