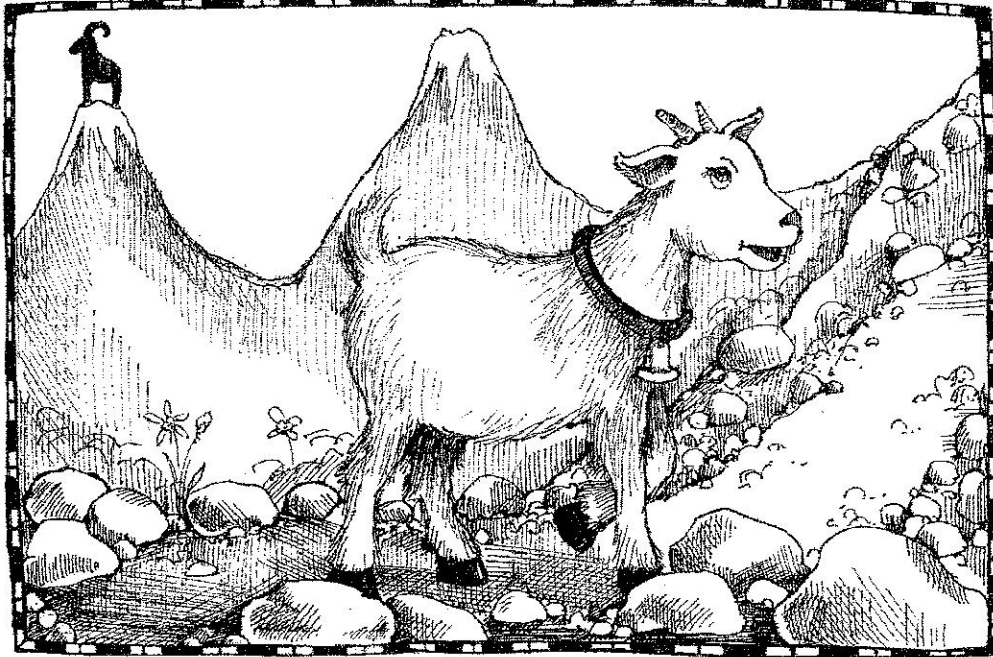


## Passage 16 Story Elements

# The Very Hungry Kid



One morning a mother goat led her kids up a mountain. The mountain was tall. After walking for a while, the kids grew tired. They asked their mother to let them rest. But she told them to keep going. "I see grass just above us," she told them. "We'll be there before you know it."

Soon the goats reached the grass. "How good it tastes, Mother!" the kids said. They began to eat.

But before long, the biggest kid began to worry. "This grass is sweet," he said. "But the hard walk made us all very hungry. I am sure there is not enough grass here for all of us."

"That is silly," his mother laughed. "There is more than enough grass here."

The biggest kid did not listen to his mother. Instead he looked over at the next mountain. On it he saw a green patch. His mouth began to water. "I shall go down this mountain and up the next," said the biggest kid. "There I will have all the grass for myself."



So he started off. The trip down the first mountain took a long time. The walk up the next mountain took even longer. At last the biggest kid reached the green patch he had seen from far away. But now his heart sank. Instead of grass, all he found were weeds. The weeds had a very bad taste.

The biggest goat had to go back to his family. As he made his way back, he cried. "By now my brothers and sisters have eaten every piece of grass. I am sure they have left nothing for me."

For the second time that day, the biggest kid was wrong. When he found his family again, they were sleeping in the warm sun. Most of the grass was chewed down to its roots. But there was still some grass for him. It was more than enough to fill the biggest kid's very empty belly.

**1. At what time of day does the story begin?**

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**2. Where did the mother goat lead her kids?**

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**3. Why did the biggest kid go down the first mountain and up the next?**

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**4. What happened when the biggest kid went up the second mountain?**

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**5. Which word best describes the biggest kid?**

(A) brave

(C) smart

(B) scared

(D) greedy

*Writing Prompt:* On a piece of paper, tell all the important things that happen in this story.

