

Chapter- 10

The Fox and the Stork

STUDY NOTES

At a glance-

- The poem is all about treating everyone with fairness.
- Father fox invited dame stork to feast during one Christmas eve.
- The fox served the stork in a china plate but to the dismay the stork could not eat any bit of it as it was served in a plate.
- The stork felt very bad as she could not eat a single drop of the crumbs in the soup neither a drop of soup.
- The stork had a long beak and it was quite impossible for her to peck on the plate and have her food.
- On the other hand the sly fox, licked the soup to its last drop.
- The dame stork had to return back home with a heavy heart and fasting feeling.
- Soon days after the incident the stork had arranged a feast for everyone.
- She invited the fox to it also and gave the food in a urn.
- The fox kept on thinking ways to eat the food but was not able to as it was given in a long slender vase shaped vessel.
- The food smelled good and delightful, but the fox could not have a single bit of it.
- On that day the fox realised how frightful it is to be on fasting, he realised that he had been tricked by the stork due to his earlier behaviour.

New words and meanings

Dame – mature/elderly woman

Scarcely – hardly

Sly – clever, cunning

Scandalous – shocking, upsetting

Groan – deep sound due to pain

Urn – a tall rounded vase

Delightful – pleasant, charming

Sneaked – move in or go away in a stealthy way

Get going A

1. How did the fox and the stork serve dinner to each other?

Ans – The fox served the dinner to the stork in a china plate and the stork served the dinner to the fox in an urn.

2. Why weren't the fox and the stork able to eat at each other's plate?

Ans – The fox and the stork weren't able to eat at each other's place because they were not served right according to their eating habits.

Get going B

1. What do you think about the fox's behavior?

Ans – I think the fox's behavior was very much mean because he invited the stork for dinner but served her in a china plate knowing the fact that she won't be able to eat it with her beak.

2. Do you think what the stork did was right? Why?

Ans – I think the stork did the right thing because she wanted to teach the fox a lesson by letting him know how it feels when you invite someone for dinner but don't serve the dinner in a correct way and to bear the pain of hunger.

Get going C

1. If you were the fox, would you have behaved differently?

Ans – If I were the fox I would have behaved differently because when you invite someone for dinner you need to take care of them and their needs, but here the fox was mean to serve the stork in a china plate.

2. If you were the stork, what would you have done?

Ans – If I were a stork, I would have not the same, as I would not have invited the fox for dinner.

Grammar junction

1. Identify the errors and rewrite each sentence with correct relative pronoun.

- a. This is the flat who I want to sell.
This is the flat whom I want to sell.
- b. The woman which is wearing a blue sari is my teacher.
The woman who is wearing a blue sari is my teacher.
- c. This is the girl whom spoke to me yesterday.
This is the girl who spoke to me yesterday.
- d. Here is the tree who my grandfather planted.
Here is the tree which my grandfather planted.
- e. The cat who is brown in color is my pet.
The cat which is brown in color is my pet.
- f. Supermarkets sell items who come from all over the world.
Supermarkets sell items which come from all over the world.
- g. Deliver the parcel to Mr. Gupta which you met at the party last week.
Deliver the parcel to Mr. Gupta whom you met at the party last week.

2. Combine each pair of sentences using a relative pronoun.

- a. Sameer is an architect. He lives in Hyderabad.
Sameer is an architect who lives in Hyderabad.
- b. I saw an old woman outside my house. She was limping.
I saw an old woman outside my house who was limping.
- c. I met Shriya at the park. She invited me for her birthday party.
I met Shriya at the park who invited me for her birthday party.

- d. The students were very late for the event. The principal reprimanded them.
The students were very late for the event whom the principal reprimanded.
- e. Mr. Bose is my neighbor. He won the marathon last year.
Mr. Bose is my neighbor who won the marathon last year.

