

The Fox and the Goat - Aesop's Fables

"[The fox and the goat](#)" is also called as "The clever fox and the foolish goat" is included into the great Perry index of the Aesop Fables and it is the story of how cunning and guile can get you out of tough situations. In this story, a fox falls into a well and it finds a way to escape.

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The clever fox and the foolish goat[/caption]

Story

Mr. Fox was walking down the forest when he accidentally fell into a well. The well was not deep but he could not jump out. He tried again and again but could not escape.

After a long time, he heard a sound.

“CLIP CLOP CLIP CLOP CLIP COP”.

It was a very thirsty goat. The Goat asked the Fox, “Hello Mr Fox. How is the water down in the well?”

The Fox was very cunning. It replied, “Excellent. This water is the tastiest and sweetest water in the forest. Jump in and have a drink.”

Saying so, he drank some water. The Goat immediately jumped in and started to drink the water. The fox jumped on top of the Goat and then in one single jump, he was outside the well.

The goat realized that he could not get out. He begged the fox to help him escape. The fox was already on its way to the woods.

“If you had some sense in you, you should have been careful. You should have thought of how you would be getting out again before you jumped in.”

What is the moral of the story "The Fox and the Goat"?

The moral of the story is “Look before you leap.” The moral can also be interpreted as “Think before you act”!

Questions and Answers on "Fox and the Goat"

1. What is the plot of the story "The Fox and the Goat"?
2. Who are the main characters of the story?
3. What happened to the fox?
4. What is the ending of the story?
5. What is the moral of the story?

Answers

1. The plot of the story is about how a fox gets itself into a fix by accidentally falling into a well and about how he uses his intelligence to get out of the well.
2. The main characters of the story are a silly goat and a wily fox.

3. Mr. Fox was walking down the forest when he accidentally fell into a well. The well was not deep but he could not jump out. He tried again and again but could not escape.
4. The fox said to the thirsty goat that he came down to drink the sweet water. Believing him, the goat jumped down to drink the water.
5. The moral of the story is, "*Look before you leap.*"