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The Fox and the Stork

an Aesop Fable

The Fox one day thought of a plan to have fun at the expense of the Stork, at whose odd appearance he was always laughing.

"You must come and dine with me today," he said to the Stork, smiling to himself at the trick he was going to play. The Stork gladly accepted the invitation and arrived in good time and with a very good appetite.

For dinner the Fox served soup. But it was set out in a very shallow dish, and all the Stork could do was to wet the very tip of his bill. Not a drop of soup could he get. But the Fox lapped it up easily, and, to increase the disappointment of the Stork, told the stork how great the soup was.

The hungry Stork was very upset about the trick, but he was a calm fellow and saw no good in flying into a rage. Instead, not long afterward, he invited the Fox to dine with him. The Fox arrived promptly at the time that had been set, and the Stork served a fish dinner that had a very appetizing smell. But it was served in a tall jar with a very narrow neck. The Stork could easily get at the food with his long bill, but all the Fox could do was to lick the outside of the jar, and sniff at the delicious odor. The Fox was very upset that he had been tricked.



"I will not apologize for dinner," said the stork as the Fox stomped away.



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1. What is the moral (lesson) of the story?

- a) Don't go to dinner with a fox
- b) Don't play tricks on others unless you can take the same.
- c) Be careful of whom you invite over to your house.

2. Highlight a sentence from the passage that helped you figure out the moral.

3. Read the following part from the story. ".....but he was a calm, even tempered fellow and saw no good in flying into a rage."

What does "flying into a rage" mean?

4. Read the following part from the story. "The hungry Stork was much displeased at the trick...."

What does "displeased" mean?
