

FICTION

2<sup>ND</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE

RL.2.2 / 3.2

# FABLES



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## The Wolf and the Kid

Once a little kid whose growing horns made him think he was a grown-up goat. He thought he was able to take care of himself. One evening the flock started home from the pasture and his mother called. The kid paid no heed and kept right on nibbling the tender grass. A little later when he lifted his head, the flock was gone. He was all alone. The sun was sinking. Long shadows came creeping over the ground. As he thought of the terrible wolf. Then he started wildly over the field, bleating for his mother. But not half-way, near a clump of trees, there was the wolf!

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**PRINTABLE** PDFs and **DIGITAL** Google Slides covering the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade text complexity band with Certified Lexile Levels.

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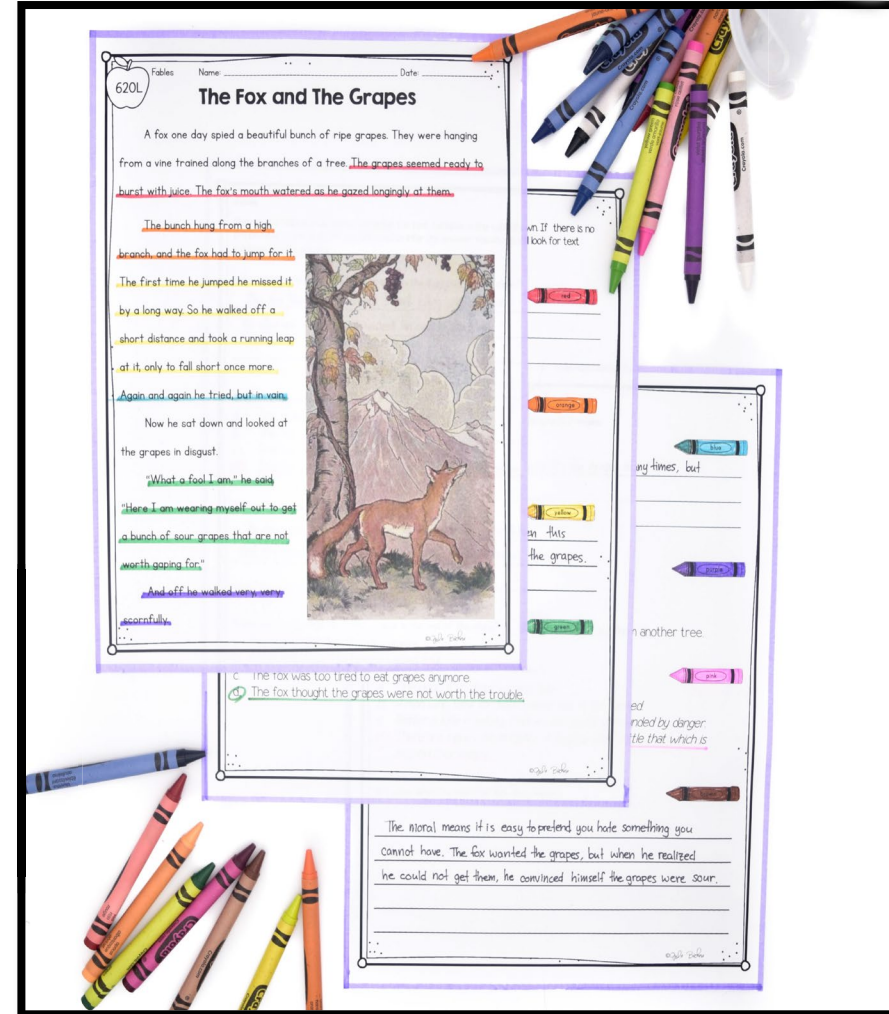
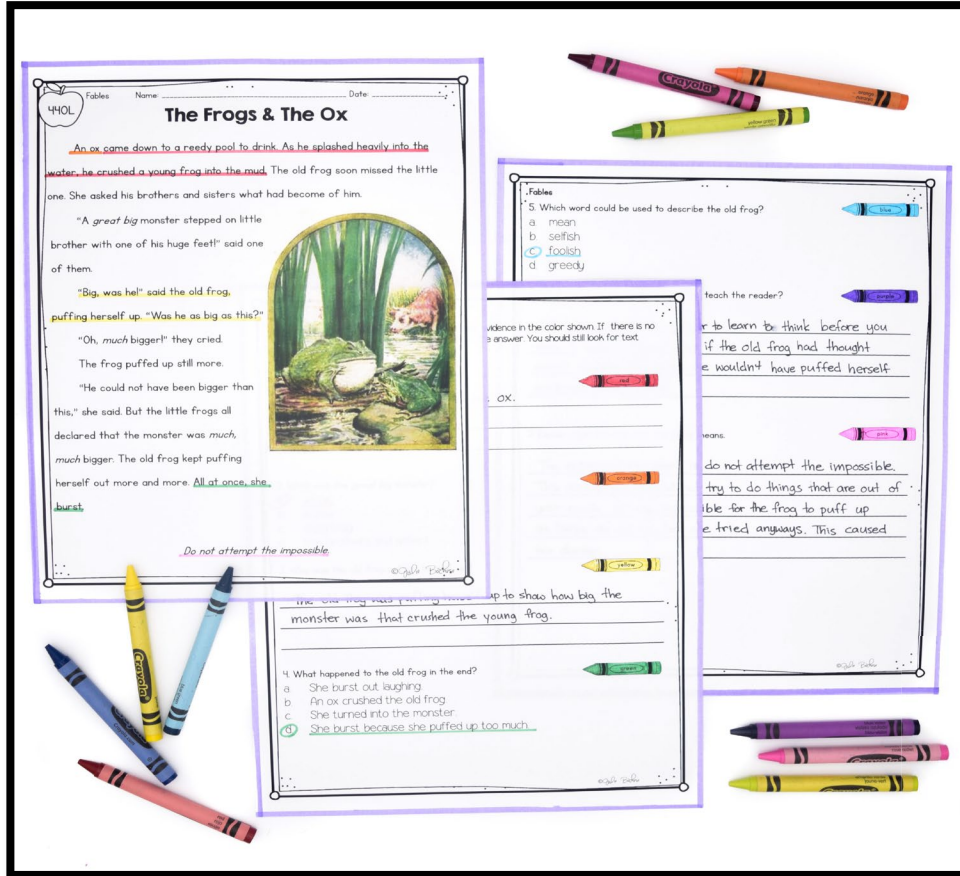
*Do not attempt the impossible.*

- Anchor charts and question sets
- Color coding to encourage students to use text evidence
- AND two assessments on nonfiction reading passages

Printable and  
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# 10 FICTION PASSAGES



- Variety of stories to spark comprehension AND curiosity.
- Dive into literary texts including some of Aesop's famous works.

# QUESTIONS

- Skill-focused, scaffolded questions
- Multiple choice and short answer
- Preps students for state testing
- Rigorous and research-based approach to questioning

The worksheet is titled "The Wolf and the Kid" and is part of a "Fables" unit. It includes a story text with several sentences highlighted in different colors (red, orange, green, blue) to indicate text evidence. The questions are as follows:

1. What is a kid as it is used in the story?

- a. a child
- b. a little boy
- c. a little goat
- d. a foolish wolf

2. Why did the kid ignore his mother's calls?

3. What happened in the end?

4. Which character trait could you use to describe the wolf? evidence to support

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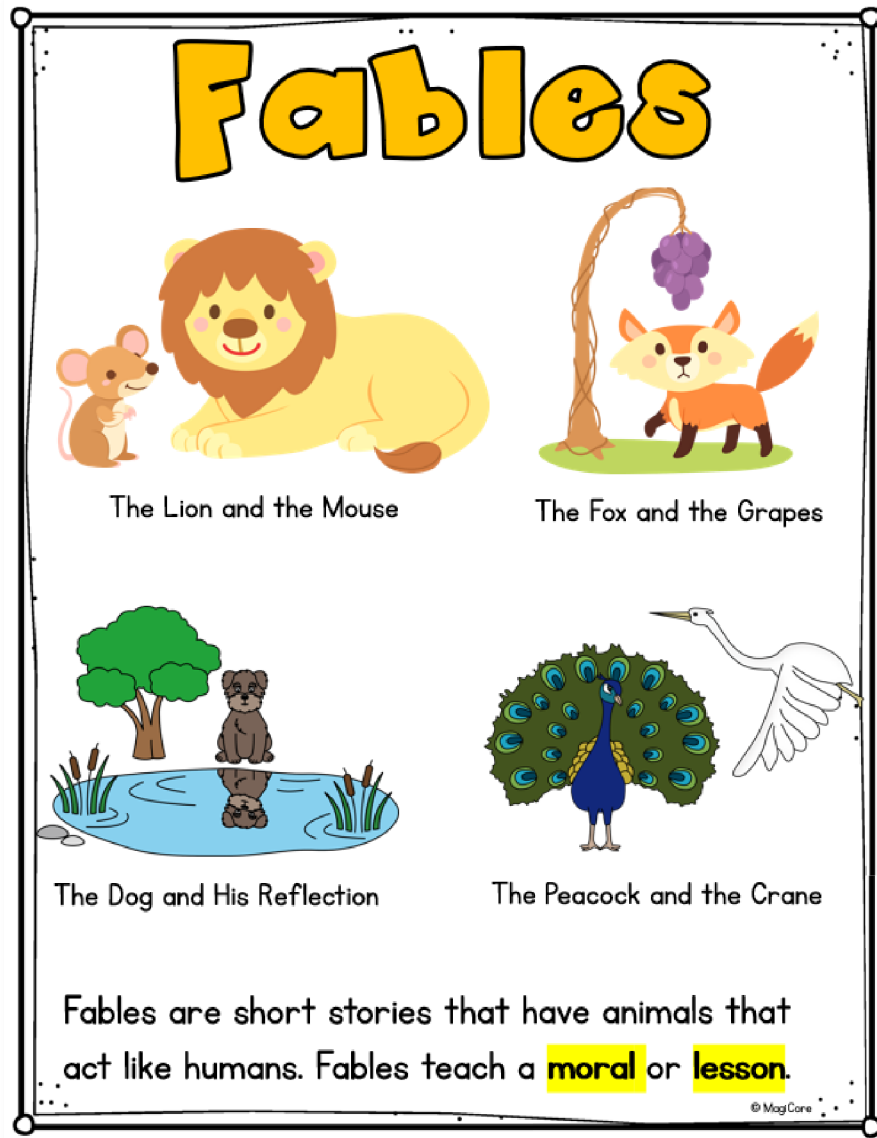
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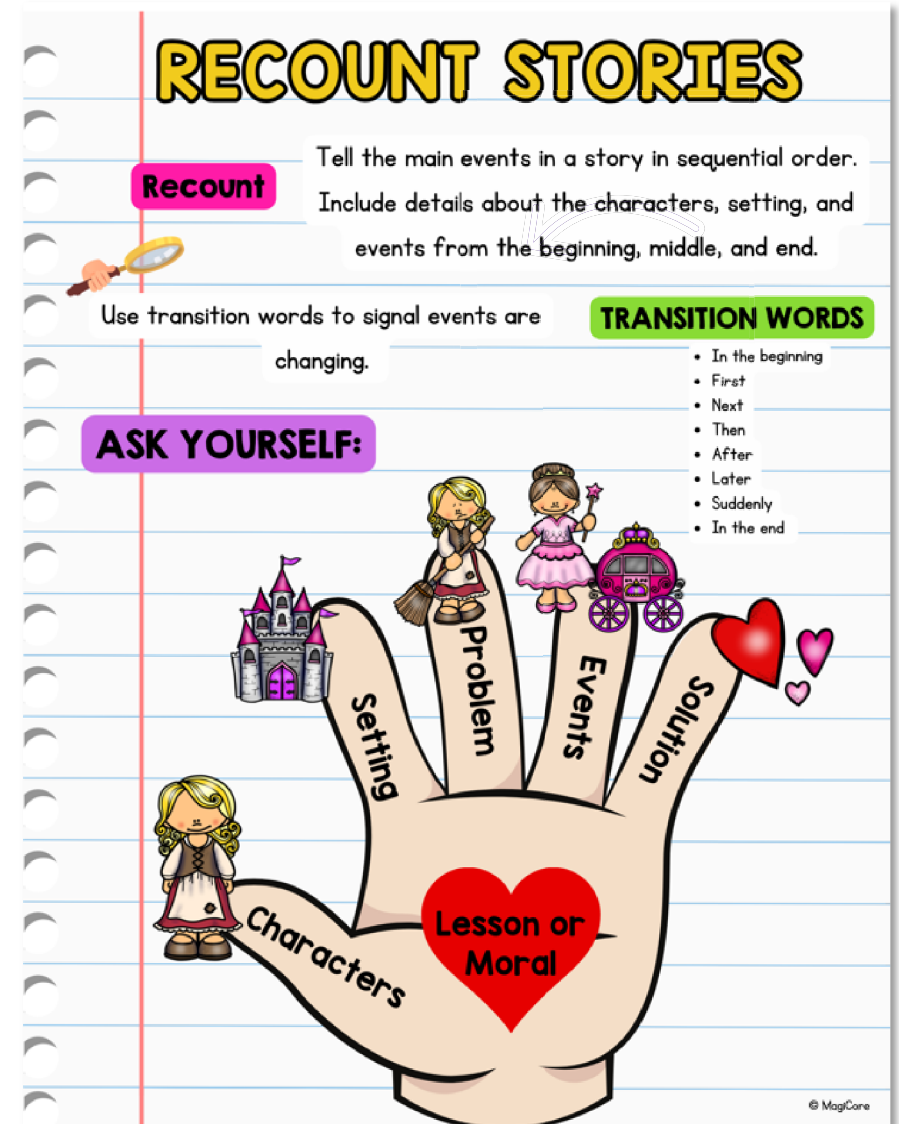
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# ANCHOR CHART



- Anchor charts
- Use to introduce the skill
- Students reference throughout the unit



Your students can refer to the anchor chart throughout the unit.

# MODEL PASSAGES & TEACHER DIRECTIONS

## Unpacking Fables

**Standard RL.2.2:** Recount stories, including fables and folktales from diverse cultures, and determine their central message, lesson, or moral.

**Standard RL.3.2:** Recount stories, including fables, folktales, and myths from diverse cultures. They analyze how key details in the text contribute to the overall meaning of the story.

### Unpacking the Story

**Grade 2:** In second grade, students learn to recount fundamental questions about the central message.

**Grade 3:** Building on their second-grade skills, students answer questions that emphasize critical thinking.

**Teacher:** Educators should use these questions to help students understand the central message of the story.

## Scaffold Instruction With This Resource

Scaffolding instruction is a highly effective approach in supporting students' reading comprehension and skill development. Research has consistently demonstrated the positive impact of scaffolding techniques on students' learning outcomes. By providing targeted support and guidance and gradually decreasing assistance, scaffolding enables students to tackle challenging tasks and achieve higher levels of understanding.

- 1. Familiarize Yourself with the Resource:** Begin by thoroughly reviewing the resource, paying particular attention to passages that exemplify how authors recount stories, including fables, folktales, and myths from diverse cultures. Understand the range of texts provided, including various versions of familiar stories from different authors and cultures. This will help you tailor your instruction effectively to meet the needs of your students.
- 2. Introduce the Skill with Anchor Charts:** Utilize the anchor charts provided in the resource to introduce the concept of recounting stories and determining their central message, lesson, or moral. Display these charts prominently in the classroom and refer to them during discussions and activities. Ensure students have access to copies of these charts in their reading materials.
- 3. Model and Think Aloud:** Select a passage from the resource that clearly demonstrates how authors recount stories from diverse cultures and convey their central message, lesson, or moral. Read the passage aloud to the class while thinking aloud to demonstrate how to identify the central message and explain how it is conveyed through key details in the text. Discuss how these elements contribute to a deeper understanding of the story.
- 4. Guided Practices:** Divide students into small groups or pairs and assign each group a different passage from the resource. Encourage students to use the anchor charts to identify and discuss the central message, lesson, or moral of the story and how it is conveyed through key details. Provide guidance and support as needed to help students analyze the text effectively.
- 5. Collaborative Discussions:** Facilitate discussions where students can share their findings from the guided practice activity. Encourage students to explain their reasoning and provide evidence from the text to support their interpretations of the central message, lesson, or moral. Foster a collaborative learning environment where students can learn from each other's insights.
- 6. Independent Practice:** Gradually transition students to working independently with different passages from the resource. Encourage students to apply the skills they have learned to recount stories from diverse cultures and determine their central message, lesson, or moral on their own. Provide feedback and support as needed to help students develop their proficiency.
- 7. Differentiation:** Differentiate instruction to meet the diverse needs of your students. Provide additional support to students who may struggle with recounting stories or determining the central message, lesson, or moral by offering extra practice opportunities or providing simplified texts. Challenge advanced students by encouraging them to analyze more complex stories or by asking them to consider the cultural implications of the stories.
- 8. Assessment:** Use the assessments provided in the resource to evaluate students' ability to recount stories from diverse cultures and determine their central message, lesson, or moral effectively. These assessments may include tasks such as identifying the central message, lesson, or moral of a story, explaining how it is conveyed through key details in the text, or writing a short story that follows a similar structure.

- Unpack the standard
- Prerequisite skills
- How to use this resource.

Model

Recount Fables Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Read the following text. Identify each element from the story in the chart below.

### The Boy Who Cried Wolf

Once upon a time, there was a young boy named Sam who was tasked with watching the village sheep. Bored one day, he shouted, "Wolf! Wolf! The wolf is chasing the sheep!" The villagers rushed to help, only to find there was no wolf. Sam laughed at the trick he played.

The villagers were annoyed but relieved there was no danger. They warned Sam, "Do not cry 'wolf' when there is no wolf! It's serious to lie."

But Sam didn't listen. Soon, he played the same trick again, screaming about a wolf when there was none. The villagers rushed to help a second time, only to find Sam laughing. This time, they sternly warned him, "If you keep lying, we won't come when you really need help."

Not long after, a real wolf appeared. Terrified, Sam ran to the village yelling, "Wolf! Wolf! Please, there really is a wolf this time!" But the villagers didn't believe him anymore. They thought it was just another trick.

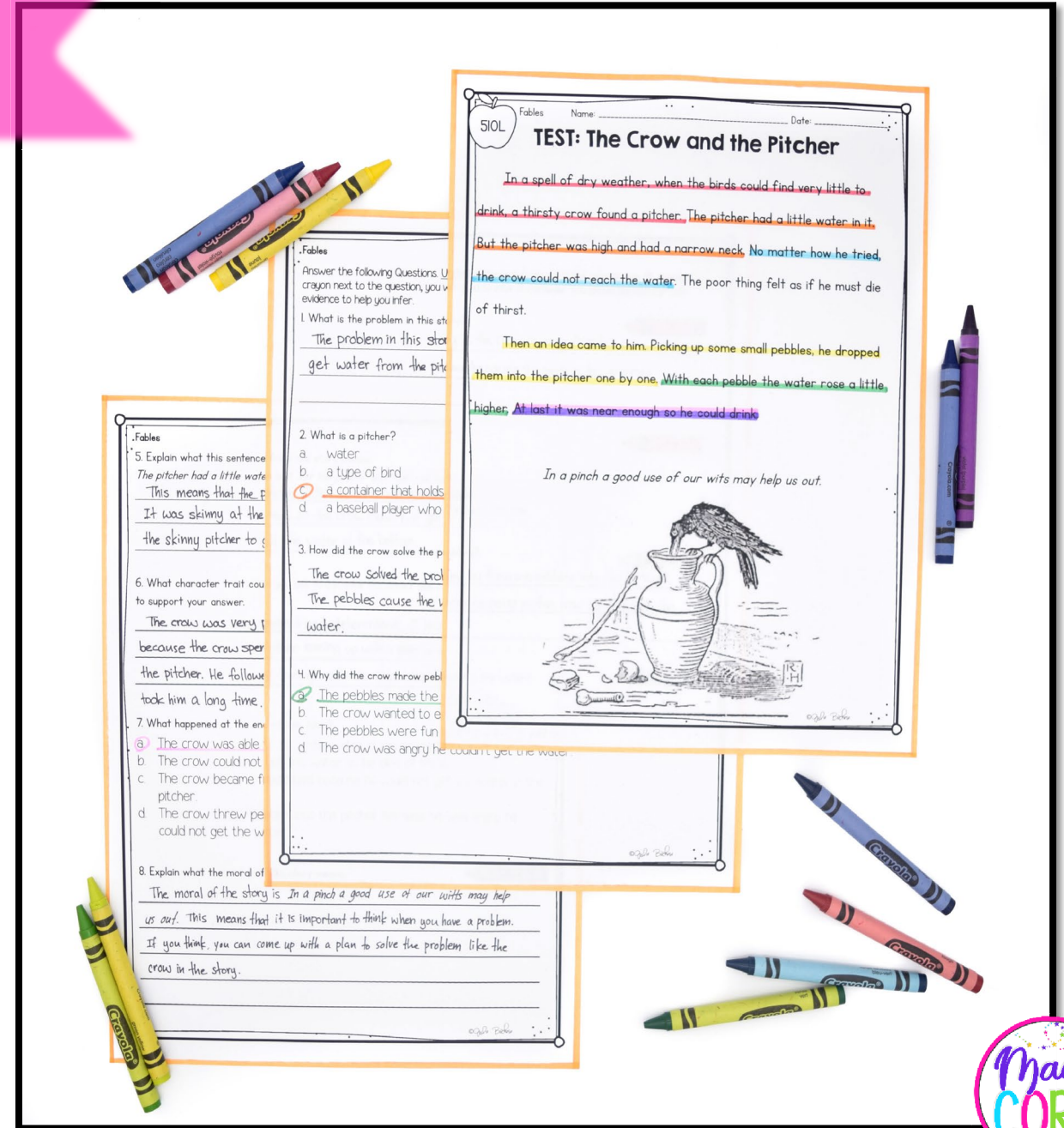
By the time the villagers realized there was truly a wolf and came to help, some of the sheep were gone.

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| Problem    |  |
| Solution   |  |
| Moral      |  |

Model text and questions

# ASSESSMENTS

- Same format as practice
- Two tests with different Lexile levels
- Color-coding
- Follows best practices for standardized assessments



# WHY IT WORKS

- Certified Lexile measures
- High - interest texts to motivate readers
- Diverse genres
- Scaffold approach will help your students meet grade level expectations.
- Classroom tested! Trusted by over 6,000 teachers... and counting!

The Frogs & The Ox

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Do not attempt the impossible.

5. Which word could be used to describe the old frog?

a. mean  
b. selfish  
c. foolish  
d. greedy

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4. What happened to the old frog in the end?

a. She burst out laughing.  
b. An ox crushed the old frog.  
c. She turned into the monster.  
d. She burst because she puffed up too much.

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# ALIGNS TO SCIENCE OF READING

Research shows that wide reading has the biggest impact on student reading progress.

Our passages provide that essential variety of nonfiction structures and topics.

Students need scaffolded instruction to access grade level texts. Without it, students are not exposed to linguistic and textural features, putting them further behind.

Our texts help students grow full-steam ahead. With certified Lexile levels in the Common Core text complexity band, students will 100% engage with appropriate text and sentence structures, vocabulary, and more. Plus, every passage provides teachers with opportunities to scaffold instruction.

Fun fact! From 2nd grade on, students make greater reading gains when taught from texts that are as much as two grade levels above their "instructional" reading level.

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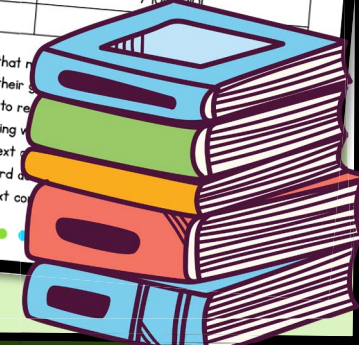
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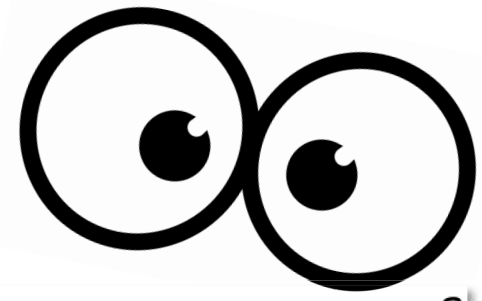
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| Grade Band | Lexile® Bands Aligned to Common Core Expectations |
|------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| K-1        | N/A                                               |
| 2-3        | 420L-820L                                         |
| 4-5        | 740L-1010L                                        |
| 6-8        |                                                   |

Keep in mind when using any leveled text that support to reach text at the high end of their Common Core Standards, "It is important to reappropriate. The expectation that scaffolding built into the Standards' grade-by-grade text general movement, however, should be toward independence both within and across the text co



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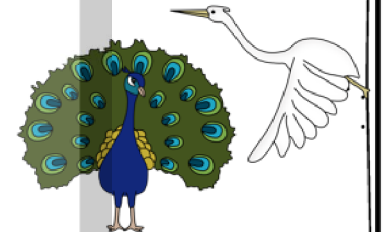
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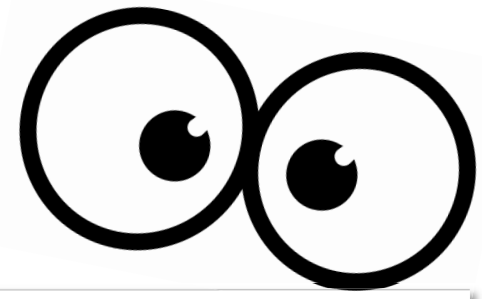
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The Peacock and the Crane

Fables are short stories that have animals that act like humans. Fables teach a **moral** or **lesson**.

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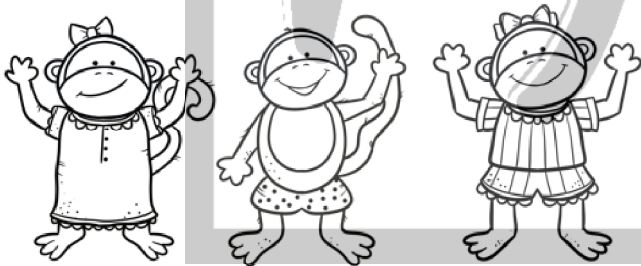
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## The Dancing Monkeys

A prince trained some monkeys to dance. Since monkeys are great at copying, they were excellent dancers. They wore fancy clothes and masks. They danced as well as the prince's servants. Audiences were always delighted. One day, a mischievous servant took a handful of nuts from his pocket. He threw the nuts on stage. The monkeys saw the nuts and forgot their dance. They became (as they were) monkeys instead of actors. They pulled off their masks and tore off their costumes to fight for the nuts. The dancing show came to an end. The audience laughed and joked at the spectacle.

*Not everything you see is what it appears to be.*



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Answer the following Questions. Underline the text evidence in the color shown.

1. Why did the prince train the monkeys?



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2. What did the audience think of the monkeys when they danced in the beginning?



- a. The audience thought the monkeys were funny.
- b. The audience did not know the actors were monkeys.
- c. The audience thought the monkeys were very entertaining.
- d. The audience were bored with the monkeys, so they threw nuts at them.

3. Why did the servant throw nuts on the stage?



- a. The servant did not like the monkeys.
- b. The servant wanted to cause trouble.
- c. The servant thought the monkeys were hungry.
- d. The servant was not amused by the monkey's performance.

4. What did the monkeys do when the nuts were thrown on stage?



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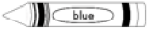
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5. Explain what this sentence from the story means:

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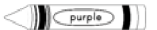


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6. What caused the show to come to an end?



- a. The monkeys got in a fight over the nuts.
- b. The monkeys got hungry and asked for nuts.
- c. The audience was not amused with the monkeys performance.
- d. The servant became annoyed with the monkeys so he stopped the show.

7. How did the audience feel about the monkeys in the end?



- a. The audience thought the monkeys were funny.
- b. The audience did not know the actors were monkeys.
- c. The audience thought the monkeys were very entertaining.
- d. The audience were bored with the monkeys, so they threw nuts at them.

8. Explain what the moral of this story means.



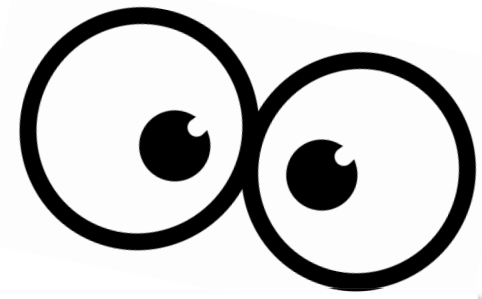
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## The Peacock and The Crane

A peacock, puffed up with vanity, met a crane one day. To impress him, the peacock spread his gorgeous tail in the sun.

"Look," he said. "What have you to compare with this? I am dressed in all the glory of the rainbow. Your feathers are gray as dust!"

The crane spread his broad wings and flew up toward the sun.

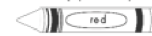
"Follow me if you can," he said. But the peacock stood where he was among the birds of the barnyard, while the crane soared in freedom far up into the blue sky.



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Answer the following questions. Underline the text evidence in the color shown.

1. Describe the peacock's personality. Use examples from the text to support your thinking.



2. What is a crane?

- a. a type of bird
- b. a barnyard animal
- c. a type of peacock
- d. an animal that eats peacocks



3. What did the peacock think of the crane?



4. How did the crane respond to the peacock?



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5. Why didn't the peacock follow the crane?

- a. The peacock could not fly.
- b. The peacock did not like the crane.
- c. The peacock did not trust the crane.
- d. The peacock thought the crane was too ugly.



6. What lesson does the peacock learn?



7. What could the moral of the story be?

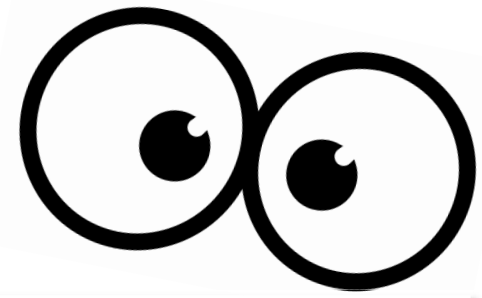
- a. *Look before you leap.*
- b. *Better to have no friend at all than a foolish one.*
- c. *Men often fall into the trap which they prepare for others.*
- d. *The useful is of much more importance and value, than the ornamental.*



8. Explain what the moral of this story means.



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## The Crow and the Pitcher

In a spell of dry weather, when the birds could find very little to drink, a thirsty crow found a pitcher. The pitcher had a little water in it. But the pitcher was high and had a narrow neck. No matter how he tried, the crow could not reach the water. The poor thing felt as if he must die of thirst.

Then an idea came to him. Picking up some small pebbles, he dropped them into the pitcher one by one. With each pebble the water rose a little higher. At last it was near enough so he could drink.



*In a pinch a good use of our wits may help us out.*

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Answer the following Questions. Underline the text evidence in the color shown.

1. What is the problem in this story?



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2. What is a pitcher?

- a. water
- b. a type of bird
- c. a container that holds liquid
- d. a baseball player who throws the ball



3. How did the crow solve the problem?



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4. Why did the crow throw pebbles into the water?

- a. The pebbles made the water rise.
- b. The crow wanted to eat the pebbles.
- c. The pebbles were fun to throw in the water.
- d. The crow was angry he couldn't get the water.

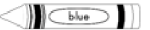


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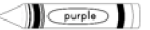


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6. What character trait could you use to describe the crow? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.

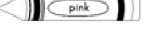


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7. What happened at the end of this fable?



- a. The crow was able to drink the water in the pitcher.
- b. The crow could not get the water, so he died of thirst.
- c. The crow became frustrated because he could not get the water in the pitcher.
- d. The crow threw pebbles into the pitcher because he was angry he could not get the water.

8. Explain what the moral of this story means.



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