

The Path Is Clear

Read the story, answer the questions, and underline the words that support your answer.

A basket of rope was blocking the path beside the treehouse door. Uncle Yak was walking toward the door with a wooden box. Jack moved the basket under the window. Uncle Yak could then walk through the doorway easily.

1. Where was the basket before Jack moved it?

2. Why could Uncle Yak walk through the doorway easily?

3. Underline two parts of the story that support your answer to question 2.

6 Thinking Missions

Look at the pictures and words. Choose a mission you would like to try first.

Jack has six fun missions for you in the builders' village. Read a little at a time, think about the story, and answer in your own way.

1. Which mission would you most like to try?

A Guide for Parents and Caregivers

Simple ways to enjoy the book and think together.

This book gives children a relaxed way to practice reading, thinking, and finding answers in short stories. These four ideas can help.

1. Ready to begin an adventure with Jack?

Morning Leaves

Read the story, then answer the questions.

One morning, Jack saw a small leaf on the ground in front of the treehouse. He saw more leaves along the path and followed them behind the wood shed. A little bird was carrying leaves to make a nest. Jack stood quietly so he would not scare the bird.

1. Where did Jack find the little bird?

2. What did Jack do so he would not scare the bird?

Wood for the Fence

Read the story, then answer using information from the story.

Jack sorted the boards into two piles. The brown boards were for fixing the fence. The white boards were for making a ladder. When he finished sorting them, Uncle Yak carried the fence boards behind the house.

1. What color were the boards for fixing the fence?

2. Who carried the brown boards to the fence?

A Path for the Water

Read the story, then put the events in order.

Jack saw water beside the vegetable patch. He pointed out a path for the water to reach the pond. An adult builder dug a channel along that path. The water then flowed into the pond.

Check the order

- ☐ The water flowed into the pond.

- ☐ Jack pointed out a path for the water.

- ☐ An adult builder dug a channel.

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Read the story, then find the reason in the story.

Jack moved the large basket that was blocking the path and put it by the wall. Uncle Yak could then push the wheelbarrow of sand along the path easily.

1. Why could Uncle Yak push the wheelbarrow along the path easily?

2. What had been blocking the path?

Fixing the Treehouse Roof

Read the story, then find the reason in the story.

The treehouse roof was very high. Uncle Yak placed a long ladder against the tree so he could climb up safely and replace a roof tile.

1. Why did Uncle Yak need a long ladder?

2. What did Uncle Yak climb up to do?

Uncle Yak's Toolbox

Read the story, answer the questions, and find the words that support your answer.

Uncle Yak put the box of nails under the workbench. Jack opened a drawer to find a long piece of rope for tying the logs together.

1. Where was the box of nails?

2. Which words in the story tell you where the box of nails was?

A Windy Start

Read the story, then use its clues to work out an answer.

Thick clouds began to fill the sky. Wind blew leaves across the yard. Jack quickly moved the rope and boards under the roof. Uncle Yak spread a large sheet over the pile of sand.

1. What do you think will happen next?

2. Which clues in the story made you think that?

A Builder's Tools

Read the story, then choose the tool that fits the job.

Uncle Yak told Jack that a wrench is used to tighten a nut. A hammer is used to drive a nail into wood. When Jack saw a loose nut on the table leg, he quickly picked up the right tool and gave it to Uncle Yak.

1. Which tool should Jack give Uncle Yak for the loose nut?

2. What did Uncle Yak say a hammer is used for?

The Wooden Bridge

Read the short story, then answer three questions.

Jack began by measuring the wood. Next, Uncle Yak placed the wooden beams across the stream. Finally, they worked together to lay the boards and finish the bridge.

1. Who measured the wood?

2. What happened first?

3. Why did they finish the bridge?

Inventor Badge

You made it to the last page. Choose, tell, write, or draw anything you would like to remember.

Jack and Uncle Yak would like to give you an inventor badge for taking part in the reading and thinking missions.

1. Which mission did you enjoy most?

2. If you could build something with Jack and Uncle Yak, what would you build next?
