

A Toadstool's Treasures Reading Comprehension Quiz

Name: _____ Date: _____

1. How do mushrooms make more of themselves?
2. What was Arbie doing when Brother Toadstool, Phoebe and Mollie met her?
3. How else does Arbie help plants?
4. What happened to the forest when all of the fungi disappeared?
5. What were the mushrooms on the log in the river doing?
6. What did Leaky Larry say that some mushrooms like him are used for?
7. What are some of the other ways that mushrooms are used?
8. What are the 4 basic rules of mushroom hunting?
9. Why is it important to identify mushrooms before eating them?
10. How is a spore print made?

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ANSWER KEY

1. Spores
2. Helping the plant find nutrients, like phosphorus
3. Arbie defends plant roots from predators like nematodes
4. The forest litter grew, smothering all of the plants and increasing the risk of severe forest fires
5. Cleaning pollution out of the water
6. Dying clothes and other textiles
7. Paper, Food, Medicine
8. Identify, Cook, Tap the Cap, Leave the Base
9. Some mushrooms are poisonous and can make you sick
10. A mushroom cap is placed on a piece of paper and covered with a cup or bowl