

Exercise 4: Aesop's Fable (for older pupils)

This fable by Aesop is about a fox and a crow. Reading it out loud either in pairs or on your own, try and separate the words to make the story clearer. You may also add some punctuation. After separating the words and reading the story, what do you think is the moral of this story?

Once upon a time a crow caught some food.

The crow brought the food to a tree branch.

This was good food. The crow held the food in its mouth.

A fox was also walking between the trees.

The fox saw the crow and the food.

The fox wanted the food.

The fox stood under the tree where the crow was sitting.

The fox said to the crow:

"Crow, you are beautiful. You can do anything. You should be a queen. I lack only one thing. I cannot sing. If you can sing you will be queen".

The crow wanted to be a queen so she tried to sing.

At once the food fell from the crow's mouth to the ground.

The fox at once caught the food.

The crow was sad because she was foolish.

The fox then said with a great laugh:

"If you learn to be wise you would be a good queen".