

Your Task

Read the story of The Three Billy Goats Gruff and answer the following questions.

Please encourage your child to answer the questions in full sentences.

The Three Billy Goats Gruff

Once upon a time, there were three Billy Goats Gruff who lived in a valley. One day, they made a plan to cross a bridge that had a grumpy troll underneath.

The smallest Billy Goat Gruff came to the bridge.

"Who's that trip trapping over my bridge?" growled the troll.

"It's only me, the little Billy Goat Gruff," said the smallest goat.

"Then I'm going to eat you up!" roared the troll.

"But my brother is much bigger. You should wait for him" said the smallest Billy Goat Gruff.

Next, the medium-sized Billy Goat Gruff came to the bridge.

"Who's that trip trapping over my bridge?" growled the troll.

"It's only me, the medium-sized Billy Goat Gruff," said the goat.

"Then I'm going to eat you up!" roared the troll.

"But my brother is much bigger. You should wait for him" said the medium-sized Billy Goat Gruff.

Soon, the biggest Billy Goat Gruff came to the bridge.

"Who's that trip trapping over my bridge?" growled the troll.

"It's me. Big Billy Goat Gruff," said the goat.

"Then I'm going to eat you up!" roared the troll.

"Oh no you won't!" shouted the biggest goat, and he butted him off the bridge. The troll was never seen again.

The big Billy Goat Gruff joined his brothers in the field of sweet, green grass.



The Three Billy Goats Gruff Questions

1. How many Billy Goats are there in the story?

2. Who lived under the bridge?

3. Which Billy Goat Gruff went first?

4. What did the troll say when he could hear them coming over the bridge?

5. What did the troll want to do with the goats?

6. What did the biggest goat do to the troll?

The Three Billy Goats Gruff Questions

1. How many Billy Goats are there in the story?

There are three Billy Goats Gruff.

2. Who lived under the bridge?

A terrible, grumpy troll lived under the bridge.

3. Which Billy Goat Gruff went first?

The smallest Billy Goat Gruff went first.

4. What did the troll say when he could hear them coming over the bridge?

"Who's that trip trapping over my bridge?" growled the troll.

5. What did the troll want to do with the goats?

He wanted to eat them up.

6. What did the biggest goat do to the troll?

The biggest goat shouted and he butted him off the bridge.

The Three Billy Goats Gruff

Once upon a time, there were three Billy Goats Gruff who lived in a valley. One day, they saw a field of sweet, green grass, but to get there they had to cross a bridge and underneath there lived a terrible, grumpy troll. The three goats made a plan.

The smallest Billy Goat Gruff came to the bridge. "Who's that trip trapping over my bridge?" growled the troll.

"It's only me, the little Billy Goat Gruff," said the smallest goat.

"Then I'm going to eat you up!" roared the troll.

"Don't eat me, I'm much too little," said the smallest Billy Goat Gruff. "My brother is coming after me and he is much bigger." So the troll waited for him.

Next, the medium-sized Billy Goat Gruff came over the bridge. "Who's that trip trapping over my bridge?" growled the troll.

"It's only me, the medium-sized Billy Goat Gruff," said the goat.

"Then I'm going to eat you up!" roared the troll.

"Don't eat me, I'm much too little," said the medium-sized Billy Goat Gruff. "My brother is coming after me and he is much bigger." So the troll waited for him.

Soon, the biggest Billy Goat Gruff came over the bridge.

"Who's that trip trapping over my bridge?" growled the troll.

"It's me. Big Billy Goat Gruff," said the goat.

"Then I'm going to eat you up!" roared the troll.

"Oh no you won't!" shouted the biggest goat, and he charged at the troll. Smack! He butted him right over the edge of the bridge. The troll fell into the river and was never seen again.

The big Billy Goat Gruff joined his brothers. They found their field of sweet, green grass and ate lots.



The Three Billy Goats Gruff **Questions**

1. Where did the three Billy Goats Gruff want to go?

2. Write down one thing that the troll says over and over again.

3. Who lived under the bridge?

4. Which Billy Goat Gruff went first?

5. What could the troll hear as the goats crossed the bridge?

6. What did the first two goats say to the troll to make him wait?

7. Do you like that the biggest goat butted the troll over the bridge? Why?

8. Which is your favourite part of the story?

The Three Billy Goats Gruff Questions

1. Where did the three Billy Goats Gruff want to go?

They wanted to cross a bridge to get to a field of sweet, green grass.

2. Who lived under the bridge?

A terrible, grumpy troll lived under the bridge.

3. Write down one thing that the troll says over and over again.

"Who's that trip trapping over my bridge?" growled the troll.

4. Which Billy Goat Gruff went first?

The smallest Billy Goat Gruff went over the bridge first.

5. What could the troll hear as the goats crossed the bridge?

He could hear the goats hooves going trip trap over the bridge.

6. What did the first two goats say to the troll to make him wait?

They said, "My brother is coming after me and he is much bigger."

7. Do you like that the biggest goat butted the troll over the bridge? Why?

(Answers will vary, accept any reasonable response.) E.g. I didn't like it because the troll might have hurt himself.

8. Which is your favourite part of the story?

(Answers will vary, accept any reasonable response.) E.g. I liked it when the big Billy Goat Gruff butted the troll right over the edge of the bridge.

The Three Billy Goats Gruff

Once upon a time, there were three Billy Goats Gruff. They lived in a valley in the hills. One day, they saw a field of sweet, green grass on the other side of the valley. They decided to go there. To reach the valley, the three billy goats had to cross a river.

There was only one bridge across the river and underneath there lived a terrible, grumpy troll. He never let anyone cross and he always gobbled them up for his breakfast. The three goats made a plan.

The smallest Billy Goat Gruff was the first to get to the bridge. Trip trap, trip trap went his hooves as he walked across the bridge. "Who's that trip trapping over my bridge?" growled the troll.

"It's only me, the little Billy Goat Gruff," said the smallest goat.

"Then I'm going to eat you up!" roared the troll.

"Don't eat me, I'm much too little," said the smallest Billy Goat Gruff. "My brother is coming after me and he is much bigger."

"Hmm," grunted the troll. "Then I will wait for him."

Next, the medium-sized Billy Goat Gruff came over the bridge. Trip trap, trip trap went his hooves. "Who's that trip trapping over my bridge?" growled the troll.

"It's only me, the medium-sized Billy Goat Gruff," said the goat.

"Then I'm going to eat you up!" roared the troll.

"Don't eat me, I'm much too little," said the medium-sized Billy Goat Gruff. "My brother is coming after me and he is much bigger."

"Hmm," grunted the troll. "Then I will wait for him."

Soon, the biggest Billy Goat Gruff came over the bridge. Trip trap, trip trap went his hooves.

"Who's that trip trapping over my bridge?" growled the troll.

"It's me. Big Billy Goat Gruff," said the goat.

"Then I'm going to eat you up!" roared the troll.



"Oh no you won't!" shouted the biggest goat, and he lowered his horns and charged at the troll. Smack! He butted him right over the edge of the bridge. The troll fell into the river and was never seen again.

The big Billy Goat Gruff joined his brothers. They found their field of sweet, green grass and ate their fill.



The Three Billy Goats Gruff Questions

1. Where did the three Billy Goats Gruff live?

2. Write down two phrases that are repeated throughout the traditional tale.

3. Why did the goats want to cross the bridge?

4. Why did they have to hatch a plan?

5. Why did the troll wait for the next brother?

6. What could the troll hear as the goats crossed the bridge?

7. Does this story have a happy ending for all the characters?

8. Describe the troll using three adjectives.

9. Which is your favourite word or phrase in the story and why?

10. What would be an alternative ending for the story?

The Three Billy Goats Gruff Questions

1. AWhere did the three Billy Goats Gruff live?

They lived in a valley in the hills.

2. Write down two phrases that are repeated throughout the traditional tale.

"Who's that goes trip trapping over my bridge?" growled the troll. "Then I'm going to eat you up!" roared the troll.

3. Why did the goats want to cross the bridge?

One day, they saw a field of sweet, green grass on the other side of the valley. They decided to go there. To reach the valley, the three billy goats had to cross a river.

4. Why did they have to hatch a plan?

They needed a plan because there was only one bridge across the river and underneath there lived a terrible, grumpy troll. He never let anyone cross and he always gobbled them up for his breakfast.

5. Why did the troll wait for the next brother?

The smallest and the medium-sized goats said that their brother was coming and that he is much bigger so the troll waited to eat the bigger brother instead.

6. What could the troll hear as the goats crossed the bridge?

Trip trap, trip trap went his hooves as he walked across the bridge.

7. Does this story have a happy ending for all the characters?

It wasn't happy for the troll because he fell into the river and was never seen again. It was happy for the three Billy Goats Gruff because they found their field of sweet, green grass and ate their fill.

8. Describe the troll using three adjectives.

(Answers will vary, accept any reasonable response.) E.g. The troll was hungry, mean, grumpy, greedy.

9. Which is your favourite word or phrase in the story and why?

(Answers will vary, accept any reasonable response.) E.g. I liked it when the big Billy Goat Gruff butted the troll right over the edge of the bridge because it was funny.

10. What would be an alternative ending for the story?

(Answers will vary, accept any reasonable response.) E.g. The troll could have eaten each of the Billy Goats Gruff as they crossed the bridge and then lived happily ever after himself!