

EMERSON ELF MAKES A FRIEND

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EMERSON ELF LEARNS TO SHARE

Emerson Elf was sitting beneath his magic toadstool, daydreaming one bright, sunny day, when Teddy Toad hopped under the toadstool, and knocked Emerson right over!



"Hey watch out!" shouted Emerson.

"Watch out yourself. *Go find yourself another spot.*" shouted Teddy.



"But this is my magic toadstool." argued Emerson.

"You're not a toad." said Teddy.



"I'm an Elf." Said Emerson.

"Then find yourself an Elf Stool," shouted Teddy Toad.



"There's no such thing as an Elf Stool," Emerson thought Teddy was being unreasonable. Who'd ever heard of an Elf Stool.

"I've always sat under this magic toadstool," said Emerson.

"What's magic about it?" asked Teddy.

"I don't know, I never thought about it," said Emerson as he scratched his head and wondered.



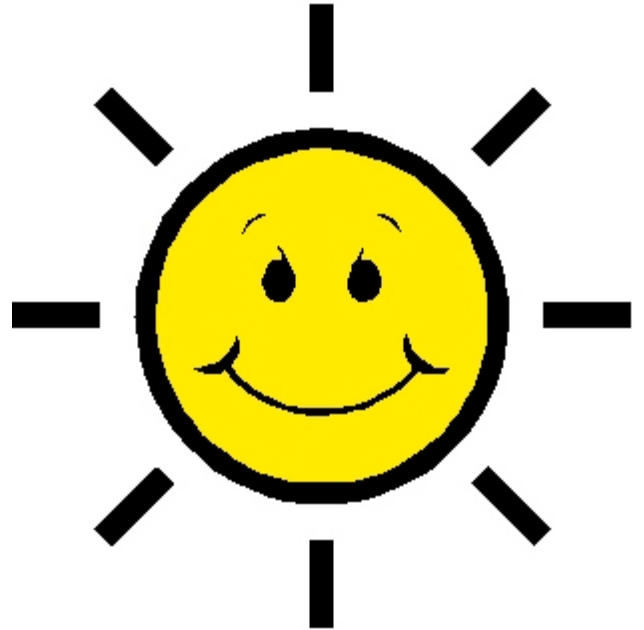
Emerson considered telling Teddy about the time he chewed on a piece of magic toadstool and grew so big his head was in the clouds, but he decided not to give Teddy any idea. Imagine a giant toad with his head in the clouds!

Then Emerson remembered, "It keeps the rain off me. That's magic," shouted Emerson.

"That's not magic. That's dumb. Besides, I like the rain," said Teddy.

"If you like the rain, then you don't have to sit under my toadstool," said Emerson.

"But I want to sit under the toadstool to keep out of the sun," answered Teddy.



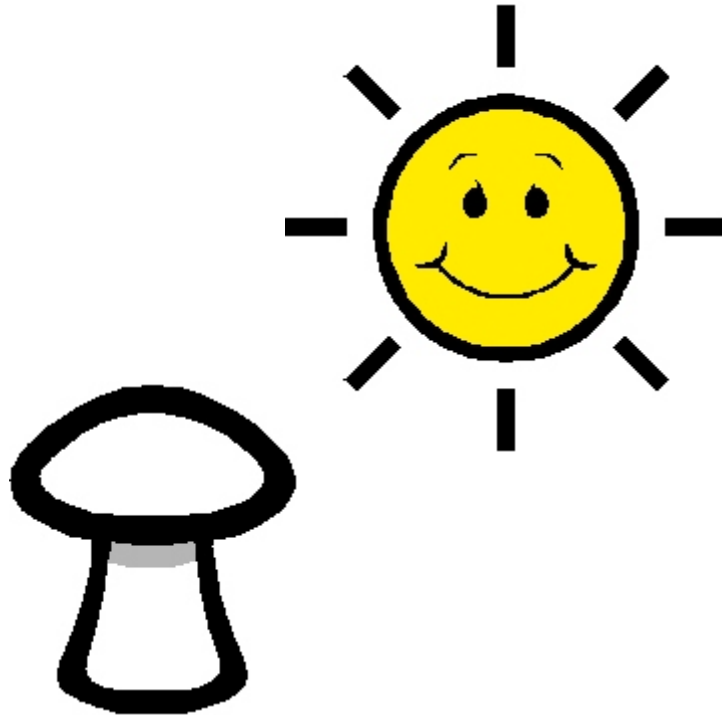
And then Emerson had an idea.

"We'll share the toadstool," said Emerson.

"What if I don't want to share?" asked Teddy.

"It's the right thing to do," said Emerson.

"Since you don't mind getting wet, and I don't mind the sun, I'll let you sit under my toadstool when the sun is shining."



"And when it's raining, I'll let you share my toadstool," said Teddy.



There was still the question of who's toadstool it really was, but Emerson thought he'd leave that for another day.

So by sharing, Emerson Elf and Teddy Toad became friendly enough that sometimes when it was raining, and sometimes when the sun was shining, they sat under their magic toadstool together.

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