

The Fox and the Crow

Once there was a hungry fox. One day, she saw a crow sitting on the branch of a tree. There was a piece of bread in the crow's beak. The fox wanted to get the bread, so she thought of a plan. She said to the crow, "You are very beautiful. Your voice must be very sweet. Please sing a song for me." The crow felt proud after hearing the fox's praise. She opened her mouth to sing. The piece of bread fell to the ground. The fox picked it up and ran away. The crow felt very sad.

Moral: Beware of flatterers.

The Cap Seller and the Monkeys

Once there was a cap seller. He used to travel from place to place to sell caps. One hot afternoon, he was passing through a forest. He was very tired, so he lay down under a tree and fell asleep, keeping his basket of caps beside him. There were many monkeys on the tree. They came down and took all the caps from the basket. When the cap seller woke up, he found his basket empty. Then he saw the monkeys wearing the caps on their heads. He thought of a plan. He took off his own cap and threw it on the ground. The monkeys copied him and threw down all the caps. The cap seller quickly collected the caps and went away happily.

Moral: Never lose heart.

The Fox and the Grapes

Once there was a fox. He was very hungry. He went here and there in search of food. At last, he saw a vine full of grapes in a garden. He went there and saw many ripe bunches of grapes. His mouth watered. The grapes were hanging very high. He jumped again and again to reach them, but he could not get them. He rested for a while and tried again, but he failed. At last, he said, "The grapes are sour," and walked away.

Moral: Grapes out of reach are said to be sour.