

## Lesson 1

## READ THIS STORY #2, Basic

The Porcupine

**A porcupine is a portly fellow. He has short legs and doesn't move very fast.**

**It's not easy to locate a porcupine. During the daytime, he hides and sleeps in the top of tall trees. When it's dark, he creeps through the forest. The porcupine damages trees when he feeds on their buds, twigs, and bark.**

**The strangest aspect of a porcupine is his prickly hair. It's mixed with hundreds of stiff barbed quills, which are loosely attached to his body. When a porcupine is startled or tormented, he does not charge the enemy. He defends himself by backing up and erecting his sharp quills.**

**A wise enemy will depart quickly before the porcupine backs into him.**