

The Two Travellers

Name: _____

Read the passage. Answer the questions in complete sentences.

Two travellers came to a river too deep to wade. The first said, "We will build a raft." The second said, "We will find a bridge," and set off along the bank.

The first traveller cut branches and tied them with vines. It took him until evening. The raft was clumsy, but it floated, and he crossed.

On the far side he found the second traveller sitting on a rock, dry and rested. She had walked an hour upstream to a bridge, crossed it, and walked an hour back down.

They looked at each other for a moment. Then they made a fire and shared what food they had, and neither one said that their own way had been the better one.

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1. What did each traveller decide to do?

2. Which traveller made the better choice?

3. Why do you think neither traveller argued at the end?

4. What lesson does this folk tale teach?

The Two Travellers — Answer Key

1. The first built a raft. The second walked upstream to find a bridge. (*Recall*)
2. Answers will vary — but the story does not say, and both crossed. Accept any answer that uses a detail from the story as a reason. (*Inference*)
3. Answers will vary. Both got across, so there was nothing to win by arguing. (*Theme*)
4. Answers will vary. Accept: there is more than one way to solve a problem. (*Theme*)