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Centi-Peed laces his many racing boots and announces he will win by one hundred steps. Shelly-Pop quietly wishes everyone luck.



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Wise Owl claps the starting signal. Centi-Peed springs ahead so quickly that his bootlaces hum.



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He zooms past the roses, then hears Shelly call: a fallen twig has pinned her race number. Centi skids to a stop.



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After he frees Shelly, they cross the finish together behind the others. Centi wins no ribbon, but all his boots join Shelly's happiest dance.

Questions for Centi-Peed's Garden Race

Read the story together first. Use one question at each page, then the question at the end. Answers are below the dotted line: fold them under or cover them while reading.

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Talk together: How is Centi-Peed feeling before the race?

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Talk together: What begins the race?

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Talk together: Why does Centi-Peed stop while leading?

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Talk together: What matters more than the ribbon at the finish?

After reading

Why did Centi-Peed stop during the race?

Answers (fold under before reading)

After reading: To free Shelly-Pop's trapped race number.