

The Fox and the Stork

The Fox and the Stork is a type of story called a fable. Fables were written to teach people a lesson and they usually have animals as the main characters.

There was a fox who just loved to make fun of other people. One day he invited a stork to dinner.

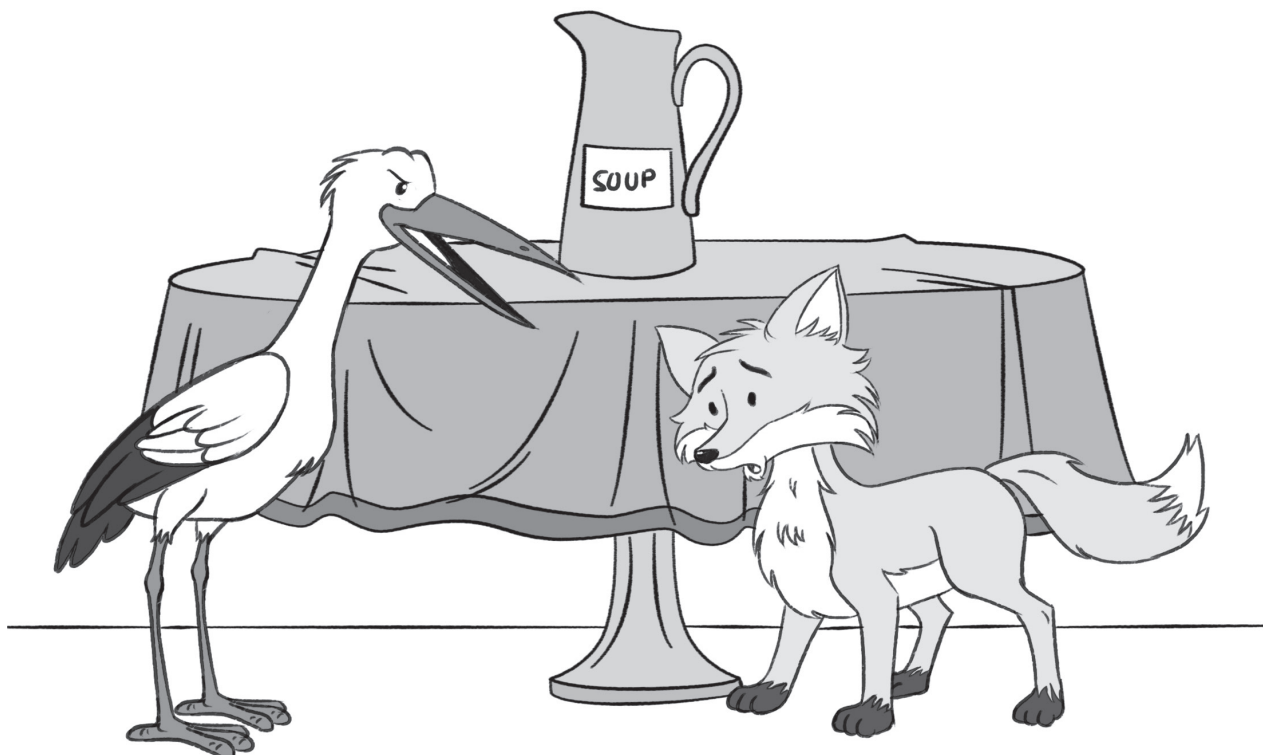
“I have made some delicious soup specially for you,” he said. But when they went to the table, the stork saw that the soup was in a very shallow dish and she could not drink a single drop with her long, pointed bill. The fox laughed when she tried. “So you don’t like my soup,” he jeered. “All the more for me!” And he lapped up the whole lot.

The stork was so hurt by the fox’s behaviour that she made up her mind to get her own back.

“Do come to dinner with me,” she said. “I know you are fond of soup, so I have made some specially for you.”

The fox licked his lips, thinking how stupid the stork was. But when he came up to the stork’s table, he saw that she had put the soup in a jug with a long, thin neck and his tongue could never reach it.

“Tit for tat,” snapped the stork in her prim voice. The fox went home hungry, with his tail between his legs.

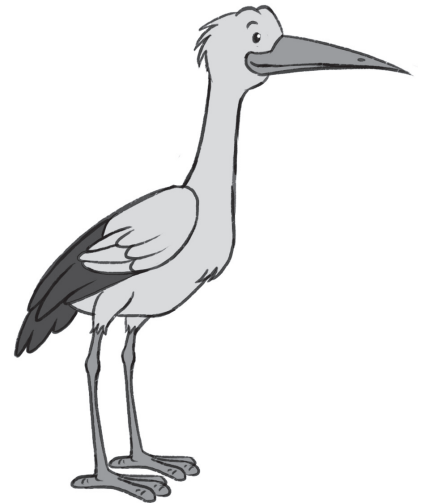


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1 Who are the two main characters in this story?
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2 How did the fox describe the soup he had made?
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3 Circle the part of the stork that meant she couldn't drink the soup.



4 Find and copy a group of words that show why the stork wanted to get her own back.
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5 Why could the fox not drink the stork's soup?
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6 When the stork says "Tit for tat", what do you think she means? Tick **one**.
 I don't like you. I've got my own back on you. I am cross.

7 Do you think that the stork was right to play a trick on the fox? Explain your answer.
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8 How does the fox seem at the beginning of the story? Tick **one** and explain your answer.
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9 "The fox went home hungry, with his tail between his legs."
 What do you think *tail between his legs* means? Tick **one**.
 The fox felt tired. The fox felt cold.
 The fox felt embarrassed. The fox felt hungry.

10 What lesson do you think the fox had learned by the end of the story?

