

Leo the Lion Learns to Try Again

Learning objective: To understand the meaning of resilience and why it is important to keep trying when things are difficult.

Read the story about Leo the Lion. Use the word bank to help you understand the words. Answer the questions in the spaces provided. Remember to use full sentences.

Leo the Lion wanted to write a beautiful poem for his friends. He sat under the big oak tree with his notebook. He tried to think of words that rhymed, but he felt very frustrated. His first poem did not sound right at all. He felt like giving up and closing his book.

'I am not good at this,' Leo sighed.

His friend, Pip the caterpillar, crawled over. 'Leo,' Pip said kindly, 'writing is a skill. You just need more practice. Resilience means trying again even when you feel stuck.'

Leo took a deep breath. He decided to try one more time. He focused on the patterns in the leaves. Slowly, the words started to flow. After a little while, he wrote a poem that made him smile. He realised that the challenge was hard, but he felt proud because he did not quit. By staying calm and working hard, Leo turned his frustration into success. He learned that being resilient helps you do things you once thought were impossible.

Word bank: Resilience: Not giving up when things are hard. · Practice: Doing something again to get better. · Frustrated: Feeling upset because something is tricky. · Challenge: A difficult task. · Success: Doing something well after trying hard.

1. Why did Leo feel frustrated at the start of the story? (2 marks)

2. Who helped Leo when he wanted to give up? (1 mark)

3. Why did Leo feel proud at the end of the story? (2 marks)

4. What do you think Leo might do the next time he finds a task difficult? (2 marks)

5. Do you think it is important to keep trying when you find something hard? Explain why. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Leo the Lion writing his poem under the oak tree with his friend Pip.



Extension challenge: Write down one thing that you found difficult at first, but learned to do by practising. How did you feel when you finally succeeded?