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# Homework Lesson 1.

## The Fox and the Grapes

Print in the correct word from the following list.

attempt, attempted, exhausted, famished, gleamed,  
leap, leaped, panting, seize, splendid, stared, trotted

Fox was hungry. He patted his empty stomach with his paw.

"I am \_\_\_\_\_," he said. "I will have to find food. There must be something good to eat out there in the woods."

Off \_\_\_\_\_ the fox. Soon he saw some ripe blue grapes hanging on a vine high above his head. Fox's eyes \_\_\_\_\_. He smacked his lips.

"I am in luck!" he cried. "What \_\_\_\_\_ grapes!"

He \_\_\_\_\_ back a few steps, broke into a run, and \_\_\_\_\_ high into the air. He missed the grapes by at least a foot. He \_\_\_\_\_ back again for a second \_\_\_\_\_. He ran. He \_\_\_\_\_ once more. Again he missed the grapes by nine or ten inches.

Fox \_\_\_\_\_ again and again to \_\_\_\_\_ the grapes in his teeth. Again and again his \_\_\_\_\_ fell a few inches short of the grapes.

At last he was \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_, he sat down in the shade. He \_\_\_\_\_ at the grapes. At last he got up and \_\_\_\_\_ off into the woods.

"Shucks!" he said. "Those grapes are sour! Who wants to eat sour grapes?"

## Homework Lesson 2.

### The Greedy Dog

Print in the correct word from the following list.

choice, feast, glance, glared, greed, greedy, muttered,  
plunged, paused, reflection, stream

Once upon a time a \_\_\_\_\_ dog saw a  
\_\_\_\_\_ piece of meat hanging on a neighbor's porch. His  
eyes gleamed with \_\_\_\_\_.

"What a splendid \_\_\_\_\_ I could have if I succeed in  
stealing that meat. I am famished!" he cried.

The dog leaped high, seized the meat, and trotted off for home. The dog  
had to cross a bridge over a swift \_\_\_\_\_ of water on his

way home. As he was trotting across the bridge, he \_\_\_\_\_

to \_\_\_\_\_ downward. Of course he saw his

\_\_\_\_\_ staring up at him. The dog

\_\_\_\_\_ back.

"His piece of meat is as fine as mine," he \_\_\_\_\_. "If I  
could have his, too, I could have a splendid \_\_\_\_\_!"

Overcome by his \_\_\_\_\_, the dog

\_\_\_\_\_ into the \_\_\_\_\_ to seize the  
other dog's meat.

Of course, the dog's attempt resulted only in the loss of his own meat.  
Exhausted and half drowned, he crawled panting to shore, a sadder and wiser  
dog.

## **Homework Lesson 3.** **The Fox and the Vain Crow**

Print in the correct word from the following list.

clutched, delicate, delighted, devise, devours, scheme,  
shrewd, talent, vain, vocal

As usual, Fox was hungry. Exhausted from trotting through the woods all morning, he paused at a cool stream for a drink. Still panting hard, he glanced upward. There on a limb he saw a crow glaring down at him. In her beak she

\_\_\_\_\_ a choice piece of cheese. Fox's eyes gleamed.

"What a splendid feast that cheese would make," muttered the famished fox. "I must attempt to \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_ to get it before that \_\_\_\_\_ old bird \_\_\_\_\_ it herself."

"Is that you, Crow?" he cried, staring upward. "The bird with the most \_\_\_\_\_ singing voice in the whole world? Please, please give us one of your charming tunes, I beg you! You do have such great

\_\_\_\_\_ my dear!"

\_\_\_\_\_ with the \_\_\_\_\_ fox's praise, the \_\_\_\_\_ old crow opened her beak to sing. As she let out the hoarse croak that crows make, the cheese plunged to the ground. Fox leaped up, seized it in his greedy jaws, and trotted off into the woods with a sly grin on his face.