

The Eagle and the Fox Aesop's Fables #1

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Video Storytelling: <https://youtu.be/-yfbn5ujXuU>

Quizlet: https://quizlet.com/_59sx1x

Suggested Use:

Step 1: Look at the vocabulary. Check any words that you don't know in your dictionary.

Step 2: Listen to the video. (Listen only. Don't look at the reading yet).

Step 3: Practice the vocabulary on Quizlet

Step 4: Watch the video again. This time look at the reading. Read and listen at the same time.

Step 5: Practice the vocabulary on Quizlet again.

Step 6: Listen one last time. The last time, don't look at the reading.

Vocabulary

area, baby, branch, burn, burn up, bush, catch fire, cook, cub, death, decide, discover, drought, during, eagle, eaglet, egg, enough, fall, flaming, fly, fox, grab, ground, grow, however, human, kill, loss, meat, moral, nest, once, once upon a time, protect, quickly, upon, upset, rain, rest, revenge, short, spread, summer, still, tall, thicket, to death, tree, underneath, whole, worried

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Once upon a time, there was an eagle and a fox who became very good friends.

Because they were such good friends, they decided to live next to each other, and to help protect each other. The eagle built her nest high up in the branches of a tall tree, while the fox made her home in a thicket underneath the branches of the tree. (A “*nest*” is a home built by birds for their eggs, and a “*thicket*” is an area where bushes grow close together.) Both the eagle and the fox had 3 children. The eagle had 3 eaglets, and the fox had 3 cubs. (“*Eaglets*” are baby eagles, and “*cubs*” are baby foxes.)

Everything was fine at first. But then, one summer there was a drought. (A “*drought*” is a long time without rain.) During the drought, it was very hard to find food. Both the eagle and the fox became worried about finding enough food for their children.

One day, the fox went out to look for food. While the fox was gone, the eagle flew down and grabbed one of the fox’s cubs. The eagle took the fox cub up to her nest where she killed it. The eagle ate some of it, and fed the rest to her eaglets.

When the fox came back, and discovered what had happened, the fox was very upset. The fox was upset about the loss of her cub, but the fox was even more upset that there was nothing she could do about it. There was no chance for revenge. The eagle lived high up in the tree, so the fox couldn’t get to the eagle or her eaglets.

However, it happened that just a short time later, the fox got her revenge after all. A group of humans were cooking some meat over a fire. The eagle flew down and grabbed the meat, and took it up to her nest. But some of the meat was on fire, and when the eagle brought the flaming meat up to her nest, the whole nest caught fire. The fire spread very quickly, and before the eagle could do anything, her whole nest burned up.

The eaglets were still too young to fly. And so they burned to death in the fire. And then, their dead bodies fell to the ground. And while the eagle watched, the fox ate all her children.

The moral of the story is:

If you do bad things to others, then bad things will happen to you.



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2. What is the English word for “baby foxes”?
3. What is a drought?
4. What were the eagle and the fox worried about during the drought?
5. Where was the fox when the eagle grabbed one of her cubs?
6. Why couldn't the fox get to the eagle or her eaglets?
7. What were the humans cooking over a fire?
8. What caught fire?
9. Why couldn't the eaglets fly?
10. While the eagle watched, what did the fox do?

Answers

1. Where did the fox make her home?
In a thicket underneath the branches of the tree
2. What is the English word for “baby foxes”?
Cubs
3. What is a drought?
A long time without rain
4. What were the eagle and the fox worried about during the drought?
Finding enough food for their children
5. Where was the fox when the eagle grabbed one of her cubs?
Out looking for food.
6. Why couldn't the fox get to the eagle or her eaglets?
The eagle lived high up in the tree.
7. What were the humans cooking over a fire?
Some meat
8. What caught fire?
The eagle's nest
9. Why couldn't the eaglets fly?
They were still too young.
10. While the eagle watched, what did the fox do?
The fox ate all her children.

Vocabulary

area - a region of a country or city:

The factory will provide hundreds of new jobs for the area.

branch - one of the many parts of a tree that grows out from its trunk:

The branch broke cleanly away from the tree.

baby - a very young child:

Liz has had a baby.

burn - to be destroyed by fire:

The factory burned to the ground.

burn up - to destroy something completely, or to be destroyed completely by fire or heat:

The satellite will burn up when it enters the atmosphere.

bush - a short, thick plant with a lot of branches:

This is a rose bush.

catch fire - to start burning

cook - to prepare food and usually heat it:

Who's cooking this evening?

cub - a young bear, fox, lion, etc

death - the end of life:

Do you believe in life after death?

to death - until you die:

He was beaten to death by a gang of youths.

decide - to choose something after thinking about several possibilities:

She's decided to take the job.

discover - to get information about something for the first time:

She discovered that he had been married three times before.

drought - a long period when there is no rain and people do not have enough water:
A severe drought ruined the crops.

during - for the whole of a period of time:
Emma's usually at home during the day.

eagle - a large, wild bird with a big, curved beak, that hunts smaller animals

eaglet - a young eagle

egg - an oval object with a hard shell that contains a baby bird, insect, or other creature:
The bird lays its eggs in a nest.

enough - as much as is necessary:
They had enough fuel for one week

fall - to move down towards the ground:
Huge drops of rain were falling from the sky.

flaming - burning

fly - to move through the air:
The plane was flying at 5000 feet.

fox - a wild animal like a dog with red-brown fur, a pointed nose, and a long, thick tail

grab - to take hold of something or someone suddenly:
He grabbed my arm and pulled me away.

ground - the surface of the Earth:
I sat down on the ground.

grow - If a plant grows, it develops from a seed to a full plant:
These shrubs grow well in sandy soil.

however - used when you are about to say something that is surprising compared with what you have just said:
He had always been a successful businessman. Recently, however, things have not been going well for him.

human - a man, woman, or child:

The disease affects both humans and animals.

kill - to make someone or something die:

Sunday's bomb killed 19 people.

loss - the fact of not having someone or something that you had before, or of having less of something than before:

She was weak from loss of blood.

meat - muscles and other soft parts of animals, used as food:

I don't eat meat.

moral - something you learn from a story or event about how to behave:

The moral of the story is never lie.

nest - a home built by birds for their eggs and by some other creatures to live in:

This is a birds' nest.

once - in the past, but not now:

This house once belonged to my grandfather.

once upon a time - used at the beginning of a children's story to mean that something happened a long time ago

protect - to keep someone or something safe from something dangerous or bad:

It's important to protect your skin from the harmful effects of the sun.

quickly - fast or in a short time:

I quickly shut the door.

upon - on:

The jar had been placed upon the table.

upset - unhappy or worried because something unpleasant has happened:

They'd had an argument and she was still upset about it.

rain - water that falls from the sky in small drops:
It looks like rain.

rest - the part of something that remains, or the others that remain:
I'm not sure I want to spend the rest of my life with him.

revenge - something that you do to punish someone who has done something bad to you:
He's made life very difficult for me but I'll take my revenge.

short - continuing for a small amount of time:
There's a short break for coffee between classes.

spread - to increase, or move to cover a larger area or affect a larger number of people:
The smoke soon spread into all the rooms in the house.

summer - the season of the year between spring and autumn, when the weather is warmest:
We usually go away in the summer.

still - used to say that something is continuing to happen now or that someone is continuing to do something now:
He's still here if you want to speak to him.

tall - having a greater than average height:
He's tall and thin.
It's one of the tallest buildings in the city.

thicket - an area of trees and bushes growing closely together

tree - a tall plant with a thick stem that has branches coming from it and leaves:
They went under a tree to shelter from the rain.

underneath - under something:
Florian was wearing a jacket with a red shirt underneath.

worried - anxious because you are thinking about problems or unpleasant things that might happen:
She's really worried about her son.

whole - complete, including every part:
She spent the whole afternoon studying.