

Alpha Level 5

# Sour Grapes and Other Fables



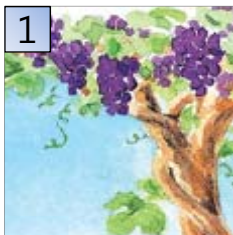
## Word Study

A. Match the words to the correct definition.

trap	•	•	a small piece of wood
drown	•	•	to move around without a direction
twig	•	•	to accept in an unwilling way
snatch	•	•	to die under water
slip	•	•	to fall down
wander	•	•	to complain in a quite
mutter	•	•	to take something quickly
admit	•	•	a device for catching animals

B. Complete the sentence using the words in the box.

- 1) Fox saw some bunches of grapes hanging from a tree.
- 2) "I will lie down and pretend to be very ill."
- 3) "I can see a lot of tracks going into the cave and no tracks coming out."
- 4) "Those grapes don't look ripe anyway.  
They are probably sour."



tracks    sour    pretend    bunches    tracks    ripe

## Word Study

C. Circle the opposite word and rewrite it on the line.

a e h i g h p m ↔ low      high

o l d v b q h m ↔ young      old

o d r o p e b k ↔ pick      drop

z i n q a y ↔ out      in

o s d x w u p k ↔ down      up

D. Write the correct meaning of each underlined word from the word box below.

### Some words have more than one meaning.

**spring** : (noun) a name of the season  
(verb) to move, leap suddenly  
(noun) a source of water

Example :

There are four seasons in a year.

Spring is my favorite season.

season

1. We plant seeds in the spring.

season

2. Water comes out of the spring.

water

3. The lion was weak so it waited to spring.

leap

## Comprehension

### A. Answer the following questions.

1. A fable is a short story that \_\_\_\_\_.  
(page 2)

a) teaches a lesson  
b) gives information

2. What did Fox see on the vines? (page 2 ~ 5)

Fox saw bunches of grapes.

3. Why did Fox mutter to himself that grapes were sour?  
(page 2 ~ 5)

The grapes were too high to reach, so  
Fox couldn't get the grapes.

4. Why couldn't Lion go out of the cave to hunt for food?  
(page 6~9)

The lion was too weak, so he pretended to be very ill.

### B. Choose the right word or phrase that makes the sentence correct. Rewrite it on the line.

1. Fox didn't go into the cave because there is no track coming out.  
~~no track coming out.~~  
no track going in.

2. The dove picked and dropped a twig. in front of the ant,  
(page 10 ~ 11) bone / twig ~~ant / aunt~~  
when the dove saw the ant drowning.  
swimming / drowning

3. The ant helped the dove when the dove was caught in a trap.  
(page 10 ~ 11) ~~the dove was caught in a trap.~~  
the dove was caught by a eagle.

3. The dog opened his mouth when he saw his reflection.  
~~opened / closed~~ ~~his reflection / his friend~~  
(page 14 ~ 15)

## Comprehension

### C. Find moral of the story.

What lesson(moral) do you think author want to teach you?

- It pays to be cautious.
- Don't blame other for your shortcoming.
- Be happy with what you have.
- One good turn deserves another.

Things that happened	Moral of the story
	One good turn deserves another.
	Be happy with what you have.

### D. Write and Speak

Match the right words and make your own book journals.

Subject	Verb	adjective	to + verb
I	am	pleased happy sad sorry surprised	help you to cheer you up hear the news to save my life drop my bone be tricked by you

I am happy to help you.

I am sorry to hear the news.

Answers can vary.