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## Trisha and the Stick-In-The-Mud



Trisha the Fox was the most beautiful fox in the whole forest. She could run, jump, and outsmart all the other animals of the forest. The rabbits and the squirrels couldn't keep up with Trisha the Fox! When out running one day, she came to the edge of a mud hole.

"What are you doing here, Fox?" The Stick-in-the-Mud growled at her.

"I'm going to eat the berries from the tree above this mud hole." She answered.

"Well, you can't reach them by yourself," said the Stick-in-the-Mud. "I have seen many animals try, but with no success."

"I'm Trisha the Fox! I can do anything by myself. I don't need any help; especially not from a Stick-in-the-Mud like you."

"You'll never do it; you might as well give up." The stick told her.

They argued for a while. Trisha the Fox knew she could do it because she could do anything by herself. The stick, having been stuck-in-the-mud his entire life, didn't think it could be done. They argued and began to fight. During the fight, Trisha the Fox pulled the Stick-in-the-Mud loose from where he had been.

"I'm Free!" He shouted!

"You know," said Trisha, "If we work together we can get those berries!"

"Well, I'm a stick so I don't eat anything, but I will help you since you were so kind to rescue me."

So, Trisha the Fox took the stick in her mouth and used him to reach the berries in the tree. She ate the berries and wasn't hungry anymore. Trisha and the stick went everywhere together. Even though the stick slowed her down a bit, she had a friend that would go anywhere with her and who would allow her to reach things she couldn't reach on her own.

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- B) She was out running.
- C) Laughing at the other animals.
- D) Shopping at the mall.

2. Why did the stick think that Trisha couldn't get the berries?

- A) He knew she wasn't tall enough.
- B) He argued with Trisha.
- C) He had seen many animals try with no success.
- D) The berries were way too high.

3. Why were Trisha and the stick fighting?

- A) Trisha was sure that she could get the berries by herself.
- B) The stick was jealous of Trisha the Fox.
- C) The stick wanted to eat all the berries.
- D) Trisha pulled on the stick, which made him mad.

4. How did Trisha come up with the idea to work together with the stick?

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- B) Trisha pulled the stick loose from the mud.
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