

Name _____

Character

Characters are the people or animals in the story. What they say and do tells you about them.

Directions Read the following passage. Then answer the questions below.

A group of gophers had an inspiration. They gathered together a huge collection of leaves. It was a strain to carry them into their holes. But gophers need bedding to sleep on during the winter, and those leaves were perfect.

While they worked, an enormous moose with a shiny nose came by.

“What’s all this clutter?” the moose demanded as he scattered the leaves with his big feet.

Phil, a grandfather gopher, spoke up. “For your information, we use leaves for bedding in the winter,” he said.

“Oh, I’m sorry,” said the moose. “I didn’t realize what you were doing.”

1. How do you know that the gophers are hardworking?

They have worked hard to collect the leaves to make their beds.

2. What word would you use to describe the moose when he first shows up?

rude

3. What word would you use to describe Phil?

wise



4. Why does the moose say that he is sorry?

He scattered the collection of leaves because he didn't know how they were going to be used.

5. Think about how you felt about the moose when he first showed up.

Then think about how you felt about him at the end of the story.

Tell how your feelings about the moose changed, and why.

At first, he was rude. Then he says he is sorry, so he's not so bad after all.



Home Activity Your child answered questions about the characters in a story. Read a new story together. As you read, stop occasionally and name a character. Ask what that character has said or done so far and have your child name words that describe the character.