



Get a Goat!

Part 1

Teacher Reads It is not unusual to see goats on farms in the country. But now goats are coming to cities to do a new and important job.

Some land has lots of weeds and brush—thick,
9 low-growing shrubs. This can be a problem. Plants
17 and trees cannot grow in thick brush. Pests stay in the
28 brush. People need to get rid of the weeds and brush.
39 But some land is steep. People with trucks cannot get
49 in to mow down the weeds and brush.

57 This is a job for goats. They can work on steep land,
69 eating weeds and brush. With goats, it means people
78 will not have to spray to kill weeds. Spraying is bad for
90 the land and bad for people.

Part 2

Teacher Reads Some airports are using goats to provide a solution to a problem.

96 Brush and weeds may grow next to **airport**
104 runways. This can be a problem because **animals** come
113 to stay in the brush. Then the animals may get in the
125 way of jets as they **take** off and land on the runways.
137 Jets can crash because of the animals.

144 Goats can help with this problem. They eat the
153 weeds and brush at the airport. With no brush left,
163 animals will not stay next to runways.



Part 3

Teacher Reads Goats can also help with fire safety. They can help prevent wildfires.

170 When land gets little rain, it may fill up with loads
181 of grass and brush. Then a **wildfire** can happen, and
191 feed off all that grass and brush. So people need to get
203 rid of such plants. But if the grass and brush grow on
215 steep hills with rocks, people cannot get there to cut
225 down the plants.

228 This is where goats come in. They can go where
238 there are no roads. They can roam on steep hills to
249 eat the grass and brush. The goal is to keep wildfires
260 from happening.

262 Goats must be thrilled to have such jobs. They get
272 paid with brush and weeds! [Learn More](#)

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