

The Little Prince

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Read and choose | A small world

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Read each passage. Circle one answer for each question.

Words: planet = a world in space; baobab = a tree; soil = earth; neglect = fail to care for.

A visitor from far away

The little prince saw the pilot's aeroplane and asked what it was. The pilot explained that it could fly. The prince laughed when he heard that the pilot had fallen from the sky. Then he asked which planet the pilot came from. The prince kept the drawing of his sheep in his pocket. He said the box in the drawing could be the sheep's house at night. The pilot offered a rope to tie up the sheep, but the prince said his home was too small for the sheep to go far.



1. How does the prince react when he hears that the pilot fell from the sky?

- A. He laughs. B. He cries. C. He runs away.

2. Which question suggests that the prince comes from another world?

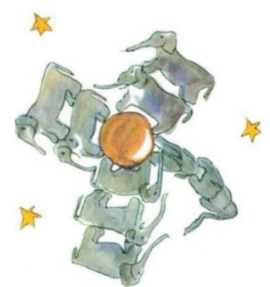
- A. Where is the rope? B. Which planet do you come from?
C. Can the sheep sleep?

3. Why does the pilot offer the prince a rope?

- A. To pull the aeroplane B. To carry the box C. To tie up the sheep

A very strange idea

The prince was pleased to learn that sheep eat bushes. He wanted to know if they also ate baobabs. The pilot explained that a fully grown baobab was as large as a building. Even a whole group of elephants could not eat one. The prince laughed and imagined putting the elephants on top of one another. Then he explained his idea: baobabs are small before they grow big. A sheep could eat the young plants.



4. What does the pilot compare a fully grown baobab to?

- A. A sheep B. A box C. A building

5. Why does the prince want a sheep that eats bushes?

- A. It could eat the young baobabs. B. It could feed the elephants.
C. It could make the planet bigger.

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Tiny beginnings

On the prince's planet, seeds lay hidden in the soil. Some became useful plants, such as roses or radishes. Others became baobabs. At first, a young baobab could look like a young rose. The prince had to wait until he could recognise it, then pull it out immediately. If he waited too long, its roots would spread through the planet. Too many large baobabs could split his tiny planet apart.



6. Which two useful plants are named in the passage?

- A. Baobabs and roses B. Roses and radishes C. Grass and palm trees

7. When should the prince pull out a young baobab?

- A. As soon as he can recognise it B. Only after it becomes a large tree
C. Only when the sheep is asleep

8. What spreads through the planet if a baobab grows too large?

- A. Its flowers B. Its leaves C. Its roots

Looking after a small world

The prince explained his daily routine. Every morning, after washing himself, he carefully cleaned his planet and removed the baobabs he could recognise. The work was easy but boring. It needed to be done regularly. He knew of a man who had neglected three small bushes. The prince asked the pilot to make a drawing to warn children about the danger. The story reminds us that a small problem can become much worse if we keep putting off the work.



9. How is the daily work described?

- A. Impossible and frightening B. Quick and exciting C. Easy but boring

10. What is the main lesson of this passage?

- A. Small problems are best ignored.
B. Deal with a problem before it becomes worse. C. Every tree is dangerous.