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SKIP'S VEGETABLE SOLUTION



Which vegetable did Noah leave off the ark? The leek.

A. Words have been removed from the story. Put the correct words into the story where they belong, but use contractions instead.

Skip, the red tailed squirrel, (1) _____ like to eat his vegetables. "(2) _____ rather eat nuts any day of the week" (3) _____ tell his friends. Skip's mother would always tell him, "(4) _____ not let you go out with your friends tonight if you do not eat your vegetables." This, of course, would make Skip feel ashamed that he (5) _____ like to eat them. (6) _____ eat his vegetables in the end, but was not very happy about it.

One day he was climbing a tree with his friend Orah and said, "I (7) _____ know why my mom thinks I need to eat my vegetables. Nuts are way tastier."

Orah said, "I know, right? (8) _____ tell you though, that when I eat my vegetables, I feel much better and healthier than when I just pig out on nuts. (9) _____ make you sick eating too many nuts, you know."

Skip replied, "But is it not more fun to gather the nuts out of the trees than go dig up a carrot? My mom is awesome and (10) _____ really cool, but (11) _____ afraid (12) _____ never like eating my vegetables. They are disgusting."

Orah nodded his head in agreement. "(13) _____ got an idea!" Orah said, raising one claw in the air. "What if we create a meal where nuts are mixed in with the vegetables? (14) _____ sure we will enjoy eating them more if there were nuts mixed with our carrots. What do you think your mother would say about that?"

Skip thought for a moment. "I think (15) _____ going to think that we are the smartest squirrels in the world. You have to come with me to help me pitch the idea to her."

Skip and Orah climbed down the tree and scampered to Skip's home. Skip's mother saw them come in. "(16) _____ that handsome looking squirrel you have with you Skip?" She asked.

Skip looked surprised. "You know who he is. (17) _____ the squirrel that lives in the oak tree in the park."

Skip's mom smiled and said, "Oh yeah. I forgot."

After Skip and Orah explained their idea about mixing nuts in with the vegetables, Skip's mom was happy that the two squirrels were able to come up with a solution to the vegetable problem. That night, they all sat together eating a vegetable, nut stew.

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| 2. I would | 5. did not | 8. I will | 11. I am | 14. I am | 17. He is |
| 3. he would | 6. He would | 9. It will | 12. I will | 15. she is | |