

Read the short story. Then answer each question.

No Party for Skedaddle

Skedaddle the monkey lived deep in the jungle. He loved to swing from tree to tree. He loved to swing from one side of the jungle to the other. He loved to play with the other animals. He loved to swim in the river. He did not like to work.

All the animals in the forest got up just as the sun rose. They went to gather food.

Skedaddle slept late. When he woke, he was hungry.



“I think I’ll find something to eat,” Skedaddle said.

Skedaddle climbed down from his treehouse and did a flip before he landed in front of Gorilla.

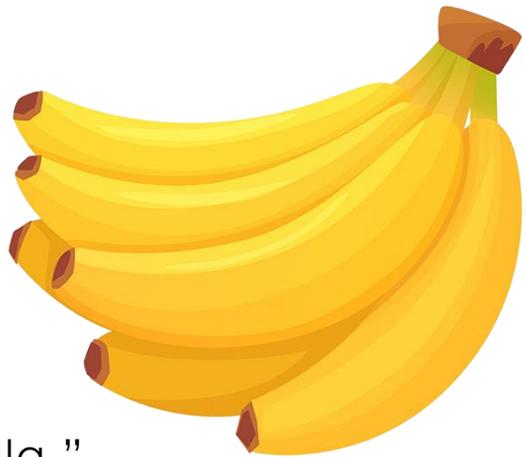
“Good morning, Skedaddle,” Gorilla said.

“Good morning,” Skedaddle replied. He put on his best smile. “Do you have some spare fruit?”

Gorilla looked over at Skedaddle. “Didn’t you go with the others to get food this morning?”

Skedaddle shook his head. “I slept late.”

Gorilla rolled her eyes. “Fine. You can have one piece, but you had better help this afternoon.”



Skedaddle grinned. “I will, Gorilla.”

Skedaddle ate the fruit. He climbed back into his treehouse. He stretched out on his hammock and watched as the other animals spent the afternoon gathering food.

Skedaddle fell asleep. He slept and slept.

The sun had set when Skedaddle woke up. His tummy rumbled.

Skedaddle climbed down from his tree and looked around. He could hear the other animals having a party.

Skedaddle swung from vine to vine until he found the other animals. They had all gathered in a clearing. Piles of food sat on tree stumps and fallen logs.

“Can I join you?” Skedaddle asked Parrot.

Parrot scowled. “Did you help gather the food?”

Skedaddle shook his head. “I fell asleep.”

Parrot said, “Well, did you help this morning?”

Skedaddle shook his head. “I slept late.”

“Then you can join us when you do some of the work.”



Skedaddle frowned. His tummy rumbled. "I will help tomorrow."

"That's what you said yesterday," Gorilla said.

"That's what you said the day before yesterday," said Parrot. Parrot fluffed his feathers. "You can join us when you do part of the work."



The other animals gathered around Skedaddle. They all told him the same thing. If Skedaddle wanted to join the party, he would have to help with the work.

Skedaddle sighed. "Fine," he said. "I will help tomorrow. I promise."

"Then you can join the next party," said Parrot. "You cannot join this one."

Skedaddle's heart sank. He turned and went back to his treehouse. His tummy still rumbled, but he would have to find his own food.

The next morning, Skedaddle was up before any of the other animals. He swung from tree to tree and gathered fruit. Next, he dug in the dirt until he found bugs and worms. When the other animals woke, Skedaddle had a nice, big pile of food for them.

"Thank you, Skedaddle," the other animals said.

That night, Skedaddle joined the party.



Questions:

1. Skedaddle did not like to _____.
2. How did Skedaddle get around the jungle?
 - a. Skedaddle ran across the ground.
 - b. Skedaddle swung from tree to tree.
 - c. Skedaddle swam in the river.
 - d. Skedaddle flew.
3. Who gave Skedaddle a piece of fruit?
 - a. Gorilla gave Skedaddle a piece of fruit.
 - b. Parrot gave Skedaddle a piece of fruit.
 - c. Leprechaun gave Skedaddle a piece of fruit.
 - d. Tooth Fairy gave Skedaddle a piece of fruit.
4. What did the other animals tell Skedaddle he had to do if he wanted to join the party?

5. Were the other animals being fair or mean to Skedaddle? Why?

Answers:

1. Skedaddle did not like to work.
2. How did Skedaddle get around the jungle?
 - b. Skedaddle swung from tree to tree.
3. Who gave Skedaddle a piece of fruit?
 - a. Gorilla gave Skedaddle a piece of fruit.
4. What did the other animals tell Skedaddle he had to do if he wanted to join the party?

The other animals told Skedaddle that he has to help gather food if he wants to join the party.
5. Were the other animals being fair or mean to Skedaddle? Why?

Answers will vary.