

Staying Safe with Leo the Lion

Learning objective: To understand the basic principles of first aid and how to respond safely in an emergency.

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions below. Think about how you can stay calm and helpful if someone is hurt.

Leo the Lion was exploring the forest when he spotted a young squirrel who had tripped over a jagged rock. The squirrel had a small scrape on its knee and looked quite frightened. Leo remembered his first aid training. He knew that the most important step in any emergency is to stay calm. First, Leo looked around to ensure the area was safe from any further danger. Once he was certain there were no hazardous obstacles, he approached the squirrel gently. He did not rush, as he wanted to keep the atmosphere peaceful. Leo retrieved a clean, damp cloth from his satchel to wipe the scrape carefully, then applied a soft bandage to keep it protected. He spoke to the squirrel in a soothing voice, asking how they felt. Leo knew that if the injury had been more serious, he would have needed to call for a grown-up immediately. By remaining composed and acting with kindness, Leo helped the squirrel feel much better. His quick, sensible actions showed that anyone can be a helpful hero by staying alert and being prepared to assist others in need.

Word bank: emergency · cautious · first aid · calm · hazardous · incident

1. What are the first two things Leo did before he started to treat the squirrel's injury? (2 marks)

2. Why did Leo decide to use a clean, damp cloth on the squirrel's knee? (2 marks)

3. Why is it important to check that an area is safe before you try to help someone who is hurt? (2 marks)

4. How does the author show that Leo is a caring character? (2 marks)

5. Do you agree with Leo's decision to call a grown-up if the injury were more serious? Justify your answer. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a first aid kit that Leo the Lion might carry in his satchel. Include three items you think would be useful for treating a small injury, and label them clearly.



Extension challenge: Explain why it is vital to remain calm during an emergency situation. What might happen if a person panics instead of staying focused? Write a short guide for your classmates on the three most important rules of first aid.