

The Forest of Many Colors

Learning objective: To understand the importance of diversity and inclusion within a community.

Read the passage carefully, then answer the questions below using full sentences.

In the heart of the Whispering Woods, the animal community prepared for the annual Unity Festival. Leo the lion, the group leader, noticed that everyone brought something different to the planning table. Kit the fox used his computing skills to organize the logistics, while Zara the zebra designed vibrant patterns for the banners. Finn the dolphin, visiting from the coast, shared stories of distant tides that helped the woodland creatures understand the wider world.

Some animals were worried that their ideas might not fit in, but Leo encouraged them to speak up. He knew that a forest filled with only one type of animal would be dull and struggle to solve problems. By embracing diversity, the community became stronger. They learned that inclusion isn't just about being in the same space; it is about making sure everyone feels valued for their unique perspective. When they finally stood together to celebrate, the festival was a magnificent success. It was the combination of their different talents, backgrounds, and voices that made the day truly special. They realized that their differences were not barriers, but bridges to understanding one another.

Word bank: diversity · inclusion · community · unique · perspective · collaborate

1. Identify two characters mentioned in the passage and describe the specific skills they contributed to the festival. (2 marks) (2 marks)

2. According to the passage, what did Finn the dolphin bring to the woodland community? (1 mark) (1 mark)

3. Why does Leo believe that a forest with only one type of animal would struggle? (2 marks) (2 marks)

4. What does the phrase 'differences were not barriers, but bridges' mean in the context of the story? (2 marks) (2 marks)

5. Why is it important for members of a community to feel valued for their unique perspectives? Justify your answer. (3 marks) (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene from the Unity Festival showing at least three different animals working together to create a banner or a display.



Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph about a time you have worked with someone who had different strengths to you. How did your combined efforts lead to a better result?