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Keys to Comprehension

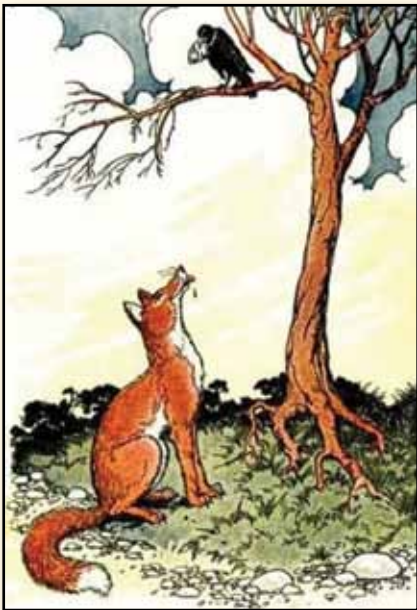
Fables

Long ago, most people could not read and write. They did not have books. But they loved stories.

So some people told stories. They were called storytellers. One of them was Aesop.

Aesop's stories were fun to hear. Most had animals. The animals could talk. The stories told a lesson, too. They were called **Fables**.

Today we still love Aesop's Fables. Here are some of them.



The Fox and the Crow



The Tortoise and the Hare



The Grasshopper and the Ants



When you read an Aesop's Fable, you are reading a very old story. Aesop's Fables are fun. Look for the lessons they teach.

The Wind and the Sun:

An Aesop's Fable



1 The Wind and the Sun had a chat. The Wind said it was stronger than the Sun. The Sun said it was stronger than the Wind. They talked and talked.

2 Just then, a man came down the road. The Wind said, "Now we will see who is stronger. Let us see who can make that man take off his coat."

3 The Sun said, "That is a very good idea."

4 The Wind started to blow hard. The man got cold. He pulled his coat close around him. The Wind blew harder still. But the man pulled his coat up to his chin and held it tight. At last, the Wind gave up.

5 Then it was the Sun's turn. The Sun shone warm and bright. The man felt warm. He opened his coat. The Sun went on shining. Finally, the man stopped and took off his coat.

6 The Wind had learned a good lesson—It is better to be kind than to be tough.



Objective Questions: What I Learned

Circle the letter next to the correct answer.

1. Why did the Sun and the Wind have this contest?
 - a. to see who was stronger
 - b. to show they were mad
 - c. to hurt the man

I found this information in paragraph _____ line_____.

2. How did the Wind try to get the man's coat off?
 - a. He tried to be his friend.
 - b. He tried to blow it off.
 - c. He tried to shine warm and bright.

3. The Wind's trick did not work because:
 - a. he was not as strong as the Sun.
 - b. he got too tired.
 - c. he made the man cold.

I found this information in paragraph _____ line_____.

4. Why did the man take off his coat?
 - a. He wanted to stop the Wind.
 - b. He was hot.
 - c. It was full of mud.

5. Who won the contest?
 - a. the Sun
 - b. the Wind
 - c. It was a tie.

**Aligned CCLS: (1) RL.1.2; RL.1.1; (2) RL.1.3; (3) RL.1.3; RL.1.1;
(4) RL.1.3; (5) RL.1.2**

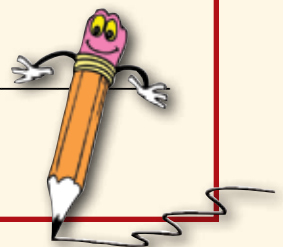
Check: Did you answer ALL the questions?



Short Constructed-Response Questions

1. The story says, "The Sun shone warm and bright." This tells us that

2. We know that this story could not happen because



Aligned CCLS: (1) RL.1.2; RL.1.4; W.1.2; (2) RL.1.2; W.1.2