

Growing Up with Leo the Lion

Learning objective: To understand how we change as we grow and the importance of positive personal development.

Read the story about Leo the Lion. Use the word bank to help you answer the questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

Leo the Lion sat under the old oak tree. He looked at his old photos. When Leo was a cub, he was very small. He was nervous to climb trees. He needed his mother to help him find his way. Now, Leo is much bigger. He has a thick mane and a loud, confident roar. He is still gentle and kind, but he is much braver than he used to be. Leo has learned so much since he was a cub. He knows how to lead his friends on adventures and how to write beautiful poems. Growing up is not just about getting taller. It is about how we change inside too. Leo feels proud of the lion he has become. He knows that every day brings a new chance to learn something new. He looks forward to the future with a smile. Sometimes, Leo misses being a tiny cub, but he loves the adventures he has now. He knows that growing up is a special journey for everyone.

Word bank: change · grow · brave · proud · learn · kind · memories

1. 1. What did Leo look at under the old oak tree? (Literal) (2 marks)

2. 2. List two things that have changed about Leo since he was a cub. (Literal) (2 marks)

3. 3. Why do you think Leo is braver now than he was when he was a cub? (Inferential) (2 marks)

4. 4. What does the story mean when it says growing up is about how we change 'inside'? (Inferential) (2 marks)

5. 5. Do you think it is important to be proud of how you grow? Why? (Evaluative) (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Leo the Lion as a cub on one side of the page, and Leo as a grown lion on the other side. Add labels to show what has changed.



Extension challenge: Write down one thing you are proud of that you have learned to do this year.