

The Greedy Fox

One bright and sunny morning a fox was wandering through the woods when he spotted an old shepherd hiding his lunch inside a hollow tree before setting out to look after his flock of sheep.



1. Where did the shepherd hide his dinner?

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Under a rock.

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Behind a bush.

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Inside a hollow tree.

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Next to his flock of sheep.

2. What did the shepherd do after he had hidden his lunch?

As soon as the shepherd was out of sight the sneaky fox ran over to the tree. The gap in the tree trunk was not very wide so the fox had to wriggle and squeeze his way through to the inside.

3. Where did the fox go when the shepherd was out of sight?

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To the farm.

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To the tree.

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To his den.

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Up the mountain.

4. Why did the fox have to wriggle and squeeze his way into the tree?

Once he was in the tree, the fox gobbled up the shepherd's lunch until every bit was gone. Then he tried to climb back through the gap again. To his horror he found that he had eaten so much that his stomach had grown plump. No matter how hard he tried he could not squeeze back out again!

5. What had happened to the fox's stomach?

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It had grown plump.

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It had become flat.

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It had begun to rumble.

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It had started to shake.

6. Why couldn't the fox squeeze back out of the gap in the tree?

Now when the fox realised he was stuck he began to howl. Eventually one of his friends heard his howls and came to see what the matter was.

7. Who heard the fox's howls?

When the fox explained what had happened, his friend shook his head and said, "I'm afraid there is nothing I can do to help you. You'll just have to wait until you grow thin enough to squeeze out again - you have been very selfish and very foolish!"

The greedy fox was very annoyed with himself for being so silly.

8. How did the fox's friend describe his behaviour?

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wise and cunning

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brave and honest

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selfish and foolish

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cowardly

9. Who was the fox annoyed with?

9. What lesson could you learn from this story?

Draw a picture of your favourite part of the story.