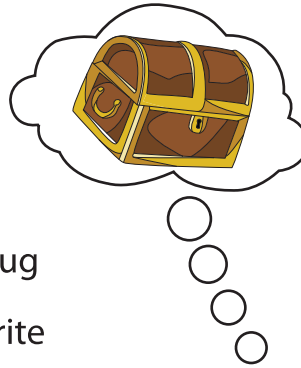


Packrat's Perfect Treasure

by Guy Belleranti

Packrat jumped out of bed.

"Yippee! Today is treasure hunt day!"



He munched a fast breakfast then dug through his nest. First, he found his favorite hat. He plopped it on his head. Then he found his favorite sunglasses.

"Lovely treasure!"

He scampered past the rock to see any treasures.

He scurried past the rock.

Hmm. How about that rock?

Packrat squinted at the rock, a cool-looking bump on its back.

But it was kind of hard to see.

Packrat slid his front paws under the rock and...the rock giggled. "Hee-hee, ha-ha, that tickles," it said.

Packrat blinked. "Tortoise! I didn't know you were a rock."

"I'm not," Tortoise said, giggling again.

"Oh." Packrat frowned. "Too bad, because you would've made a perfect treasure."



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"Maybe you can find a perfect treasure if you keep searching," Tortoise suggested.

"I'll be happy to help. I've never hunted for treasure before"

"Let's go!"

So go they did. But not fast because Tortoise had only one speed. SLOW.

They passed several big boulders and tall saguaro cacti with arms but saw nothing that looked like a treasure.

Soon they came to a hole in the ground. "Excuse me," Packrat cried. "We'll widen the hole and find my treasure."

But before he allowed them to dig, he peeked out of the hole with a wary, scowling face. "What do you mean here?" "Packrat said we should take a little rest here. It's a good idea to get some sleep around here."

Packrat sighed. "I'm not sure if you have been a treasure?"

"What do you mean?"

"I mean I'm on a mission to find any treasure." "Packrat said we should take a little rest here. It's a good idea to get some sleep around here."

"Maybe you need to be sure to find treasure." "Packrat said we should take a little rest here. It's a good idea to get some sleep around here."

"Let's go!"

So go they did. But not fast because Tarantula and Tortoise had only one speed. The same speed. SLOW.

They passed more cacti, more boulders, more shrubs and more trees, but saw nothing that looked like a treasure.

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Then, they felt a gust of wind. And behind the wind was more wind in the shape of a swirling dust devil.

"I bet my treasure's in the middle of that," Packrat yelled. "Let's duck behind this bush until it spins to a stop."

They didn't have long to wait. For out of the settling dust stepped...

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Packrat drank from the bottle. Then he drank some more. And some more.

"Oh no," Tortoise said. "Packrat's really upset. He's going to drink so much he'll turn into a hairy water balloon and pop!"

But Packrat didn't pop. He handed the water bottle back to Roadrunner and smiled. "Thank you, Roadrunner. Thank you everyone. That much needed moisture got

Packrat's Perfect Treasure

- 1) What lesson do we learn from Packrat's treasure-hunt story?
- a) We sometimes forget to experience the treasure we have and chase other big ones which don't exist.
 - b) We must always strive for better things in life no matter how happy we are.
 - c) People should never be content about their current possessions.
 - d) Life is an endless journey and the search for good never stops.

2) Why did the writer _____ ends in the story?

3) Complete the words

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4) Do you think Packrat _____

5) 'May be you can find a perfect treasure if you keep searching for it.' is taken from the text. What does the writer mean by this?

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