

The Three Billy Goats Gruff

Once upon a time, there were three Billy Goats Gruff who lived in a valley. One day, they saw a field of sweet, green grass, but to get there they had to cross a bridge and underneath there lived a terrible, grumpy troll. The three goats made a plan.

The smallest Billy Goat Gruff came to the bridge. "Who's that trip trapping over my bridge?" growled the troll.

"It's only me, the little Billy Goat Gruff," said the smallest goat.

"Then I'm going to eat you up!" roared the troll.

"Don't eat me, I'm much too little," said the smallest Billy Goat Gruff. "My brother is coming after me and he is much bigger." So the troll waited for him.

Next, the medium-sized Billy Goat Gruff came over the bridge. "Who's that trip trapping over my bridge?" growled the troll.

"It's only me, the medium-sized Billy Goat Gruff," said the goat.

"Then I'm going to eat you up!" roared the troll.

"Don't eat me, I'm much too little," said the medium-sized Billy Goat Gruff. "My brother is coming after me and he is much bigger." So the troll waited for him.

Soon, the biggest Billy Goat Gruff came over the bridge.

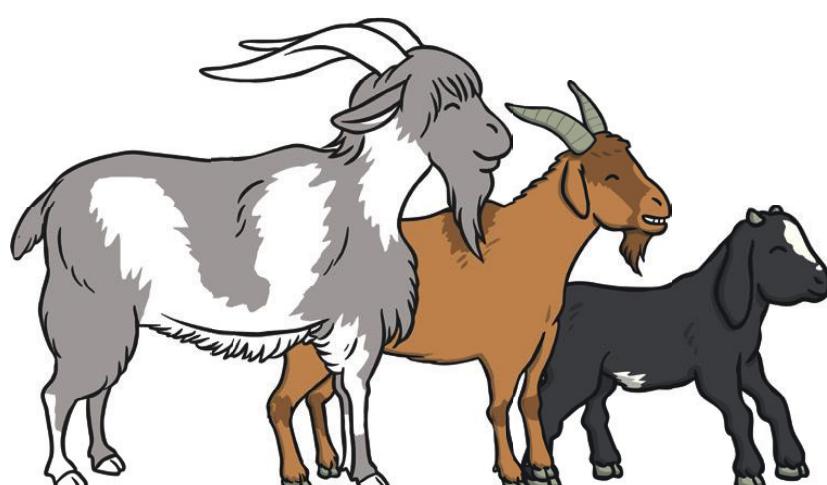
"Who's that trip trapping over my bridge?" growled the troll.

"It's me. Big Billy Goat Gruff," said the goat.

"Then I'm going to eat you up!" roared the troll.

"Oh no you won't!" shouted the biggest goat, and he charged at the troll. Smack! He butted him right over the edge of the bridge. The troll fell into the river and was never seen again.

The big Billy Goat Gruff joined his brothers. They found their field of sweet, green grass and ate lots.



Retrieval questions from the Three Billy Goats Gruff story.

Remember: retrieval questions are when you need to find a specific answer from the text.
You may need to re-read the story to find the correct answer!

1. Where did the three Billy Goats Gruff want to go?

2. Write down one thing that the troll says over and over again.

3. Who lived under the bridge?

4. Which Billy Goat Gruff went first?

5. What could the troll hear as the goats crossed the bridge?

6. What did the first two goats say to the troll to make him wait?

7. Do you like that the biggest goat butted the troll over the bridge? Why?

8. Which is your favourite part of the story?
