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Reading/Phonics

Read the Aesop fable (short story) below before you attempt the exercises below.

The Fisherman Piping

A FISHERMAN skilled in music took his flute and his nets to the seashore. Standing on a projecting rock, he played several tunes in the hope that the fish, attracted by his melody, would of their own accord dance into his net, which he had placed below. At last, having long waited in vain, he laid aside his flute, and casting his net into the sea, made an excellent haul of fish. When he saw them leaping about in the net upon the rock he said: “O you most perverse creatures, when I piped you would not dance, but now that I have ceased you do so merrily.”

Oral Questions:

Who are the characters in this story?
What is the main idea of this story?
What is the problem in this story?

Exercise (Creative Writing)

1. Use the above fable to write a story that is three paragraphs long: an introduction (beginning plot), middle, and conclusion (ending plot). Make sure you understand the plot well.
 - a. The introduction paragraph. Introduce the characters and describe the setting.
 - b. The middle paragraph. Describe the character, his thoughts and emotions. Use sensory details to describe the scene.
 - c. The ending paragraph. Write the conclusion making sure to resolve the problem.