The Tiger and the Fox

One day a hungry tiger went hunting for something to eat. He saw a fox reading a book. The tiger crept up behind him and jumped on the fox.

“You will make a tasty dinner for me!” said Tiger.

“Not so fast!” said Fox. “You can’t eat me! You can’t hurt one hair on my head.”

“Why not?” asked Tiger.

The fox stood proudly. “You can’t harm me because I am the King of All the Animals!” he said. Tiger laughed and opened his mouth wider.

“Wait! Let me prove it to you,” said Fox.

Fox asked Tiger to walk with him to the nearby jungle. “When the other animals see me, they will all run away,” said Fox. “They will run away because I am the King of All the Animals.”


The wild animals were resting peacefully in the jungle. When the animals saw the fox and the tiger, they all jumped up and ran away.

The smart fox smiled. “See? All the animals are afraid of me, their king. Now leave my kingdom, Tiger! You are fortunate I didn’t eat you!” he said.

Tiger was frightened. He ran away as fast as he could. He didn’t know that the animals were afraid of him, not the fox. The fox was a small animal, but he was smart!
Answer the questions. You may reread parts of the passage to help you.

1. What did the fox do?
   - The fox hurt the tiger.
   - The fox forgot the tiger.
   - The fox helped the tiger.
   - The fox tricked the tiger.

2. What happened AFTER the animals saw the fox and the tiger?
   - The animals ran away.
   - The animals ran to them.
   - The animals sang a song.
   - The animals went to sleep.

3. What is the meaning of the word crept in the sentence below?
   The tiger crept up behind him and jumped on the fox.
   - moved slowly
   - looked away
   - made noise
   - fell asleep

4. Which word BEST describes the fox?
   - boring
   - fearful
   - slow
   - smart

5. Why did the tiger run away from the fox? Support your answer with details from the passage. Write your response on another sheet of paper.