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Momotaro



As you read this Japanese folktale, pay close attention to the problem and how the problem is resolved.

Once upon a time there was an old couple who didn't have any children. One day while the old woman was washing clothes in a river, a big peach came floating towards her. She took the peach home to surprise her husband for dinner. The old woman began to cut the peach but was caught by surprise when the peach split open and a baby boy jumped out. They were so happy because they had always wanted a child. They named him Momotaro, which means Peach Boy in Japanese.

Years later, Momotaro heard of a place called Ogre Island. He told his parents that he wanted to go there to stop the ogres from being mean to the people of his village. The ogres scared them and stole many treasures from them. On the way to Ogre Island, Momotaro met a talking dog, monkey and pheasant. They all agreed to help Momotaro. Momotaro and his friends fought the ogres. Momotaro told the ogres to leave the people of his village alone and to give back the treasure that they stole from them. The ogres apologized and returned the treasure to Momotaro. He and his new friends returned home and the village was happy and peaceful again.

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Momotaro's Ending

After reading the story, fill in the details of the problem and story ending.

Problem

The ogres were scaring the villagers and stealing their treasures.



Who tried to fix the problem? Did anyone else help?

Momotaro wanted to fix the problem. A pheasant, monkey and talking dog agreed to help him.

How did they try to solve it? Did it work?

They fought the ogres. Momotaro asked the ogres to leave the villagers alone and to return the stolen treasures.

Resolution: How did the story end?

The ogres apologized and returned the villagers' treasure. He and his new friends returned home. The village was peaceful again.

Did you like the ending? Why or why not?
