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The Salt Merchant and His Ass



Worksheet · Grades 2–4

Comprehension Questions

1. What did the Peddler initially buy for his Ass at the seashore?

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2. How did the Ass manage to lighten his load the first time he fell into the stream?

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3. What clever plan did the Ass come up with for his return trip?

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4. What did the Peddler decide to buy instead of salt on his second trip?

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5. What was the outcome of the Ass's trick when he fell into the stream with the sponges?

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Vocabulary Exercise

Match the words from the left column with their correct definitions on the right. Write the letter of the definition next to the number.

Word	Definition
1. Peddler	A. A person who sells goods, often traveling to do so
2. Ass	B. A load that is carried
3. Burden	C. A domesticated animal used for carrying loads
4. Sponge	D. A porous material used for soaking up liquids

5. Stream	E. A small, flowing body of water

Writing/Reflection Task

Reflect on the moral of the story. What lesson do you think it teaches? Write your thoughts below.