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Comprehension

Mowgli Joins the Wolf Pack

Strange Friends

A stork and a fox were once very close friends. However, the stork never trusted the fox because she knew foxes were known to be sly.

One day, the fox invited the stork to a meal. "My den is on the edge of the wood," he said. "It is under a large tree on the bank of the river. You can't miss it!"

They fixed a date, and the stork arrived in good time for the evening meal. "Just choose what you like to eat," said the fox. "Don't be afraid to taste things you are not sure about!"

However, when she sat down to eat, the stork was shocked to find that the fox had served her soup on huge shallow plates. Her long bill could not pick up a single drop of soup. At the same time, the fox was lapping away with ease until he had finished the lot!



The stork said nothing but made up her mind to teach the fox a lesson. "I would like you to have tea with me next week," she told the fox. "You know where I live. Look for a clump of weeds near the bank of the lake. My nest is in the middle. I'll expect you at sunset!"



The fox ate very little on the day he was going to visit the stork. When they sat down to the meal, the stork served him tea in a tall, narrow glass and the angry fox was not able to get his tongue inside the glass to taste the tea.

He never took a sip, but what could he say? He had got just what he deserved!

Reading

A. Tick (✓) the right options to complete these sentences.

1. The stork never trusted the fox
 - a. because the fox would always make fun of the stork.
 - b. because foxes were known to be sly creatures.
 - c. because the stork did not trust anyone.
 - d. as the other animals did not like him.
2. The fox called the stork for a meal to his
 - a. cave in the mountains.
 - b. house in the country.
 - c. den on the edge of the wood, under a large tree on the bank of the river.
 - d. hole in the trunk of a large tree.
3. The stork could not eat anything at the meal to which the fox had invited her because
 - a. the food served was unfamiliar to her.
 - b. the food had bones and large chunks in it that would stick in her throat.
 - c. she reached late, and the other invitees had eaten all the food.
 - d. the food was served in huge shallow plates, and the stork could not pick up any with her long bill.
4. The fox was angry at the meal to which the stork had called him but could not complain
 - a. as he was in the stork's house.
 - b. as he had done the same to the stork.
 - c. as he was afraid the stork would poke him with her long beak.
 - d. as he had great regard for the stork.

5. Where was the fox's den located?
- a. In the middle of a deep forest.
 - b. In a clump of weeds near a lake.
 - c. On the bank of a river, under a large tree.
 - d. Inside a hollow log on a hill.
6. Where did the stork live?
- a. In a den under a large tree.
 - b. On the branch of a tall pine tree.
 - c. In a nest in the middle of a clump of weeds near a lake.
 - d. In a cave on a mountain.
7. What did the fox do on the day he was to visit the stork?
- a. He ate a very large meal.
 - b. He ate very little.
 - c. He forgot about the invitation.
 - d. He invited another friend to join.
8. How did the stork serve the tea to the fox?
- a. In a huge shallow plate.
 - b. In a wide, open bowl.
 - c. In a tall, narrow glass.
 - d. In a small, deep cup.
9. Why couldn't the fox drink the tea?
- a. The tea was too bitter.
 - b. The glass was too hot to hold.
 - c. He couldn't get his tongue inside the tall, narrow glass.
 - d. The stork did not give him any tea.
10. What is the moral of this story?
- a. Friends should always share everything.
 - b. Never trust anyone who lives in a den.
 - c. You will get what you deserve.
 - d. It is better to eat alone.

B. True/False Questions

1. The fox and the stork were enemies from the beginning.
- a. True.
 - b. False.
2. The fox served soup on huge shallow plates.
- a. True.
 - b. False.
3. The stork was able to drink the soup as easily as the fox.
- a. True.
 - b. False.
4. The stork invited the fox to have tea with her the following week.
- a. True.
 - b. False.

5. The fox was able to drink the tea and enjoyed it very much.
a. True. b. False.

C. Answer this question briefly.

Do you think this story shows that one reaps what one sows?

Or

Do you think the stork is wrong in trying to teach the fox a lesson?

D. Think and answer.

How would you react to the fox's behaviour if you were the stork?



Answer Key: Mowgli Joins the Wolf Pack

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2. c. den on the edge of the wood, under a large tree on the bank of the river.
3. d. the food was served in huge shallow plates, and the stork could not pick up any with her long bill.
4. b. as he had done the same to the stork.
5. c. On the bank of a river, under a large tree.
6. c. In a nest in the middle of a clump of weeds near a lake.
7. b. He ate very little.
8. c. In a tall, narrow glass.
9. c. He couldn't get his tongue inside the tall, narrow glass.
10. c. You will get what you deserve.

B. True/False Questions

1. False.
2. True.
3. False.
4. True.
5. False.

C. Answer this question briefly.

Model Answer:

Yes, I think this story shows that one reaps what one sows. The fox played a mean trick on the stork, and in return, the stork gave him a taste of his own medicine. The fox got exactly what he deserved.

D. Think and answer.

Model Answer:

If I were the stork, I would feel hurt and disrespected by the fox's behaviour. I would also want to teach him a lesson so he understands how it feels to be treated unfairly. The stork's reaction was fair because she didn't hurt the fox; she just showed him the consequences of his own actions.