

*A Warm Summer Day*

- Grasshopper:* It is fun in the sun. I can sing. I can dance  
*Ant:* Who are you?  
*Grasshopper:* I am a grasshopper. Who are you?  
*Ant:* I am an ant. Why do you sing? Why do you dance?  
*Grasshopper:* It is fun to sing and to dance. What are you doing?  
*Ant:* I am working. Winter will be coming and food will be needed.  
*Grasshopper:* Winter! Why do you talk about winter? It is warm and sunny. It is fun to sing and to play. Who needs to work?  
*Ant:* Winter will come. There is work to be done.  
*Grasshopper:* What? You do not need to think about winter now.

*A Cold Winter Day*

- Grasshopper:* Brrrr. I am cold. I am hungry.  
*Hops to the ants house.*  
*Grasshopper:* Knock, knock.  
*Ant:* Who is there?  
*Grasshopper:* Ima.  
*Ant:* Ima who?  
*Grasshopper:* Ima cold. Ima hungry. Let me in.  
*Ant:* What did you do in the summer?  
*Grasshopper:* I sang and I danced in the sun.  
*Ant:* If you sang and danced in the summer, you can sing and dance in the winter too.

**Words to Know:**

Who, Why, What, There

*On a grassy hill*

*Wolf:* What is this? The body of an old sheep? I know what I will do.  
That shepherd yells every time he sees me come near.  
If I put this sheep skin on, he will not know it is me.  
*Puts the sheep skin over his fur.*

*Wolf:* Ha ha! He will never know it is me.  
*The wolf sneaks into the middle of the sheep.*

*Shepherd:* What is that? I lamb is crying.  
*He looks over the hill.*

*Shepherd:* I do not have a big sheep like that. Why does it move like that?  
It is the wolf!

*Wolf:* How do you know I am a wolf? I have a sheep skin.

*Shepherd:* No matter how you dress, you are still a wolf.  
I know that sheep will never hurt a little lamb.

**Words to Know:**

Have, How, This, That, Know

*A grassy hill with sheep above a village*

**Boy:** I am bored. Every day I am here all alone with no one to talk to.  
I know! I will play a joke and have some fun.

*Cups his hands over his mouth.*

**Boy:** Help! Wolf! Help! Wolf!

*Man comes running from the village.*

**Man:** Where! Where is the wolf?

**Boy:** Wolf? Who called wolf? Did you hear someone call wolf?

**Man:** I did hear someone call wolf. If there is no wolf here, I will leave.

*The second day*

**Boy:** I am bored. Maybe if I call help again, more people will come.  
Help! Wolf! Help! Wolf!

**Man:** I did hear you cry wolf. Where is the wolf?

**Boy:** Ha ha. I did cry wolf. It is a joke. It is funny.

**Man:** It is not funny. Do not cry wolf any more if there is no wolf here.

*The third day*

**Boy:** I am bored again. But I better not cry wolf today.  
What is that? What do I see coming up the hill? It is a wolf.  
This time it is a wolf.

*(yells)* Help! Wolf! Help! Wolf!

The wolf is coming here. Help! Wolf!

Where is every one? Do they not hear me?

Help! Wolf! Help! Wolf!

No one is coming. I am the boy who cried wolf.

**Words to Know:**

Hear, Here, There, Where

*A jackdaw bird is sitting on a branch. Another bird flies to the branch.*

*Grack:* Hello, Jack.

*Jack:* Hello, Grack.

*Grack:* What are you doing, Jack?

*Jack:* Shhh. We can watch the pigeons over there.

*Grack:* Why do you watch pigeons?

*Jack:* They have a nicer home. They have more food to eat. I will go and live with them.

*Grack:* You cannot live with pigeons. You are a jackdaw. Their song is not the same. Their feathers are not the same. They will not let you in there.

*Jack:* I will paint my feathers. I will not sing. I will eat their food. I will live in there with them.

*Grack:* Good-bye, Jack.

*Jack:* Good-bye, Grack.

*They both fly away.*

*Three days later, the same branch*

*Grack:* Hello, Jack. Is that you? What happened to your feathers?

*Jack:* I painted my feathers to look like pigeons. But after two days they found out I was not a pigeon.

*Grack:* If you painted your feathers, how did they find out?

*Jack:* I was quiet at first and no one looked at me. I had a soft nest. I had good food. I woke up and I began to sing.

*Grack:* The pigeons heard you caw like a daw?

*Jack:* Yes. They heard me sing. They hit me and sent me away. So I will go back home to our jackdaw nest.

*Crack:* You cannot come back to our nest.

*Jack:* What do you mean?

*Crack:* The jackdaws heard you went to live with the pigeons. They said if you go to live with them, you can not come back with us. You can not be a pigeon and a jackdaw.

**Words to Know:**

Watch, Heard, They, Them, Their

#5

## City Mouse and Country Mouse

### *In a barn in the country*

- City Mouse:* Hello, Cousin. I thought I should come to visit you.
- Country Mouse:* Come in, come in. There is plenty of room in this nice, big barn I would like to share with you.
- City Mouse:* It is nice and big. But it is not very warm.
- Country Mouse:* But it is warm here under the straw where I sleep. Come and share my supper.
- City Mouse:* What? This is all you have to eat? A crumb of dry bread and old cheese? I would like more than this to eat.
- Country Mouse:* It is not fancy. But I can get more.
- City Mouse:* Oh, Cousin. You should come home with me. I eat lots of fine food.
- Country Mouse:* What food do you eat?
- City Mouse:* Every meal I would have sweet fruits and rich meats. In my home there are many kinds of cheese and nuts and rolls. Best of all, there are cakes and pies to eat.
- Country Mouse:* Meat and cakes and pies! You eat this good food every day? I would like to visit you.
- City Mouse:* Tomorrow we should leave here to go to my home in the city.

### *In a house in the city*

- City Mouse:* In here, Cousin. I have a warm hole by the fire and a soft bed to sleep on.
- Country Mouse:* This is very nice and warm.
- City Mouse:* But that is not the best. You should see the kitchen. Follow me.

### *In the kitchen*

- Country Mouse:* Oh my! Oh my! I have never seen this much food in my life.
- City Mouse:* Try this cheese. Here is a cookie.
- Country Mouse:* (*mumbles with mouth full of food*) Um um um. I could eat all day.
- City Mouse:* And after we eat, we should listen to music on the radio.
- Country Mouse:* Um um um
- A cat sneaks into the kitchen*
- City Mouse:* (*yells*) Oh no! The cat. Run! Run for your life!
- Country Mouse:* What! Where! How!
- City Mouse:* This way, this way! Follow me!

### *Back in the mouse hole*

- Country Mouse:* I thought you had a warm house and good food. But I would rather have a simple life and not the danger. Good-bye!

### **Words to Know:**

Could, Should, Would, Thought

*In a green field*

Hare: I am speedy. I am fast.

Watch me race, like a blast!

Tortoise: Hello, young rabbit.

Hare: Hello, Mr. Turtle. Did you see me run and hop?

Tortoise: I did. I thought you were feeling frisky this morning.

Hare: I am always fast. I am not slow like you.

Tortoise: Hmmm

Hare: (*laughs*) If I race you, I would win.

Tortoise: I don't know about that, young rabbit.

Hare: Ok. Meet me here tomorrow and we will have a race from here, through the woods and back.

Tortoise: I will meet you tomorrow.

*Rabbit races off. Tortoise moves slow.*

*Next morning*

Tortoise: Good morning, young rabbit.

Hare: Good morning, Mr. Turtle. Are you ready to watch me win?

Tortoise: We shall see.

*Hare and tortoise get behind a line.*

Tortoise: Get ready. Get set. Go!

*Hare darts off quickly.*

Hare: I am speedy. I am fast.

Watch me race, like a blast!

*Tortoise moves slowly.*

*In the woods*

Hare: Boy! I am tired! I will get a drink in this creek.

*The hare takes a drink*

Hare: Boy, oh boy. That turtle is so far behind. He will never catch me. I think I could rest for a little while. Then I will finish the race through the woods.

*Hare falls asleep. After a while, the turtle slowly comes into the woods and passes him.*

*Hare wakes up.*

Hare: Oh no! I fell asleep. But I can still win though.

*The hare races back into the field and sees the tortoise at the finish line.*

Hare: You are here? How did you win?

Tortoise: Slow and steady wins the race.

**Words to Know:**

Through, Though Review: Thought

#7

## The Golden Goose

*In a farmhouse*

**Man:** I bought a new goose at the market today. See what a fine goose she is.

**Woman:** She is a fine goose. She will give us many eggs.

*Next morning, in the barn*

**Woman:** I am here to get the eggs, my fine goose. What is this! Only one egg! What kind of goose gives us only one egg?

*She looks at the egg closely.*

**Woman:** There is something strange about this egg.

*In the farmhouse*

**Woman:** Husband, look! Look at this egg!

**Man:** The goose laid only one egg?

**Woman:** But I think the egg is gold.

**Man:** Let me see. You are right! It is a golden egg! Do not tell anyone. We could buy something with the gold. We can buy new clothes and get plenty of food for winter with this egg.

*Next day*

**Woman:** Look, husband, look! Our goose laid another golden egg!

**Man:** This is great. We can buy more land and have a bigger farm. We could buy anything we need. But do not tell anyone about our goose.

*Next day*

**Woman:** Here is the golden egg today.

**Man:** What! Only one egg! Day after day the goose only lays one egg.

**Woman:** But they are golden eggs!

**Man:** Yes, but she should lay them all at once. Then we would be very rich. Then we could live in a palace in the town. We could buy everything we would like.

**Woman:** Maybe tomorrow she will lay more than one egg.

*Next day*

**Woman:** There is still only one egg today.

**Man:** I am tired of waiting. I am going to cut the goose open and get all of her eggs. Then we will be rich now and not have to wait for her to lay them all.

*He cuts the goose open, but does not find more eggs.*

**Woman:** We should have kept the goose. Then we would have at least had one more egg.

We could have bought what we need for the day. Now we have nothing.

### Words to Know:

Buy, Bought, Something, Anything, Everything, Nothing

*Peacock:* I am a peacock.

*Crane:* I am a crane.

*Peacock:* Can't you see my beautiful feathers? I have feathers of gold. I have feathers of blue. I have green and purple in my feathers.

*Crane:* Yes, I see your feathers.

*Peacock:* See how nice my feathers are. Yours are gray and dull. Don't you wish yours were beautiful like mine?

*Crane:* My feathers are gray and long.

*Peacock:* My feathers are bright. My feathers shine in the sun. Can't you see how they shimmer and shine as I hold up my beautiful tail in the sun.

*Crane:* I see your feathers shine.

*Peacock:* How sad to be you. You don't have the beautiful feathers of all colors in the rainbow like I have.

*Crane:* But my feathers can fly. Your feathers won't let you fly.

*Peacock:* What?

*Crane:* It is true. Can you fly?

*Peacock:* Fly? Of course I can't fly. I won't let anything hurt my beautiful feathers.

*Crane:* I can fly in the heavens. I can soar near the sun. My feathers let me fly over the lakes and land in tall trees.

*Peacock:* But I am beautiful. Everyone knows how beautiful I am.

*Crane:* How sad to be you and walk in the dirt.

**Words to Know:**

Can't, Don't, Won't

*The fox is sitting under a tree. A crow flies onto the branch above.*

**Fox:** Who is that? Oh, it is you. What do you have there?

**Crow:** *(Keeping her beak closed.)* Hmm?

**Fox:** Cheese, I see. You have some cheese. I want cheese too. Will you be so kind as to share it with me?

**Crow:** *(Shakes her head "no")* Huh uh.

**Fox:** So you want to keep the cheese all for yourself? Is that it?

**Crow:** *(Shakes her head "yes.")* Uh huh.

**Fox:** Then I will just have to look at your feathers which are so black and shiny.

**Crow:** Uh huh.

**Fox:** And such a long, black tail. Why, I think you have the best tail in the world.

**Crow:** *(Trying to look at her tail.)* Hmmmm?

**Fox:** You must know how much everyone talks about your eyes which are so beautiful and round.

**Crow:** Uh huh?

**Fox:** But you know what I hear the most about you?

**Crow:** Huh?

**Fox:** It is said that your voice is the loveliest voice in the world. I have been told that your voice is the reason you have been called the Queen of the Crows.

**Crow:** Hmmmm

**Fox:** Oh I want to hear your wonderful voice.

**Crow:** *(Opens her mouth for the first time.)* Caw, caw

*The cheese falls out of the crows mouth. Then the fox grabs it as it falls.*

**Fox:** Thank you so much for the cheese, Queen Crow. But you should not listen to false praise. Then you will not be tricked so easily.

**Words to Know:**

Which, Want, Then

*Near a vineyard of grapes*

*Fox:* Oh look at those grapes! Those beautiful grapes!

*Dog:* You will not get these grapes. They belong to my owner.

*Fox:* What do you know? I will have those grapes hanging there. They are so sweet I can taste them now.

*Dog:* You think you can get these grapes, do you? How will you get them so high off the ground?

*Fox:* I can jump. Watch me jump high and get those sweet, sweet grapes.

*Fox jumps.*

*Dog:* You can't jump high enough. You are not smart enough to get these grapes.

*Fox:* Those grapes are mine I tell you. I will climb the fence and get those beautiful, sweet grapes.

*Dog:* You? Climb a fence? How do you think you can climb a fence?

*Fox tries to climb the fence but cannot.*

*Dog:* You are not a snake or a mouse. You can't climb a fence. You can't have these grapes.

*Fox:* Those are my grapes and they will taste so sweet. I am going to throw a stick at them and knock them down.

*The fox throws the stick but the grapes do not fall.*

*Dog:* You can't jump high enough. You can't climb high enough. You can't knock the grapes down with a stick. You can't have these grapes.

*Fox:* Those are sour grapes. Who would want your sour grapes?

*The fox walks off with his nose in the air.*

**Words to Know:**

These, Those, Enough

*A lion is asleep under a tree in the jungle.*

*Lion:* ROAR! What is this?

*He holds up a little mouse in his big paw.*

*Lion:* Because you woke me up, I will make a nice little snack out of you.

*Mouse:* Oh please, please. Don't eat me. Some day I might be able to help you.

*Lion:* Ha ha ha. How could a little mouse ever help a great, big lion like me?

*Mouse:* I don't know, but please don't eat me.

*Lion:* Ok, little mouse. Because you made me laugh, I will let you go.

*Mouse:* Thank you. Thank you. I will not forget.

*Mouse scampers off.*

*Lion:* Ha ha ha. That little mouse could never help anybody.

*A week later the lion is in a trap under the same tree.*

*Lion:* I can't get away. I am trapped.

*Mouse:* Shhhh. Do you remember me?

*Lion:* Who said that?

*Mouse:* It is me, the little mouse.

*Lion:* Yes, I remember you. But there is no way anyone can help me now.

*Mouse:* Shhh. Please stay still. I can help you. I can get you out before the hunters come back.

*Lion:* How can you help me?

*Mouse:* Please be quiet. Because I can chew the ropes around you, I will set you free.

*The mouse chews the ropes until they break.*

*Mouse:* You are free! You are free!

*Lion:* You were right. You did help me. Even a little mouse can be a good friend to a big lion.

**Words to Know:**

Because, Please

*In a stall in a barn*

**Dog:** It is hotter in the sun than it is in the shade of the barn. Here is the oxen's manger filled with hay. I will rest in his hay while he works in the sun.

*Ox comes in.*

**Ox:** Who is sleeping in my manger?

**Dog:** How dare you wake me when I am sleeping! Do you not know I can bite your throat. My teeth are sharper than yours.

**Ox:** Why would you do that? I have been working in the sun while you were resting in the shade of the barn.

**Dog:** What is that to me? I go where I want, when I want.

**Ox:** I do not mind sharing my stall with you. You can rest in the corner while I eat my hay.

**Dog:** You think I would let you eat this hay? It is my hay. The hay is mine. Go away.

**Ox:** The hay is not yours. You can't eat hay.

**Dog:** It is my hay, I say. I won't let you have it.

**Ox:** The farmer is putting out food in your dish right now. Your food is better for you than my hay.

**Dog:** I don't want that food. This hay is mine and you won't get it.

**Ox:** You are a dog in a manger. You want to keep things from others even when you can't use it yourself.

**Words to Know:**

While, Than, When

*A Warm Summer Day*

*Grasshopper:* It is fun in the sun. I can sing. I can dance  
*Ant:* Who are you?  
*Grasshopper:* I am a grasshopper. Who are you?  
*Ant:* I am an ant. Why do you sing? Why do you dance?  
*Grasshopper:* It is fun to sing and to dance. What are you doing?  
*Ant:* I am working. Winter will be coming and food will be needed.  
*Grasshopper:* Winter! Why do you talk about winter? It is warm and sunny. It is fun to sing and to play. Who needs to work?  
*Ant:* Winter will come. There is work to be done.  
*Grasshopper:* What? You do not need to think about winter now.

*A Cold Winter Day*

*Grasshopper:* Brrrr. I am cold. I am hungry.  
*Hops to the ants house.*  
*Grasshopper:* Knock, knock.  
*Ant:* Who is there?  
*Grasshopper:* Ima.  
*Ant:* Ima who?  
*Grasshopper:* Ima cold. Ima hungry. Let me in.  
*Ant:* What did you do in the summer?  
*Grasshopper:* I sang and I danced in the sun.  
*Ant:* If you sang and danced in the summer, you can sing and dance in the winter too.

**Words to Know:**

Who, Why, What, There

*On a grassy hill*

*Wolf:* What is this? The body of an old sheep? I know what I will do.  
That shepherd yells every time he sees me come near.  
If I put this sheep skin on, he will not know it is me.

*Puts the sheep skin over his fur.*

*Wolf:* Ha ha! He will never know it is me.  
*The wolf sneaks into the middle of the sheep.*

*Shepherd:* What is that? I lamb is crying.  
*He looks over the hill.*

*Shepherd:* I do not have a big sheep like that. Why does it move like that?  
It is the wolf!

*Wolf:* How do you know I am a wolf? I have a sheep skin.

*Shepherd:* No matter how you dress, you are still a wolf.  
I know that sheep will never hurt a little lamb.

**Words to Know:**

Have, How, This, That, Know

*A grassy hill with sheep above a village*

**Boy:** I am bored. Every day I am here all alone with no one to talk to.  
I know! I will play a joke and have some fun.

*Cups his hands over his mouth.*

**Boy:** Help! Wolf! Help! Wolf!

*Man comes running from the village.*

**Man:** Where! Where is the wolf?

**Boy:** Wolf? Who called wolf? Did you hear someone call wolf?

**Man:** I did hear someone call wolf. If there is no wolf here, I will leave.

*The second day*

**Boy:** I am bored. Maybe if I call help again, more people will come.  
Help! Wolf! Help! Wolf!

**Man:** I did hear you cry wolf. Where is the wolf?

**Boy:** Ha ha. I did cry wolf. It is a joke. It is funny.

**Man:** It is not funny. Do not cry wolf any more if there is no wolf here.

*The third day*

**Boy:** I am bored again. But I better not cry wolf today.  
What is that? What do I see coming up the hill? It is a wolf.  
This time it is a wolf.

**(yells)** Help! Wolf! Help! Wolf!

The wolf is coming here. Help! Wolf!

Where is every one? Do they not hear me?

Help! Wolf! Help! Wolf!

No one is coming. I am the boy who cried wolf.

**Words to Know:**

Hear, Here, There, Where

*A jackdaw bird is sitting on a branch. Another bird flies to the branch.*

*Grack:* Hello, Jack.

*Jack:* Hello, Grack.

*Grack:* What are you doing, Jack?

*Jack:* Shhh. We can watch the pigeons over there.

*Grack:* Why do you watch pigeons?

*Jack:* They have a nicer home. They have more food to eat. I will go and live with them.

*Grack:* You cannot live with pigeons. You are a jackdaw. Their song is not the same. Their feathers are not the same. They will not let you in there.

*Jack:* I will paint my feathers. I will not sing. I will eat their food. I will live in there with them.

*Grack:* Good-bye, Jack.

*Jack:* Good-bye, Grack.

*They both fly away.*

*Three days later, the same branch*

*Grack:* Hello, Jack. Is that you? What happened to your feathers?

*Jack:* I painted my feathers to look like pigeons. But after two days they found out I was not a pigeon.

*Grack:* If you painted your feathers, how did they find out?

*Jack:* I was quiet at first and no one looked at me. I had a soft nest. I had good food. I woke up and I began to sing.

*Grack:* The pigeons heard you caw like a daw?

*Jack:* Yes. They heard me sing. They hit me and sent me away. So I will go back home to our jackdaw nest.

*Crack:* You cannot come back to our nest.

*Jack:* What do you mean?

*Crack:* The jackdaws heard you went to live with the pigeons. They said if you go to live with them, you can not come back with us. You can not be a pigeon and a jackdaw.

**Words to Know:**

Watch, Heard, They, Them, Their

#5

## City Mouse and Country Mouse

### *In a barn in the country*

- City Mouse:* Hello, Cousin. I thought I should come to visit you.
- Country Mouse:* Come in, come in. There is plenty of room in this nice, big barn I would like to share with you.
- City Mouse:* It is nice and big. But it is not very warm.
- Country Mouse:* But it is warm here under the straw where I sleep. Come and share my supper.
- City Mouse:* What? This is all you have to eat? A crumb of dry bread and old cheese? I would like more than this to eat.
- Country Mouse:* It is not fancy. But I can get more.
- City Mouse:* Oh, Cousin. You should come home with me. I eat lots of fine food.
- Country Mouse:* What food do you eat?
- City Mouse:* Every meal I would have sweet fruits and rich meats. In my home there are many kinds of cheese and nuts and rolls. Best of all, there are cakes and pies to eat.
- Country Mouse:* Meat and cakes and pies! You eat this good food every day? I would like to visit you.
- City Mouse:* Tomorrow we should leave here to go to my home in the city.

### *In a house in the city*

- City Mouse:* In here, Cousin. I have a warm hole by the fire and a soft bed to sleep on.
- Country Mouse:* This is very nice and warm.
- City Mouse:* But that is not the best. You should see the kitchen. Follow me.

### *In the kitchen*

- Country Mouse:* Oh my! Oh my! I have never seen this much food in my life.
- City Mouse:* Try this cheese. Here is a cookie.
- Country Mouse:* (*Mumbles with mouth full of food.*) Um um um. I could eat all day.
- City Mouse:* And after we eat, we should listen to music on the radio.
- Country Mouse:* Um um um
- A cat sneaks into the kitchen*
- City Mouse:* (*yells*) Oh no! The cat. Run! Run for your life!
- Country Mouse:* What! Where! How!
- City Mouse:* This way, this way! Follow me!

### *Back in the mouse hole*

- Country Mouse:* I thought you had a warm house and good food. But I would rather have a simple life and not the danger. Good-bye!

### **Words to Know:**

Could, Should, Would, Thought

*In a green field*

*Hare:* I am speedy. I am fast.  
Watch me race, like a blast!

*Tortoise:* Hello, young rabbit.

*Hare:* Hello, Mr. Turtle. Did you see me run and hop?

*Tortoise:* I did. I thought you were feeling frisky this morning.

*Hare:* I am always fast. I am not slow like you.

*Tortoise:* Hmmmm

*Hare: (laughs)* If I race you, I would win.

*Tortoise:* I don't know about that, young rabbit.

*Hare:* Ok. Meet me here tomorrow and we will have a race from here, through the woods and back.

*Tortoise:* I will meet you tomorrow.

*Rabbit races off. Tortoise moves slow.*

*Next morning*

*Tortoise:* Good morning, young rabbit.

*Hare:* Good morning, Mr. Turtle. Are you ready to watch me win?

*Tortoise:* We shall see.

*Hare and tortoise get behind a line.*

*Tortoise:* Get ready. Get set. Go!

*Hare darts off quickly.*

*Hare:* I am speedy. I am fast.  
Watch me race, like a blast!

*Tortoise moves slowly.*

*In the woods*

*Hare:* Boy! I am tired! I will get a drink in this creek.

*The hare takes a drink*

*Hare:* Boy, oh boy. That turtle is so far behind. He will never catch me. I think I could rest for a little while. Then I will finish the race through the woods.

*Hare falls asleep. After a while, the turtle slowly comes into the woods and passes him.*

*Hare wakes up.*

*Hare:* Oh no! I fell asleep. But I can still win though.

*The hare races back into the field and sees the tortoise at the finish line.*

*Hare:* You are here? How did you win?

*Tortoise:* Slow and steady wins the race.

**Words to Know:**

Through, Though Review: Thought

#7

## The Golden Goose

*In a farmhouse*

**Man:** I bought a new goose at the market today. See what a fine goose she is.

**Woman:** She is a fine goose. She will give us many eggs.

*Next morning, in the barn*

**Woman:** I am here to get the eggs, my fine goose. What is this! Only one egg! What kind of goose gives us only one egg?

*She looks at the egg closely.*

**Woman:** There is something strange about this egg.

*In the farmhouse*

**Woman:** Husband, look! Look at this egg!

**Man:** The goose laid only one egg?

**Woman:** But I think the egg is gold.

**Man:** Let me see. You are right! It is a golden egg! Do not tell anyone. We could buy something with the gold. We can buy new clothes and get plenty of food for winter with this egg.

*Next day*

**Woman:** Look, husband, look! Our goose laid another golden egg!

**Man:** This is great. We can buy more land and have a bigger farm. We could buy anything we need. But do not tell anyone about our goose.

*Next day*

**Woman:** Here is the golden egg today.

**Man:** What! Only one egg! Day after day the goose only lays one egg.

**Woman:** But they are golden eggs!

**Man:** Yes, but she should lay them all at once. Then we would be very rich. Then we could live in a palace in the town. We could buy everything we would like.

**Woman:** Maybe tomorrow she will lay more than one egg.

*Next day*

**Woman:** There is still only one egg today.

**Man:** I am tired of waiting. I am going to cut the goose open and get all of her eggs. Then we will be rich now and not have to wait for her to lay them all.

*He cuts the goose open, but does not find more eggs.*

**Woman:** We should have kept the goose. Then we would have at least had one more egg. We could have bought what we need for the day. Now we have nothing.

### Words to Know:

Buy, Bought, Something, Anything, Everything, Nothing

- Peacock:* I am a peacock.
- Crane:* I am a crane.
- Peacock:* Can't you see my beautiful feathers? I have feathers of gold. I have feathers of blue. I have green and purple in my feathers.
- Crane:* Yes, I see your feathers.
- Peacock:* See how nice my feathers are. Yours are gray and dull. Don't you wish yours were beautiful like mine?
- Crane:* My feathers are gray and long.
- Peacock:* My feathers are bright. My feathers shine in the sun. Can't you see how they shimmer and shine as I hold up my beautiful tail in the sun.
- Crane:* I see your feathers shine.
- Peacock:* How sad to be you. You don't have the beautiful feathers of all colors in the rainbow like I have.
- Crane:* But my feathers can fly. Your feathers won't let you fly.
- Peacock:* What?
- Crane:* It is true. Can you fly?
- Peacock:* Fly? Of course I can't fly. I won't let anything hurt my beautiful feathers.
- Crane:* I can fly in the heavens. I can soar near the sun. My feathers let me fly over the lakes and land in tall trees.
- Peacock:* But I am beautiful. Everyone knows how beautiful I am.
- Crane:* How sad to be you and walk in the dirt.

**Words to Know:**

Can't, Don't, Won't

*The fox is sitting under a tree. A crow flies onto the branch above.*

**Fox:** Who is that? Oh, it is you. What do you have there?

**Crow:** *(Keeping her beak closed.)* Hmm?

**Fox:** Cheese, I see. You have some cheese. I want cheese too. Will you be so kind as to share it with me?

**Crow:** *(Shakes her head "no")* Huh uh.

**Fox:** So you want to keep the cheese all for yourself? Is that it?

**Crow:** *(Shakes her head "yes.")* Uh huh.

**Fox:** Then I will just have to look at your feathers which are so black and shiny.

**Crow:** Uh huh.

**Fox:** And such a long, black tail. Why, I think you have the best tail in the world.

**Crow:** *(Trying to look at her tail.)* Hmmmm?

**Fox:** You must know how much everyone talks about your eyes which are so beautiful and round.

**Crow:** Uh huh?

**Fox:** But you know what I hear the most about you?

**Crow:** Huh?

**Fox:** It is said that your voice is the loveliest voice in the world. I have been told that your voice is the reason you have been called the Queen of the Crows.

**Crow:** Hmmmm

**Fox:** Oh I want to hear your wonderful voice.

**Crow:** *(Opens her mouth for the first time.)* Caw, caw

*The cheese falls out of the crows mouth. Then the fox grabs it as it falls.*

**Fox:** Thank you so much for the cheese, Queen Crow. But you should not listen to false praise. Then you will not be tricked so easily.

**Words to Know:**

Which, Want, Then

*Near a vineyard of grapes*

*Fox:* Oh look at those grapes! Those beautiful grapes!

*Dog:* You will not get these grapes. They belong to my owner.

*Fox:* What do you know? I will have those grapes hanging there. They are so sweet I can taste them now.

*Dog:* You think you can get these grapes, do you? How will you get them so high off the ground?

*Fox:* I can jump. Watch me jump high and get those sweet, sweet grapes.

*Fox jumps.*

*Dog:* You can't jump high enough. You are not smart enough to get these grapes.

*Fox:* Those grapes are mine I tell you. I will climb the fence and get those beautiful, sweet grapes.

*Dog:* You? Climb a fence? How do you think you can climb a fence?

*Fox tries to climb the fence but cannot.*

*Dog:* You are not a snake or a mouse. You can't climb a fence. You can't have these grapes.

*Fox:* Those are my grapes and they will taste so sweet. I am going to throw a stick at them and knock them down.

*The fox throws the stick but the grapes do not fall.*

*Dog:* You can't jump high enough. You can't climb high enough. You can't knock the grapes down with a stick. You can't have these grapes.

*Fox:* Those are sour grapes. Who would want your sour grapes?

*The fox walks off with his nose in the air.*

**Words to Know:**

These, Those, Enough

*A lion is asleep under a tree in the jungle.*

*Lion:* ROAR! What is this?

*He holds up a little mouse in his big paw.*

*Lion:* Because you woke me up, I will make a nice little snack out of you.

*Mouse:* Oh please, please. Don't eat me. Some day I might be able to help you.

*Lion:* Ha ha ha. How could a little mouse ever help a great, big lion like me?

*Mouse:* I don't know, but please don't eat me.

*Lion:* Ok, little mouse. Because you made me laugh, I will let you go.

*Mouse:* Thank you. Thank you. I will not forget.

*Mouse scampers off.*

*Lion:* Ha ha ha. That little mouse could never help anybody.

*A week later the lion is in a trap under the same tree.*

*Lion:* I can't get away. I am trapped.

*Mouse:* Shhhh. Do you remember me?

*Lion:* Who said that?

*Mouse:* It is me, the little mouse.

*Lion:* Yes, I remember you. But there is no way anyone can help me now.

*Mouse:* Shhh. Please stay still. I can help you. I can get you out before the hunters come back.

*Lion:* How can you help me?

*Mouse:* Please be quiet. Because I can chew the ropes around you, I will set you free.

*The mouse chews the ropes until they break.*

*Mouse:* You are free! You are free!

*Lion:* You were right. You did help me. Even a little mouse can be a good friend to a big lion.

**Words to Know:**

Because, Please

*In a stall in a barn*

*Dog:* It is hotter in the sun than it is in the shade of the barn. Here is the oxen's manger filled with hay. I will rest in his hay while he works in the sun.

*Ox comes in.*

*Ox:* Who is sleeping in my manger?

*Dog:* How dare you wake me when I am sleeping! Do you not know I can bite your throat. My teeth are sharper than yours.

*Ox:* Why would you do that? I have been working in the sun while you were resting in the shade of the barn.

*Dog:* What is that to me? I go where I want, when I want.

*Ox:* I do not mind sharing my stall with you. You can rest in the corner while I eat my hay.

*Dog:* You think I would let you eat this hay? It is my hay. The hay is mine. Go away.

*Ox:* The hay is not yours. You can't eat hay.

*Dog:* It is my hay, I say. I won't let you have it.

*Ox:* The farmer is putting out food in your dish right now. Your food is better for you than my hay.

*Dog:* I don't want that food. This hay is mine and you won't get it.

*Ox:* You are a dog in a manger. You want to keep things from others even when you can't use it yourself.

**Words to Know:**

While, Than, When