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The Reindeer Games and the Fox Who Fooled Them

Every year, just before Christmas, the reindeer of the North Pole hosted their legendary Reindeer Games—a series of contests to keep them in shape for Santa’s flight. Events included sleigh-pulling relays, cookie balancing, and rooftop landing accuracy.

But this year, a mysterious “reindeer” named Rudy Icehoof registered. No one recognized him, but he had dazzling white fur and a twinkle in his eye. What the reindeer didn’t know was that Rudy was actually **Finnegan the Arctic Fox** in disguise. Tired of being left out of Christmas fun, Finnegan had crafted the perfect costume using borrowed antlers, snow fluff, and candy cane hooves.

He trained for weeks and surprised everyone with his speed, agility, and cookie-catching skills. But during the final event—a sleigh-drag through peppermint slush—Finnegan’s antlers fell off mid-race! Gasps echoed across the snowfield.

Instead of scolding him, the reindeer laughed and cheered. “You had us fooled, Finnegan! But you’ve got spirit!” Dasher declared.

From then on, the Reindeer Games were open to **all** creatures of the North, and Finnegan was their first honorary champion.



Multiple Choice Questions:

1. What did Finnegan want most at the start of the story?
 - A. To steal Santa’s sleigh
 - B. To enter the Reindeer Games
 - C. To move to the South Pole
 - D. To bake Christmas cookies
2. How did Finnegan disguise himself?
 - A. By painting himself brown
 - B. By wearing bells and lights
 - C. With antlers, snow fluff, and candy hooves
 - D. By sneaking in invisibly
3. What caused Finnegan to be revealed?
 - A. He confessed during the awards ceremony
 - B. He barked instead of brayed
 - C. His antlers fell off during a race
 - D. A reindeer recognized his scent

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4. What was the reindeer's reaction when they discovered Finnegan's identity?
 - A. They were angry and banned him
 - B. They laughed and accepted him
 - C. They ignored him
 - D. They made him leave immediately
5. What theme is best represented by this story?
 - A. Appearances matter more than effort
 - B. Holiday traditions should never change
 - C. Honesty ruins surprises
 - D. Inclusion and holiday cheer go hand in hand