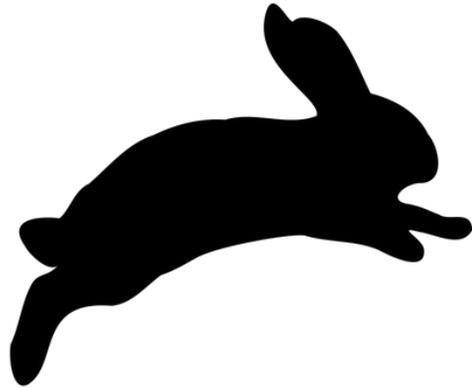
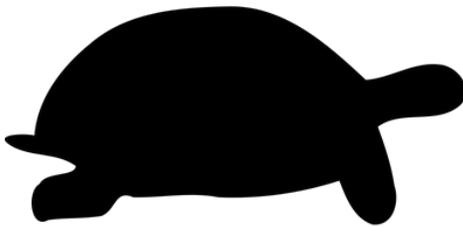


UNIT 3: FOLKTALES ASSESSMENT



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Unit 3: Fables, Folktales, and Myths- Pre/Post Test

Directions: Read the fable below and answer questions 1-6.

The Dove and the Ant

By Aesop

Ant was speeding along on its three pair of legs when suddenly, it stopped.

“I’m thirsty,” Ant said aloud.

“Why don’t you get a drink of water from the brook?” cooed a Dove perched nearby in a tree. “The brook is close by. Just be careful you don’t fall in.”

Ant sped to the brook and began to drink. A sudden wind blew the ant into the water.

“Help!” cried Ant, “I’m drowning!” The dove knew it had to act quickly to save Ant. With its beak, Dove broke a twig from the tree. Then, the Dove flew over the brook and dropped it to the ant. Ant climbed ashore.

Not long afterward, the ant saw a Hunter. He was setting a trap to catch the dove. Ant disagreed with what the Hunter was doing. Dove began to fly towards the trap. The Ant knew it had to act quickly to save the dove. The Ant opened its strong jaws and bit the bare ankle of the Hunter. “Ouch!” the Hunter cried. The Dove heard the Hunter and flew away.

1. Why did Ant suddenly stop?
 - a. He saw the Hunter setting a trap to capture Dove.
 - b. He heard Dove cooing from a nearby tree.
 - c. He was about to fall in the brook as he got a drink.
 - d. He was speeding along and got very thirsty.

2. What did Dove do when he heard Ant screaming “Help!”?
 - a. Dove ignored Ant’s cry and sat in a nearby tree.
 - b. Dove dropped a twig into the water so Ant could climb on and float to shore.
 - c. Dove told Ant to get a drink of water from the nearby brook.
 - d. Dove perched happily in a tree and cooed a cheerful song.

3. How did the Ant end up in the brook?
- a. The Dove pushed the Ant into the brook.
 - b. The Hunter set a trap to trick the Ant and the Dove.
 - c. A sudden gust of wind from the Dove's flapping wings blew Ant into the water.
 - d. A strong breeze blew him off the bank and into the brook.

4. How did Dove's actions help the Ant?

5. How would you describe Ant?

- a. Slow and thirsty
- b. Helpful and clever
- c. Unreliable and helpful
- d. Speedy and timid

6. What is the moral of the story **The Dove and The Ant** written by Aesop?

7. How are Ant and Dove alike?

- a. Ant helps Dove, but Dove doesn't help Ant.
- b. Dove helps Ant, but Ant doesn't help Dove.
- c. Both Ant and Dove help each other.

8. What happens **right after** Ant sees the Hunter setting the trap for Dove?
- Dove begins to fly toward the trap.
 - The Dove heard the Hunter and flew away.
 - The Ant climbed to shore.
 - The Ant began to drink from the brook.

Directions: Choose the moral that is illustrated by the events.

9. A long time ago there was a king who wanted nothing but gold. He wished everything he touched turned into gold. A fairy made this wish come true. Then anything he tried to eat turned into gold, so he starved to death.
- Don't be greedy.
 - Be kind to others.
 - Don't steal.
 - Respect your elders.
10. Long ago a beautiful princess had all beautiful expensive dresses. She boasted about them all the time. The other maidens got so tired of hearing about it that they stopped being friends with her.
- Eat all your vegetables.
 - Necessity is the mother of invention.
 - Don't brag; be modest.
 - Don't talk to strangers.

Answer Key

1. D
2. B
3. D
4. Dove's actions helped save the ant's life.(Level 3)
5. B
6. Possible responses for Level 3:
Even though you are small you can help in a big way.
Treat others the way you want to be treated.
If you are kind you will be rewarded.Be kind.
7. C
8. A
9. A
10. C

Scoring Guide:

Central Message

1X is a 3

2X is a 2

3 X is a 1

Comprehension

2X is a 3

3-4X is a 2

5 or more wrong is a 1

