

Worksheet: Analyzing Character 6

Fables are short stories which illustrate a particular moral and teach a lesson to children. The theme and characters appeal to children and the stories are often humorous and entertaining. Fables have a message in their narrative such as a parable might have. Fables can often pass into our culture as myths and legends and used to teach about morals to children and kids.

The characters of fables and tales are usually animals who act and talk just like people, whilst retaining their animal traits.



Read the short story below. Then answer the questions.

THE CROW AND THE PITCHER

A crow, half-dead with thirst, came upon a pitcher which had once been full of water, but when the crow puts its beak into the mouth of the pitcher he found that only very little water was left in it, and that he could not reach far enough down to get at it. He tried, and he tried, but at last had to give up in despair.



Then a thought came to him, and he took a pebble and dropped it into the pitcher. Then he took another pebble and dropped it into the pitcher. Then he took another pebble and dropped that into the pitcher. Then he took another pebble and dropped that into the pitcher. Then he took another pebble and dropped that into the pitcher. At last, at last, he saw the water



mount up near him, and after casting in a few more pebbles he was able to quench his thirst and save his life.

(Moral of Aesops Fable: Little by little does the trick.)

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Activities

Activity 1: Use the “Character Analysis” worksheet to analyze the character in the story.

Activity 2: Discuss with someone the moral of the fable: “*Little by little does the trick*”.

Activity 3: Answer the following questions.

1. What did the crow wanted?
 1. ☐ He wanted the pitcher.
 2. ☐ He wanted the water.
 3. ☐ He wanted to collect pebbles.

2. Why was the crow in despair?
 1. ☐ He could not find pebbles.
 2. ☐ He had to carry to much pebbles to the pitcher.
 3. ☐ He was thirsty and could not reach the water in the pitcher.

3. What was the crow plan?
 1. ☐ To tilt the pitcher to get the water.
 2. ☐ The fill the pitcher with stones.
 3. ☐ To collect pebbles.

4. Did the crow’s plan work?
 1. ☐ No, all he got was pebbles.
 2. ☐ Yes, he got to quench his thirst.

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Answers

1. What did the crow wanted? *He wanted the water.*
2. Why was the crow in despair? *He was thirsty and could not reach the water in the pitcher.*
3. What was the crow plan? *The fill the pitcher with stones.*
4. Did the crow's plan work? *Yes, he got to quench his thirst.*