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The Fox and the Crow

2nd Grade reading passage 1 · story

A crow found a piece of cheese and flew up to a branch to eat it. A hungry fox saw her and wanted that cheese.

"Good morning, beautiful crow," said the fox. "Your feathers are so shiny. I bet your voice is the loveliest in the forest. Won't you sing for me?"

The crow was so pleased that she opened her beak to sing. The cheese fell right into the fox's mouth.

"Thank you," said the fox, licking his lips. "Next time, don't trust someone who flatters you."

Questions

1. What did the fox want?

2. How did the fox trick the crow?

3. What kind of story is this? How do you know?

4. What is the moral?

5. Use one word to describe the fox.

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How Bees Make Honey

2nd Grade reading passage 2 · nonfiction

Honeybees live together in a hive. Each hive has one queen and thousands of worker bees.

Worker bees fly from flower to flower, sipping a sweet juice called nectar. They carry it back to the hive.

Inside, the bees put the nectar into tiny wax rooms called cells. They fan their wings to dry it out. Slowly, the nectar turns thick and sticky. Now it is honey!

Bees save the honey to eat in winter, when there are no flowers.

Questions

1. What is the main topic?

2. What is nectar?

3. What do bees do after they put nectar in the cells?

4. Why do bees save honey?

5. Which text feature would help you find the word nectar fast?

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The New Kid

2nd Grade reading passage 3 · story

On Monday, a new girl named Ana sat alone at lunch. She looked down at her tray and didn't eat much.

Jacob noticed. He remembered his first day at a new school, when no one talked to him. He picked up his tray and walked over.

"Hi, I'm Jacob. Want to sit with us?" Ana smiled for the first time all day.

By Friday, Ana was laughing with Jacob's whole table. She even taught them a game from her old school.

Questions

1. How did Ana feel on Monday? How do you know?

2. Why did Jacob go over to Ana?

3. How did things change by Friday?

4. What is a lesson from this story?

5. How are Ana and Jacob alike?

Answer Key

1. The Fox and the Crow

1. The crow's cheese.
2. He said nice things and asked her to sing, so she dropped the cheese.
3. A fable: it is short, has talking animals and teaches a lesson.
4. Don't trust someone who flatters you.
5. Sneaky or clever.

2. How Bees Make Honey

1. How bees make honey.
2. A sweet juice in flowers.
3. Fan their wings to dry it.
4. To eat in winter when there are no flowers.
5. A glossary (or bold print).

3. The New Kid

1. Lonely or sad: she sat alone and didn't eat much.
2. He remembered how it felt to be new.
3. Ana had friends and was laughing.
4. Being kind to someone new can make a big difference.
5. Both were new at a school once.