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I Am Who I Am

by Rebecca Besser

Matt Mole started digging a hole in the ground.

Sam Squirrel was collecting nuts nearby and hopped over to watch.

"What are you doing?" asked Sam Squirrel.

"I'm digging a hole to keep my worms in," Matt Mole said.

Sam Squirrel frowned. "Why don't you keep them in a tree? That's what I do."

"I can't climb trees," Matt Mole said. "I have to dig holes. I am who I am, and I do what I do."

Sam Squirrel shook his head and went back to gathering nuts.

Becky Bird saw Matt Mole digging and flew down to see what he was doing.

"Why are you digging a hole?" Becky Bird asked.

"I'm digging a hole to keep my worms in," Matt Mole said.

"Why don't you eat them? That's what I do," Becky Bird chirped.

"I'm not always hungry," Matt Mole said. "I like to save them for later. I am who I am, and I do what I do."

Becky Bird shrugged and flew off to find worms and berries to feed her family.

Matt Mole kept digging. Soon, Greg Groundhog came to visit Matt Mole.

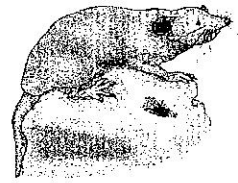
"Are you done with your hole yet?" Greg Groundhog asked.

"No," Matt Mole said. "Sam Squirrel said I should keep them in a tree. Becky Bird said I should eat them. I told them, 'I am who I am, and I do what I do.'"

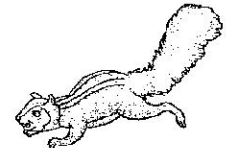
Greg Groundhog laughed. "It's hard for them to understand that others are different. I'm proud of you for being yourself. I'm finished digging my burrow. Come over and get some worms when you're done."

"Okay," Matt Mole said, and was glad he had a friend who understood him.

Characters



Matt Mole



Sam Squirrel



Becky Bird

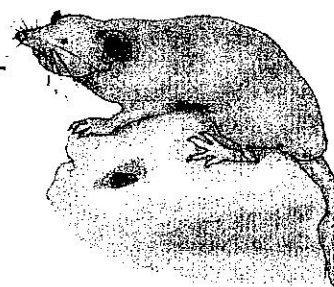


Greg Groundhog

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1. What does Matt Mole want to do with his worms?

2. Why doesn't Matt keep them in a tree?

3. Why doesn't Matt eat his worms?

4. What is the setting of this story?

5. Why is Gary Groundhog proud of Matt?

- a. He is doing what his friends tell him.
- b. He is taking good care of his worms.
- c. He is being a good friend.
- d. He is not afraid to be himself.

6. What kind of story is this?

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| a. a non-fiction article | b. a fiction story |
| c. a biography | b. a poem |