

Read and view

Read a traditional story

Here is an animal story for you to read.

Before you read

Look at the two pictures below. What do you think has happened to Porcupine's hair? Complete this sentence:

It was _____, now it is _____.

While you read

Think about the guesses you made about Porcupine's hair. Were you correct?

How porcupine got his quills

Long ago Porcupine did not have quills. He had a beautiful coat of black fur.

Early one morning, he met Jackal.

"Hello Jackal," said Porcupine

"Did you hunt well last night?"

"No," replied Jackal.

"It's your horrible brown coat," said Porcupine.

"If you had a nice black coat like mine, the animals would not see you at night."

Jackal was cross with Porcupine. He decided to teach him a lesson.

"Porcupine, there's someone in that bush over there who can make you even more beautiful than you already are," he said.

"Really?" said Porcupine.

"Go quickly," said Jackal, "But leave your coat with me". Porcupine took off his coat and walked into the bush. The next moment he was covered with long black and white thorns!

He cried with pain and ran around in circles.

Word list

fur – thick soft hair that covers the body of some animals

hunt – to catch and eat wild animals

thorns – sharp pointed parts on the stem of a plant

