Lessons in Leaves

Find a fable's lesson in what its characters do.

2.LF.23.e "Identify the theme in myths, fables, and folktales."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline one action Pip tries alone and one action Pip and Nell do together to help you find the fable's lesson.

Pip and the Acorn

1. On a windy day, Pip the mouse found a huge acorn. He wanted to take it home before the rain came. Pip pushed it toward a hill. Nell the mouse offered to help, but Pip shook his head.
2. Pip pushed and pushed. The acorn rolled up a little, then slipped back down. Pip landed in a pile of leaves. He looked at the dark clouds. Nell was still nearby, holding out her small paws.
3. Pip called Nell over. Side by side, they pushed the acorn up the hill. At the top, Pip made room for Nell under a dry leaf. They ate the acorn as rain tapped above them.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What lesson do Pip and Nell's actions teach?

2. How does Pip's first try help show that lesson?

3. How does the end of the fable show the same lesson?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Think of a different fable you know, or make up a short one. Write its title, its lesson, and one event that shows the lesson.

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline one action Pip tries alone and one action Pip and Nell do together to help you find the fable's lesson. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What lesson do Pip and Nell's actions teach?	**Accepting help can make a hard job easier.**
2	How does Pip's first try help show that lesson?	**Pip tries to push the acorn alone, but it rolls back down the hill.**
3	How does the end of the fable show the same lesson?	**Pip and Nell push together and get the acorn up the hill.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

In “The Lion and the Mouse,” the lesson is that small friends can give big help. A tiny mouse chews a net to free a trapped lion.

Accept other lessons supported by Pip and Nell's actions, such as working together helps people succeed. For Your Turn, the event should clearly support the stated lesson.