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Fables and Morals

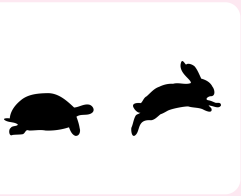
Retell stories and find the lesson.

About 45 minutes Level ★★★☆☆

What Is a Fable?

A **fable** is a short **story** that teaches a **lesson**.

- Animals talk and act like **people**.
- Ask who, what, where, when, why, and **how**.
- The **moral** tells how we should live.



Three Short Fables

1. A hare laughed at a slow **tortoise**. The tortoise said, 'Let's race!' The hare ran fast and then took a nap under a tree. The tortoise kept walking slow and **steady**. At the end, the tortoise won. Slow and steady wins the **race**.
2. A hungry **fox** saw sweet grapes high on a vine. He jumped and jumped but could not reach them. At last he walked away and said, 'Those grapes are **sour** anyway!' He could not have what he wanted, so he said he did not **want** it.
3. A boy watched sheep on a hill. He felt lonely and shouted, 'Wolf! **Wolf**!' Two times people ran to help, but there was no wolf. Then a real wolf came. The boy shouted for help, but no one **believed** him. If you do not tell the **truth**, no one will believe you.

Task A

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Complete the table with paragraphs 1 to 3. Write the moral in a few words.

Fable	Moral
Tortoise and Hare in paragraph 1	
Fox and Grapes in paragraph 2	
Boy Who Cried Wolf in paragraph 3	

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Rank Good Lessons

Think about which morals matter most.

Key words

fable: a short story with a lesson

moral: the lesson of a story

recount: retell what happened in order

character: who is in the story

setting: where and when it happens

steady: slow and not stopping

Task B

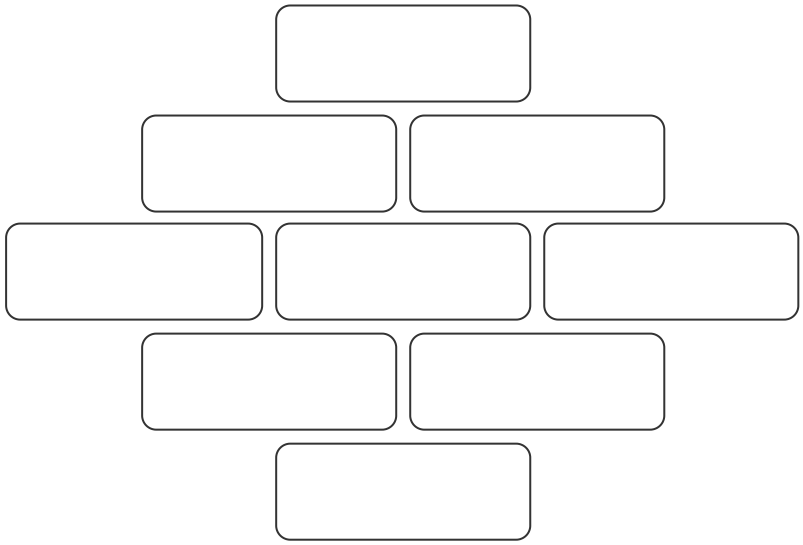
Cut out the cards. Rank which lesson helps you most each day.

Which **lesson** helps you most each day?

Cut out the cards.

Keep trying and do not stop	Tell the truth	Be kind to helpers
Do not brag	Work hard and plan ahead	Share with others
Be happy with what you have	Your own idea	Your own idea

▲ Most important



▼ Least important

Why did you put your top card at the top?

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Draw Your Fable

Draw talking animals and retell events.

Task C

Draw two talking animals for your own short fable. Show the beginning, middle, and end.



My animals act like people.

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Find Story Words

Search for words about fables and morals.

Did you know?

Did you know **Aesop** told fables more than 2,500 years ago? Many have talking **animals**.

Task D

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Find ten hidden words about fables. Circle each one.

P	Y	H	G	R	M	O	U	S	E
V	F	A	B	L	E	G	I	H	E
T	M	R	M	O	R	A	L	C	F
O	E	E	I	D	A	Y	W	W	O
R	O	Y	C	M	V	J	T	O	X
T	P	E	C	I	Y	L	R	L	L
O	L	O	O	A	D	J	U	F	P
I	G	R	A	P	E	S	T	K	N
S	W	G	U	K	K	R	H	O	O
E	L	I	O	N	M	A	N	J	L

- ☐ TORTOISE
- ☐ GRAPES
- ☐ FABLE
- ☐ MORAL
- ☐ MOUSE
- ☐ TRUTH
- ☐ HARE
- ☐ WOLF
- ☐ LION
- ☐ FOX

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Talk About Morals

Read, talk, and show how to find morals.

The Lion and the Mouse

1. A big **lion** napped under a tree. A tiny **mouse** ran over his nose and woke him up. The lion caught the mouse with his big paw. The mouse said, 'Please let me go! One day I will help you.' The lion laughed, 'You? Help me?' Still, he opened his paw and let the **mouse** go.
2. The next day the lion walked in the **woods**. He stepped into a hunter's rope **net** and was lifted off the ground. He roared and pulled, but the ropes held him tight. He felt sad and **scared**.
3. The mouse heard the roar and ran fast to **help**. She chewed the thick **rope** until the net broke open. The lion smiled and said, 'Thank you! Even a little friend can give big **help**. '

Task E

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Read paragraphs 1 to 3 with a partner. Talk about the lion and the moral.

Student A Who helped the **lion** in paragraph 3?

Student B .....

Student A What did she do to the net?

Student B .....

Student A What is the **moral** in paragraph 3?

Student B .....

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Fables and Morals

Task F

Follow these steps to find the moral.

Name the lion and mouse ☐



Tell what happened with net ☐



Say the lesson with heart ☐

Check pictures and words ☐

How did I do?

Circle a face for each line.

I can retell a fable in order.	☹	😐	☺
I can name who was in the story.	☹	😐	☺
I can tell the moral in my own words.	☹	😐	☺

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Answer sheet: Fables and Morals

Task A

Tortoise and Hare in paragraph 1 | Slow and steady wins the race
Fox and Grapes in paragraph 2 | Do not say you do not want what you cannot have
Boy Who Cried Wolf in paragraph 3 | If you do not tell the truth, no one will believe you

Task B

Answers will vary.

Task C

Answers will vary.

Task D



Words: TORTOISE, GRAPES, FABLE, MORAL, MOUSE, TRUTH, HARE, WOLF, LION, FOX (see the grid)

Task E

1. Student B: The tiny mouse
2. Student B: She chewed the thick rope
3. Student B: Even a little friend can give big help

Task F

Answers will vary.

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