

The Forest Feast: A Winter Tale

Learning objective: To retrieve and infer information from a narrative text, and to explain the meaning of vocabulary in context.

Read the story of Leo the Lion's Winter Feast carefully. Answer the questions below using full sentences where appropriate. Make sure to check your spelling and punctuation.

The snow fell softly over the Great Oak Wood, blanketing the trees in a thick, white coat. Leo the Lion, known for his brave heart and gentle nature, decided it was time for a celebration. He wanted to ensure that every creature in the wood felt the warmth of the season. Leo spent his morning preparing a grand feast. He gathered crunchy nuts, sweet berries, and golden honey. He even visited the market stall to purchase a large bag of crisp winter apples for £4.50. As evening approached, the animals arrived. Nova the owl flew down from her branch, her eyes wide with wonder at the sight of the festive table. Max the monkey brought a basket of dried fruit, chatting excitedly about how to share the food equally among all the guests. Together, they sat under the twinkling stars. They shared stories, laughed, and enjoyed the delicious food. It was a night of friendship and peace, proving that the best gifts are those shared with others.

Word bank: festive · generous · gleaming · scurried · gathering · courageous

1. What items did Leo purchase at the market stall and how much did they cost? (2 marks)

2. Find and copy one word from the text that describes how the snow covered the trees. (1 mark)

3. Why did Leo decide to organise a feast for the animals in the wood? (2 marks)

4. In your own words, explain how Max the monkey contributed to the feast. (2 marks)

5. What does the author mean when they say the night was 'a night of friendship and peace'? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Leo the Lion and his friends sitting around the festive table under the twinkling stars in the snowy woods.



Extension challenge: Write a short diary entry from the perspective of Nova the owl, describing how she felt when she arrived at the feast and saw her friends gathered together.