

The Wild Boar and the Fox - Aesop's Fables

"[The Wild Boar and the Fox](#)" also known as "the boar and the fox" is among the few so well known fables included as a part of the great Perry index of the Aesop Fables and it has a real impact on how the world needs to be. It is the story of a wild boar which argues with a fox on why its taking so many precautions.

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The Wild Boar and the Fox[/caption]

The story

A wild boar was scraping his tusks on a rock. SCRAPE! SCRAPE! SCRAPE! He scraped through busily, slowly sharpening his tusks. A fox was passing by and always wanted to make fun of his neighbors.

He went near the boar and looked left, then he looked right, then he looked up, then he looked down. The fox pretended to look frightened and then he laughed. Then he pretended as if he had seen a great enemy. The boar did not care and just continued with its scraping. SCRAPE! SCRAPE! SCRAPE! He scraped through busily, slowly sharpening his tusks.

The fox jumped up once again and then crouched down. He pretended to look terrified this time and then he laughed. He then pretended as if he had seen a great enemy. The boar did not care and just continued with its scraping. SCRAPE! SCRAPE! SCRAPE! He scraped through busily, slowly sharpening his tusks.

The fox said, "Why are you sharpening your tusks, my friend. There is no danger nearby."

The boar replied, "True. True. There may not be any danger now. But whenever there is danger, I will not have any time to sharpen my tusks. My tusks have to be sharp and strong or I will suffer."

The fox understood and went on its way!

What is the moral of the story "The Wild Boar and the Fox"?

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Questions and Answers on "The Wild Boar and the Fox"

1. What is the plot of the story "The Wild Boar and the Fox"?
2. Who are the main characters of the story?
3. What was the wild boar doing?
4. How did the fox try to distract the wild boar?
5. What is the moral of the story?

Answers

1. The plot of the story is about a wild boar which is sharpening its tusks even though there is no danger nearby.
2. The main characters of the story are a Wild Boar and a Fox.
3. A wild boar was scraping his tusks on a rock. SCRAPE! SCRAPE! SCRAPE! He scraped through busily, slowly sharpening his tusks.
4. The fox went near the boar and looked left, then he looked right, then he looked up, then he looked down. The fox pretended to look frightened and then he laughed. Then he pretended as if he had seen a great enemy.
5. The moral of the story is that preparedness for war is the best guarantee of peace. The moral can also be interpreted as "always be prepared for the worst"!