



Year 5 Comprehension 7: The Talking Monkey



Once upon a time, in the heart of a lush jungle, lived a mischievous monkey named Milo. Milo was not like other monkeys in the jungle. He had a magical gift - he could talk!

Milo's ability to speak was a well-kept secret. He feared that if the other animals found out, they might treat him differently. So, he spent his days swinging from vines, playing tricks on his fellow monkeys, and laughing at the astonished expressions on their faces.

One sunny morning, as Milo was hanging from a branch high in the trees, he noticed a group of animals gathered around a large, ancient tree. Curiosity piqued, he swung down to see what was happening.

In the midst of the crowd was a wise old owl named Ollie, known for his wisdom and knowledge of the jungle's secrets. Ollie was explaining a problem to the animals. "Our jungle is changing," he said. "The river that provides water to our home is drying up, and our food sources are dwindling. We must find a solution."

The animals exchanged worried glances. They knew they had to act fast to save their home. Milo couldn't help but feel a pang of guilt. He had a special gift that might help, but he had been keeping it a secret.

With newfound determination, Milo stepped forward and cleared his throat. "... I can help," he stammered, his voice shaky from nervousness. The jungle fell silent, and all eyes turned to him.



Milo explained his ability to talk, and how he had kept it hidden out of fear. But now, he was willing to use it for the greater good. He proposed a plan to talk to the humans who lived on the outskirts of the jungle, hoping they could help with the water crisis.

The animals agreed to give Milo's plan a chance. With Ollie's guidance, Milo ventured out of the jungle and into the human world. He approached a kind-hearted scientist named Dr. Sarah, who was conducting research on the jungle's ecosystem.

Milo, with his charming monkey wit, managed to communicate with Dr. Sarah. He explained the dire situation in the jungle and the need for water. Dr. Sarah was deeply moved by Milo's plea and agreed to help.

Together, Milo and Dr. Sarah initiated a project to restore the river and protect the jungle's habitat. They worked tirelessly, with Milo serving as a bridge between the animal kingdom and the human world. The jungle began to flourish once more, and the animals were filled with gratitude for Milo's courage.

As time passed, Milo's secret was no longer a burden. He had used his gift to save his home and strengthen the bond between humans and animals. The jungle was now a thriving paradise, thanks to the talking monkey who found his voice when it mattered most.

And so, Milo the talking monkey became a legend in the jungle, not for his mischievous tricks, but for his bravery, compassion, and the magic of his words that had saved their beloved home.



Multiple Choice Questions

1. What was Milo's unique ability in the jungle?

- A) Running incredibly fast
- B) Swinging from vines skilfully
- C) Talking
- D) Climbing trees effortlessly

2. Why did Milo keep his ability to talk a secret?

- A) He was afraid the other animals would make fun of him.
- B) He didn't want to be bothered by the other animals.
- C) He wanted to surprise everyone one day.
- D) He thought it was a common skill.

3. What problem did the jungle animals face in the story?

- A) A shortage of bananas
- B) A river drying up and a shortage of food
- C) Too much rain and flooding
- D) A surplus of predators

4. Who was the wise old owl in the jungle?

- A) Mike
- B) Milo
- C) Ollie
- D) Sarah



5. How did Milo propose to solve the jungle's problem?

- A) By teaching the animals to fly
- B) By building a new river
- C) By talking to the humans for help
- D) By finding a magic potion

6. Who did Milo approach in the human world for assistance?

- A) A chef
- B) A scientist named Dr. Sarah
- C) A painter
- D) A musician

7. What was Dr. Sarah's area of expertise?

- A) Cooking
- B) Art
- C) Music
- D) Ecosystem research

8. How did the animals react when Milo revealed his ability to talk?

- A) They laughed at him.
- B) They ignored him.
- C) They were surprised but willing to listen.
- D) They were angry and chased him away.



9. What did Milo become in the jungle after his successful mission?

- A) A magician
- B) A legend
- C) A troublemaker
- D) A hermit

10. What was the central theme or message of the story?

- A) The importance of keeping secrets
- B) The power of talking animals
- C) The value of bravery and cooperation
- D) The dangers of exploring the jungle



Short Answer Questions

1. Who is the main character in the story?

2. What was Milo's special ability?

3. Why did Milo keep his ability to talk a secret?

4. What did Milo spend his days doing in the jungle?



5. Who gathered the animals of the jungle to address a problem?

6. What problem did Ollie explain to the animals?

7. What idea did Milo propose to solve the jungle's problems?

8. Why did Milo decide to reveal his secret ability to the animals?



9. Who did Milo approach in the human world to seek help for the jungle?

10. What project did Milo and Dr. Sarah initiate?



Answer Key

Multiple Choice Questions

1. C) Talking
2. A) He was afraid the other animals would make fun of him.
3. B) A river drying up and a shortage of food
4. C) Ollie
5. C) By talking to the humans for help
6. B) A scientist named Dr. Sarah
7. D) Ecosystem research
8. C) They were surprised but willing to listen.
9. B) A legend
10. C) The value of bravery and cooperation

Short Answer Questions

1. The main character in the story is Milo, the talking monkey.
2. Milo's special ability was that he could talk.
3. Milo kept his ability to talk a secret because he feared that the other animals might treat him differently.
4. Milo spent his days swinging from vines, playing tricks on other monkeys, and laughing at their reactions.
5. The wise old owl named Ollie gathered the animals of the jungle to address a problem.
6. Ollie explained that the jungle was facing a water crisis, as the river was drying up, and their food sources were diminishing.
7. Milo proposed the idea of talking to the humans who lived on the outskirts of the jungle to seek their help with the water crisis.
8. Milo decided to reveal his secret ability because he believed it could be used for the greater good and to save their home.
9. Milo approached a kind-hearted scientist named Dr. Sarah to seek help for the jungle.
10. Milo and Dr. Sarah initiated a project to restore the river and protect the jungle's habitat.



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