COMPLETE STORY + QUIZ

Finn Balances the Berry Baskets

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Finn redistributes four berry cups until two baskets balance on a market scale.

Read, talk, and discover

The complete story is followed by questions and a separate answer guide. Read aloud together, pause to talk, and take your time.

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Part 1

Finn Fox had two matching baskets and four same-size cups filled with berries. He wanted to make two equal baskets for the twins next door.

Part 2

On the balance scale, one basket held three same-size berry cups, while the other held only one. The three-cup side dropped low, and the one-cup side rose.

Part 3

Finn first pressed the high basket down with his paw. It rose again as soon as he let go, so pressing was not the answer.

Part 4

Finn frowned, then stopped and looked. He decided to move just one cup from the low, heavy basket.

Part 5

Finn placed that cup into the high light basket. Slowly, both sides moved until the wooden bar rested straight across.

Part 6

Now each basket held two berry cups. Finn counted, 'Two here and two there,' while the scale stayed even.

Part 7

He tied a blue ribbon on one basket and a green ribbon on the other. The ribbons differed, but the berry amounts matched.

Part 8

Finn carried the two equal baskets next door. Moving one berry cup from the heavy side to the light side gave each twin two cups.

Draw, tell, or write

Draw your favorite part of the story. Tell a grown-up what happened before it and what happened next.

My favorite part, and why I chose it

STORY QUIZ

Think about the story

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Name: _____ Date: _____

Read each question and all the choices. Circle one answer. A grown-up can read aloud; you can point or say your answer, too.

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1. What was Finn trying to make?

A. One heavy berry basket	B. Two empty berry baskets	C. Two equal berry baskets

Tell someone how you decided, or write a few words.

2. How many cups were in the heavier basket at first?

A. Three	B. Two	C. One

Tell someone how you decided, or write a few words.

3. What happened after Finn stopped pressing the high basket?

A. It stayed down	B. It rose again	C. Both sides became level

Tell someone how you decided, or write a few words.

Questions 4 to 5

4. How many cups were in each basket when balanced?

A. One	B. Four	C. Two

Tell someone how you decided, or write a few words.

5. What change balanced the baskets?

A. Pressing the high side down	B. Moving one cup from the heavy side to the light side	C. Moving both baskets off the scale

Tell someone how you decided, or write a few words.

ANSWER GUIDE

For the grown-up

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Keep this page separate from the child's activity. Read directions aloud when helpful, and invite the child to explain their ideas.

1. C - Two equal berry baskets

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2. A - Three

Three

3. B - It rose again

It rose again

4. C - Two

Two

5. B - Moving one cup from the heavy side to the light side

Moving one cup from the heavy side to the light side

Keep exploring

Draw your favorite part of the story. Tell a grown-up what happened before it and what happened next.