

The Fox and the Stork

One day, the Fox invited the Stork over for a meal. “I shall cook us something delicious,” declared the cunning Fox. The Stork graciously accepted the invitation and agreed to meet the Fox at lunchtime the following day.

The Stork promptly arrived at midday for lunch. The Fox, grinning widely said, “Welcome dear Stork! I have cooked us a delectable soup.” And he pointed to two shallow bowls on the table. The Fox began to greedily lap up the soup but all that the Stork could do was peck at the bowl.

“Unfortunately, dear Fox,” remarked the Stork, “I cannot eat this wonderful smelling soup as my beak is too long. I would love for you to come to lunch at my house tomorrow.”

The Fox agreed and finished his (and the Stork’s) soup once she had left.

The following day, Fox arrived for lunch with the Stork. He looked across at the table and could see two tall thin jars filled with delicious soup. The Stork placed his long, slender bill inside the jar and enjoyed his meal. However, the Fox could only lick the rim of the jar. He tried and tried to use his tongue to lap up the soup but he could not reach.



The Fox left, scowling and hungry. He realised that the Stork had tricked him as he had, indeed, tricked the Stork.

Recall

1. What did the Fox promise to cook for the Stork?

soup

2. When did the Stork agree to meet the Fox?

lunchtime (midday)

3. What bowls did the Fox serve the soup in?

shallow bowls

4. What did the Fox do as he left the Stork's house?

scowled

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Vocabulary

1. Find and copy words that are synonyms for *said*.

declared, remarked

2. Find and copy a word that means *on time*.

promptly

3. 'And he pointed to two shallow bowls'

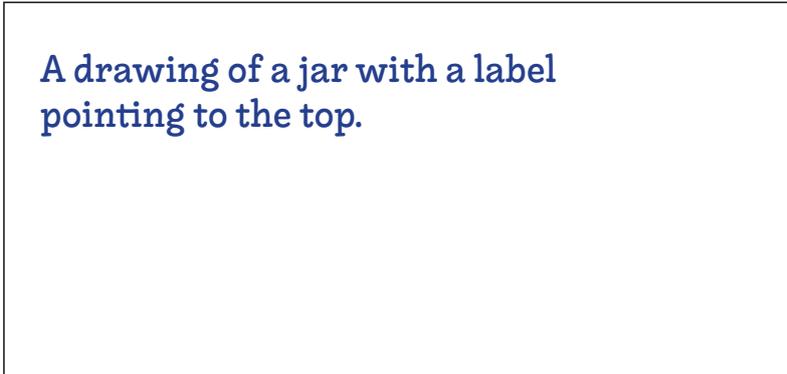
What does the word *shallow* mean?

something that is not very deep (like the shallow end of a pool)

4. What does the word *slender* mean?

thin

5. Draw a picture of a jar and label where the 'rim of the jar' is.



6. Find and copy a word that shows that the Fox was

a) clever cunning

b) angry scowling

Inference

1. Why couldn't the Stork eat the Fox's soup?

Because the bowl was too shallow, so she could not get the soup with her beak.

2. Why couldn't the Fox eat the Stork's soup?

Because the jar was long and thin so the Fox could not get his tongue (mouth)

into the jar to reach the soup.

3. Why was the thin jar suitable for the Stork to eat from?

The jar was suitable because a Stork has a very long thin beak so it could put its

beak in to reach the soup.

4. How do you think the Fox felt when he could not eat the soup?

Explain how you know using words from the story.

The answer must state that the Fox was cross/angry and that we know this because he scowled as he left.

The Fox was very angry that he could not eat the soup because he scowled as he left. Scowling is something that someone does when they are angry.

5. Why do you think that the Stork wanted to trick the Fox?

Explain referring back to the story.

Answers should refer to the fact that the Stork wanted to teach the Fox a lesson.

The Fox had tricked the Stork into coming for lunch, knowing that she would not be able to eat it. So she wanted to trick the Fox to teach him a lesson.

6. This story is an example of an Aesop's Fable.

These were told in Ancient Greece to teach people a moral lesson.

What lesson do you think this story teaches people?

This fable teaches people that you should treat others as you would like to be treated.