

# Packrat's Perfect Treasure

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Packrat jumped out of bed.

"Yippee! Today is treasure hunt day!"



He munched a fast breakfast then dug through his nest. First, he found his favorite hat. He plopped it on his head. Next, he found his favorite sunglasses.

"Lovely treasure!"

He scampered past the rock to see any treasures.

He scurried past the rock.

Hmm. How about that rock?

Packrat squinted at the rock, a cool-looking bump on its back.

But it was kind of round.

Packrat slid his front paws under the rock and...the rock giggled. "Hee-hee, ha-ha, that tickles," it said.

Packrat blinked. "Tortoise! I didn't know you were a rock."

"I'm not," Tortoise said, giggling again.

"Oh." Packrat frowned. "Too bad, because you would've made a perfect treasure."



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Then, they felt a gust of wind. And behind the wind was more wind in the shape of a swirling dust devil.

"I bet my treasure's in the middle of that," Packrat yelled. "Let's duck behind this bush until it spins to a stop."

They didn't have long to wait. For out of the settling dust stepped...

"Roadrunner!" Tortoise gasped.

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Tortoise nodded

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"Dear me!" Roac  
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er bottle before you

Packrat drank from the bottle. Then he drank some more. And some more.

"Oh no," Tortoise said. "Packrat's really upset. He's going to drink so much he'll turn into a hairy water balloon and pop!"

But Packrat didn't pop. He handed the water bottle back to Roadrunner and smiled. "Thank you, Roadrunner. Thank you everyone. That much needed moisture got

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my brain working right again. I've realized I have found my perfect treasure. Three perfect treasures, in fact."

"You have?" asked Tortoise.

"What are they?" Tarantula asked.

"Tell us quick," added Roadrunner.

"Friends," Packrat said. "Friends like you, Tortoise, and you, Tarantula, who helped me search. And a friend who helped me find them, so I wouldn't dry up and blow away in the winds of all.

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  - c) People should never be content about their current possessions.
  - d) Life is an endless journey and the search for good never stops.

2) Why did the writer \_\_\_\_\_ ends in the story?

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3) Complete the words

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4) Do you think Packrat

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2) Why did the writer think the story ends in the story?

**The writer chose this ending because it often comes from stories like this.**

**It is clear that help**

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4) Do you think Packrat's friends are helpful?

**No, because he is greedy.**

**friends : the**

**Tortoise, the Tarantula and the Roadrunner.**

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**Answers may vary.**