

Rising to the Challenge with Leo the Lion

Learning objective: To understand the meaning of resilience and identify strategies for overcoming setbacks.

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow using full sentences where required.

Leo the Lion was preparing for the annual Savannah Talent Show. He had spent weeks writing a beautiful poem about the golden sunrise. However, on the morning of the show, Leo accidentally knocked over his inkwell, soaking his poem in dark blue ink. At first, Leo felt his tail droop and wanted to hide in his den. He felt defeated, as if all his hard work had vanished. Then, he remembered what his friend Pip the caterpillar had told him: 'Resilience is not about never falling; it is about how you stand up again.' Leo took a deep breath. He realised he still remembered every line of his poem. Instead of quitting, he grabbed a fresh piece of parchment and began to rewrite it. He worked quickly and with great focus. When he stepped onto the stage that evening, his words were even more powerful than before. Leo learned that a mistake does not mean the end of the journey; it is simply a chance to try again with more wisdom than you had the first time.

Word bank: Resilience · Setback · Perseverance · Strategy · Determination · Positive

1. What happened to Leo's original poem on the morning of the talent show? (2 marks)

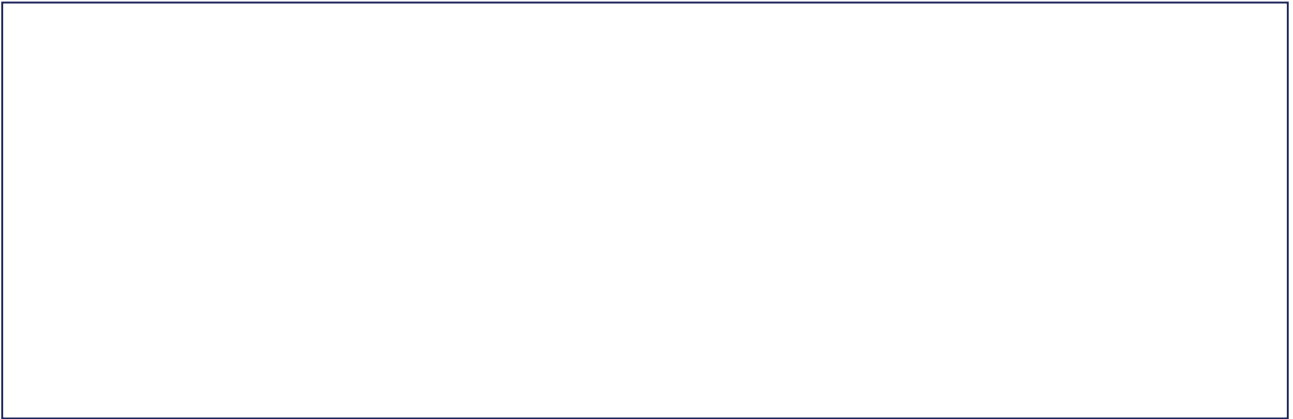
2. According to Pip the caterpillar, what is the true meaning of resilience? (2 marks)

3. Why did Leo feel like his hard work had 'vanished' at the beginning of the story? (2 marks)

4. How did Leo's attitude change from the moment he knocked over the ink to when he stepped on stage? (2 marks)

5. Do you think Leo would have felt the same sense of achievement if he had given up immediately? Justify your answer. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Leo the Lion standing proudly on a stage with his poem in his hand, showing a look of determination and joy.



Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph about a time you faced a challenge. Explain one 'resilience strategy' you used, or could have used, to keep going.