

The Gorilla and the Monkey

Gorilla sat under a tree eating bananas. Gorilla was thirsty. He wanted to go to the river to get a drink, but then someone might steal his bananas. Baboon came and sat beside him. "May I have one of your bananas?" asked Baboon.

"No, you may not!" replied Gorilla. "I picked all these bananas myself. If you want some bananas, go get your own."

"But the bananas are all gone. You have picked them all and they are all there in your big pile," said Baboon.

"That is not my problem," Gorilla said grumpily. "Now go away and leave me alone."

A few minutes later, Monkey came to sit beside Gorilla. "I won't give you a banana," said Gorilla. "So don't even ask."

"Oh no," said Monkey. "I just thought you might like some cool water from the river." Monkey gave Gorilla a coconut shell full of water.

Gorilla took the shell and drank it all. He felt much better. "Thank you," he said to Monkey. "Please, take one of my bananas for your trouble." Monkey gladly accepted.

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Show What You Know

1. What kind of story is this?

- a) fable b) fairytale c) tall tale d) myth

How do you know?

2. Why did Gorilla give Monkey a banana?

3. Summarize the story:

4. What is the moral (or lesson) of this story?

- a) You should always share.
b) Monkeys are smarter than baboons.
c) Give something to get something.
d) You can trade water for bananas.