

# Benny



Lara and Dana were walking home from school one afternoon when they saw a small, fluffy bunny hopping across the road. They ran over to it and realized it was just a baby rabbit, no bigger than the size of their palm. They were both so excited and decided to take it home with them to care for it. The girls named the bunny "Benny" and quickly set up a cozy nest for him in a shoebox lined with soft blankets. They fed him tiny pieces of carrots and lettuce and gave him water in a small dish. Lara and Dana spent every spare moment caring for Benny and watching him grow. As Benny grew bigger, they realized he needed more space to run and play. They decided to build him a small pen in their backyard where he could hop around and explore. They put a small fence around the pen and covered it with netting to keep him safe from predators. Benny quickly adapted to his new home and the girls loved watching him play. They even started bringing their friends over to see him. However, they knew that Benny was a wild rabbit and needed to be released back into the wild when he was ready. After a few weeks, Benny was big enough to survive on his own in the wild. Lara and Dana said goodbye to their furry friend and released him back into the woods near their house. They were sad to see him go, but they knew they had done the right thing. The girls were proud of themselves for taking care of Benny and giving him a safe and happy home until he was ready to be released. They learned a lot about responsibility and the importance of taking care of animals in need.

1. Read the passage about "The Benny".
2. Underline each word that you could not read or understand.

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Answer according to the reading passage:

**1. Who was Benny?**

- a. a large rabbit
- b. a large bunny
- c. a small bunny

**2. When they took Benny home, what did they use to make a nest?**

- a. a shoebox
- b. a cage
- c. a basket

**3. When Benny got bigger, what did they build in their backward for him?**

- a. fenced deck
- b. cage
- c. pen

**4. What does predators mean in 'keep him safe from predators'?**

- a. animal of prey
- b. poison
- c. herbivore

**5. Where did they release Benny when he was full grown?**

- a. into the woods
- b. into the backyard
- c. into the forest

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## Open Response Questions

### Open Response Questions for Thinking Skills:

1. Inferring
2. Making Connections
3. Summarizing
4. Visualizing

1. Why do you think the girls wanted to take the small bunny home?
  2. Explain how you have cared for something, that is similar to what the girls did for Benny.
  3. In 2 sentences explain what this passage is all about.
  4. What images occur in your mind after reading this? What types of things can you visualize?
- Could this story be true? Why or why not?
  - Would you be able to care for a bunny? Why or why not?
  - What type of care did the girls give to Benny?
  - What might have happened to Benny if the girls didn't bring Benny home?
  - Write everything down that you know about bunnies.
  - How are you like and not like Lara and Dana?
  - Find out what bunnies need to survive and where they find shelter.
  - Did you enjoy reading this passage? Why or why not?