

## **Luna the Husky and the Great Snowy Race**

In the snowy town of Frosty Ridge, where the wind howled and the snow sparkled like sugar, huskies were more than pets—they were heroes. And none had more heart than Luna, a young husky with a fluffy gray coat and one sky-blue eye and one green.

Luna had a dream: to win the Great Snowy Race, the annual sled dog race that zigzagged through icy forests, frozen lakes, and steep hills. But there was one problem.

Luna wasn't the fastest.  
She wasn't the strongest.  
And she certainly wasn't the biggest.

But what she *was*—was determined.

While the other huskies took long naps in the sun, Luna trained. She pulled her sled up hills. She ran laps around the frosted trees. She even practiced her sharp turns using snow cones as obstacle markers.

The other dogs giggled.

"Why are you working so hard?" barked Max, the town's fastest husky.  
"Just wait and see," Luna panted, with a grin.

The morning of the race arrived, and the whole town gathered with scarves, cocoa, and cheer. Luna's paws trembled with excitement as the starting bell rang.

**DING-DING!**

Off they went!

Max dashed ahead. Bella zoomed like a rocket. Luna was... in the middle of the pack.  
The wind bit. The snow flew. The hills were high and slippery.

Halfway through, the others started to slow. Max tripped on a patch of ice. Bella struggled with a sharp turn.

But not Luna.

She had *trained* for this.

She had *prepared* for this.

She had *worked like a dog*—because she *was* one!

Up the hills she climbed, pulling her sled like a champion. Around the corners she spun, paws digging deep. Past the pine trees she flew, her breath white in the air.

And with a final leap, **Luna crossed the finish line—first!**

The crowd erupted!

The mayor wrapped a golden medal around her neck.

And Max? He gave a wag and a sheepish smile.

"You earned it," he said. "Hard work really does win the race."

From that day on, Luna wasn't just known as the winner of the Great Snowy Race—she was known as the husky who showed everyone that determination, heart, and effort matter more than size or speed.



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## **Luna the Husky and the Great Snowy Race Worksheet**

1. What was Luna's dream?
2. Why did the other huskies laugh at Luna?
3. What helped Luna win the race?
4. How did Max react at the end of the story?
5. What is the message or lesson of the story?

