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Stone Soup

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One day a hungry traveler came to town. He asked the people to share their food with him. Everyone said no.

"That's okay," the traveler said. "I will cook stone soup for all of us."

The traveler filled a big pot with water. He took stones from his bag and put them in the pot. He stirred the soup.

People came to see what he was doing. "Stone soup is delicious. But it would be better with onions," the traveler said.

A man thought for a moment. "I can share a few onions," he said. He got some onions and put them in the soup.

The traveler kept stirring and said, "Stone soup is much better with potatoes."

"I can share potatoes," said a woman. She came back with a sack of potatoes for the soup.

"This stone soup would taste great with carrots," said the traveler.

"I'll get carrots!" a boy shouted. He ran home and brought back an armful of carrots to share.

More and more people brought food for the soup. A wonderful smell filled the town. Soon the soup was ready to eat.

Everyone ate until they were full. The soup was delicious! "Look what you did by working together," said the traveler.

The traveler took the stones and put them back in his bag. He waved goodbye. The people were sad to see him leave.

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Stone Soup Comprehension Questions



- 1. What was one problem the townspeople had?**
 - a. They ate too much.
 - b. They didn't help each other.
 - c. They didn't have vegetables.
 - d. They were hungry.
- 2. What did the traveler ask the people for?**
 - a. a place to rest
 - b. to share their food
 - c. a bowl of stone soup
 - d. work in the town
- 3. Why did the people add food to the soup?**
 - a. to make the soup taste better
 - b. to keep from sharing
 - c. to make the town smell good
 - d. to keep the food from going bad
- 4. What lesson did the people of the town learn?**
 - a. how to share and work together
 - b. how to ignore travelers
 - c. how to grow potatoes
 - d. how to keep their food safe

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word cards

Cut out the cards and practice learning the words.

everyone

goodbye

delicious

together

stirring

moment