

and push the Hedgehog into water.” This time, the Jaguar would not forget. Sticky-Prickly and Slow-Solid knew they would have to think of something really clever.

“Alright hold my head up,” said Sticky-Prickly, “I am going to learn how to swim!” Slowly but surely the Hedgehog became a great swimmer, and his prickly spines even began to melt away.

“Okay, now help me unlace my back-plates,” said the Tortoise, that way I’ll be able to curl up in a ball too!” Slowly but surely the Tortoise’s shell became bendy, and he could curl up into a full ball of armor. Soon the Tortoise and the Hedgehog began to look a lot alike!

The next week they met the young Jaguar again, and when he saw them he fell three times backward over his own painted tail.

“Good morning, Jaguar!” They both called out to him. Both the Hedgehog and the Tortoise curled up and rolled to the river, where they jumped in and swam away.

“Mother, mother!” cried the Jaguar, now really confused, “I’ve just seen two new animals by the river. The one that you said couldn’t swim, swims, and the one that you said couldn’t curl up, curls up, and both of them are scaly all over instead of one being smooth and the other very prickly! It isn’t a Hedgehog and it isn’t a Tortoise, and I don’t know its proper name.”

“Nonsense!” said Mother Jaguar, “Everything has its proper name. I shall call it ‘Armadillo’ until we find out the real one.”

And that was how the beginning of the Armadillos came about.

Activities

Order of Events

Number these events in the order which they happened.

- 2 Sticky-Prickly learns to swim.
4 Mother Jaguar gives the Armadillo its name.
3 Slow-Solid learns to curl into a ball
1 Young Jaguar asks how to catch clever animals.

Who Was It?

Circle the correct answer.

- Which animal was supposed to be scooped with a paw?
 A. Hedgehog **B. Tortoise**
 C. Jaguar D. Mother Jaguar
- Who tells young Jaguar how to catch clever animals?
 A. Hedgehog **B. Tortoise**
 C. Jaguar **D. Mother Jaguar**
- Which animal was supposed to be thrown in the water?
A. Hedgehog B. Tortoise
 C. Jaguar D. Mother Jaguar
- Who was confused about Hedgehog and Tortoise?
 A. Hedgehog B. Tortoise
C. Jaguar D. Mother Jaguar

Secret Code: Answer the question by using the secret code. Write the letter in the blank that matches the number from the code.

What could Sticky-Prickly and Slow-Solid do?

C	U	R	L	A	N	D
3	21	18	12	1	14	4
S	W	I	M			
19	23	9	13			

Code Key

7 = G	11 = K	15 = O	19 = S	23 = W		
1 = A	4 = D	8 = H	12 = L	16 = P	20 = T	24 = X
2 = B	5 = E	9 = I	13 = M	17 = Q	21 = U	25 = Y
3 = C	6 = F	10 = J	14 = N	18 = R	22 = V	26 = Z