

Prickly Porcupine

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Piney was a Porcupine. He had long hair. Some of his hair was very sharp. The sharp hair was called quills. The quills were like needles.

Piney did not run fast. He did not run slow. He ran just right.

Sometimes, something fast wanted to eat Piney. It might be a bobcat. It might be a bear. He could not run away.

What could he do?

He could not hide.

He could not run away.

He could to fight.

What could he do then?

Piney could lift his spiky hair. Nothing could eat him then. His quills would poke the bobcat in the mouth. His quills would poke the bear in the mouth. It was like biting needles!

His hair looked silly. His hair kept him safe. Piney liked his special hair.

Piney was a happy Porcupine.



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 - B. a porcupine
 - C. a hedgehog
 - D. a monkey

2. Why is Piney's hair special?
 - A. It is very pretty!
 - B. It is very long!
 - C. It is very sharp!
 - D. It is very soft!

3. How does Piney run?
 - A. He runs fast.
 - B. He runs slow.
 - C. He runs just right.
 - D. Piney does not run.

4. In the story, which kind of animal might try to eat Piney?
 - A. An eagle
 - B. A gorilla
 - C. A dog
 - D. A bear

5. How does Piney feel about his hair?
 - A. He likes it.
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