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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.

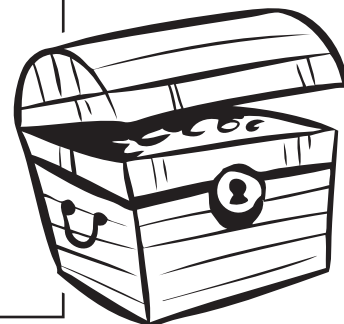
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Momotaro's Ending

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

Problem



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

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

Resolution: How did the story end?

Did you like the ending? Why or why not?
