

The Boy Who Cried Wolf

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“Wolf! Wolf!” he shouted.

The villagers came up the hill to save the sheep. When they got there, there was no wolf. The boy laughed at them.

“You must not tell lies!” said the villagers. They went back to the village.

Soon, the boy was bored again. He shouted, “Wolf! Wolf!” The villagers rushed up the hill to save the sheep.



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Later that day, a wolf did come into the field. The boy shouted and shouted, “Wolf! Wolf!”

This time, no one came to help. The wolf ate all the sheep.



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- a hare
- a tortoise

2. Why did the boy play a trick on the villagers? Tick one.

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- because he was bored
- because he didn't like the sheep

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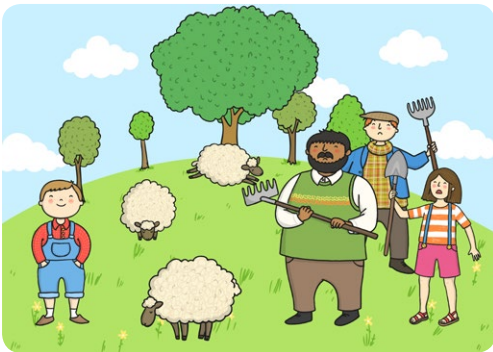
Long ago, there was a young, cheeky boy who looked after some sheep near a village. The boy was often bored. One day, he played a trick on the villagers to pass the time.

“Wolf! Wolf!” he shouted loudly.

The villagers came running up the hill to save the sheep. However, when they got there, there was no wolf. The boy laughed at them. “I tricked you!” he said.

“You must not tell lies!” said the villagers angrily and went back to the village.

Soon, the boy was bored again. He thought for a minute and shouted, “Wolf! Wolf!” Again, the villagers rushed up the hill to save the sheep.



The boy laughed at them. “I tricked you again!” he said.

“You must not tell lies!” shouted the villagers. They hurried back down to the village.

Later that day, a huge wolf really did come into the field. The boy cried and cried, “Wolf! Wolf!”

This time, the villagers didn't believe the boy.

No one came to help and the wolf ate all of the sheep.

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1. Which adjectives are used to describe the boy in the first sentence?

Tick two.

- old
- strong
- cheeky
- young

2. Why did the villagers come running up the hill? Tick one.

- for some exercise
- to shout at the boy
- to save the sheep

3. Draw a line to complete the sentences. One has been done for you.

The boy	shouted the villagers.
No one came to help and	laughed at them.
"You must not tell lies!"	the wolf ate all of the sheep.

4. In the story, the wolf is described as 'huge'. Tick one word which means the same as 'huge'

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- enormous
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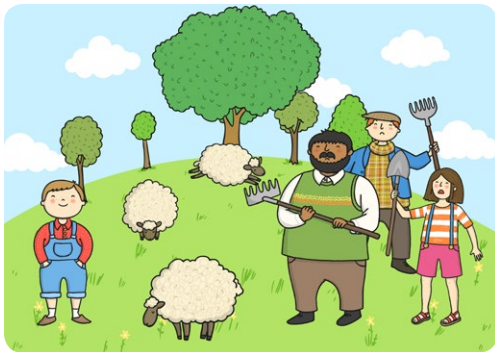
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“You must not tell lies!” shouted the villagers angrily and they returned to the village.

Soon, the boy grew bored again. He thought for a moment and shouted, “**Wolf! Wolf!**” Once more, the villagers rushed up the hill to save the sheep.



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2. Why did the boy laugh with glee? Tick one.

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because he thought sheep were funny

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The villagers ran up the hill twice.

4. Why didn't the villagers believe the boy at the end of the story?

The villagers didn't believe the boy because he had lied twice before.

5. What did the wolf do to the sheep?

The wolf ate the sheep.

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Answers may vary.