

Passage 3 Story Elements

Troll's New Look

Once there was a troll who lived under a bridge. Every day he scared people. That is what his father told him to do. That is what all trolls do. Troll yelled, and people ran away.

"Good job!" said his father.

But Troll was very sad. His was a lonely job.

"No one ever talks to me. No one ever smiles," he said.

"Of course not!" said his father. "You are a troll! No one will *smile* at you."

When Troll heard this, he sat under the bridge. He thought he would never move again.

The next morning, three girls came to the bank of the river. Troll knew he should yell and wave his arms. But he wanted to smile. He wanted to tell them how pretty they looked. Then he remembered what his father had told him. He yelled.

"What was that?" screamed the big sister.

"It must be a monster!" screamed the middle sister. They both ran back the way they had come.

But the little sister looked under the bridge. She saw Troll. "Who are you?" she asked.

"I am just a troll," said Troll. "No one will ever smile at me."

"Think about how you look," said the girl.

"What do you mean?" asked Troll.

"If you sit under bridges and look wild, people will not smile at you. They will be scared of you," said the girl. "You need to change the way you look!"



"How?" asked Troll.

"You need to take a bath. Cut your hair. Wear some nice clothes!"

Troll thought hard about what the girl said. Then he took a bath in the river. After that he walked into town. First he went to a barbershop. He said, "Please cut my hair."

"As you wish, Mr. Troll," said the man.

Next Troll bought some nice clothes. He paid with some fish from the river.

"Thank you," said the man in the store, and he smiled at Troll!

That made Troll smile to himself all the way home.

1. At the beginning of the story, where is Troll?

- (A) under a bridge
- (B) in a store
- (C) in a house
- (D) on an island

2. What is Troll's problem?

3. How does Troll solve his problem?

4. Where does Troll walk to near the end of the story?

5. How does Troll feel at the beginning of the story, and how does he feel at the end?

