

## Handout 2: Features of a fable

Read the two fables and fill in the table given.

Story 1: The Grasshopper and the Ants	Story 2: The Stork and the Crab
<p>In a field one summer's day a grasshopper was hopping about, chirping and singing to its heart's content. A group of ants walked by, grunting as they struggled to carry plump kernels of corn.</p>  <p>"Where are you going with those heavy things?" asked the grasshopper.</p> <p>Without stopping, the first ant replied, "To our ant hill. This is the third kernel I've delivered today."</p> <p>"Why not come and sing with me," teased the grasshopper, "instead of working so hard?"</p> <p>"We are helping to store food for the winter," said the ant, "and think you should do the same."</p> <p>"Winter is far away and it is a glorious day to play," sang the grasshopper.</p> <p>But the ants went on their way and continued their hard work.</p>  <p>The weather soon turned cold. All the food lying in the field was covered with a thick white blanket of snow that even the grasshopper could not dig through.</p> <p>Soon the grasshopper found itself dying of hunger. He staggered to the ants' hill and saw them handing out corn from the stores they had collected in the summer. He begged them for something to eat.</p> <p>"What!" cried the ants in surprise, "haven't you stored anything away for the winter? What in the world were you doing all last summer?"</p> <p>"I didn't have time to store any food," complained the grasshopper; "I was so busy playing music that before I knew it the summer was gone."</p> <p>The ants shook their heads in disgust, turned their backs on the grasshopper and went on with their work.</p> <p>Story adapted from:  <a href="https://www.dltk-teach.com/fables/grasshopper/mstory.htm">https://www.dltk-teach.com/fables/grasshopper/mstory.htm</a></p>	 <p>Once upon a time, there lived a stork who used to pick fishes from the pond beside him and eat them.</p> <p>However, as he grew older, he found it difficult to catch even a single fish. He had to think of a plan as soon as possible so that he would not starve to death. He then devised a cunning plan.</p> <p>He told the fishes that some men were planning to fill the pond and grow crops, and soon, all the animals would be removed from the pond and there would not be any of them left. The fishes became worried upon hearing this news. The stork told them how sad he would be if all the fishes were gone and that he would miss them.</p> <p>The fishes thought hard and asked the stork for a favour. The stork pounced on the opportunity and promised the fishes that he would take all of them to a bigger pond where they would be safe. However, he told them, "As I am old, I can take only a few of you at one go." The fishes agreed.</p> <p>So, every day, the stork would take a few fishes and fly to a rock nearby, kill them, and eat them up. He carried on with his cunning trick for a few weeks.</p> <p>In the pond, there also lived a crab. He too wanted to go to the bigger pond, and so he asked the stork to bring him to the pond. The stork thought of eating the crab for a change and so, he agreed to help him.</p>  <p>On the way, the crab asked the stork, "Where is the big pond?"</p> <p>The stork laughed and pointed to the rock, which was littered with fish bones. The crab realised that the stork had killed all the fishes and that if he did not act fast, the stork would kill him too. He quickly thought of a plan to save himself.</p> <p>He then caught the stork's neck with his claws and did not let it go until the stork died.</p> <p>Story adapted from:  <a href="https://parenting.firstcry.com/articles/top-10-short-stories-of-panchatantra-for-kids/">https://parenting.firstcry.com/articles/top-10-short-stories-of-panchatantra-for-kids/</a></p>

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	<b>Who are the characters in the story?</b>	<b>What are their traits?</b>	<b>What is the main problem faced by the character(s)?</b>	<b>What is the solution to the problem?</b>	<b>How do the characters learn the lesson in the story?</b>	<b>What is the overall moral?</b>
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