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# What is a Fable?

1. A short story, typically with animals as characters, conveying a moral.
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# What are Morals?

1. A lesson that can be derived from a story or experience
  2. What we perceive (think) is right or wrong
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# Vocabulary

<b>Spell</b>	<b>Midst, Middle</b>
<b>Pitcher</b>	<b>Vase, Cup</b>
<b>Narrow</b>	<b>Small, Thin, Straight</b>
<b>Thirst</b>	<b>To be thirsty, needing a drink</b>
<b>Pebbles</b>	<b>Small rocks, circle shaped</b>






## The Crow & the Pitcher

In a spell of dry weather, when the Birds could find very little to drink, a thirsty Crow found a pitcher with a little water in it. But the pitcher was high and had a narrow neck, and no matter how he tried, the Crow could not reach the water. The poor thing felt as if he must die of thirst.

Then an idea came to him. Picking up some small pebbles, he dropped them into the pitcher one by one. With each pebble the water rose a little higher until at last it was near enough so he could drink.



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**Moral of the story?**





# Vocabulary

<b>Heron</b>	<b>Marsh Bird</b>
<b>Sedately</b>	<b>In a quiet, relaxed, or slow way without excitement or risk</b>
<b>Bank</b>	<b>The land alongside or sloping down to a river or lake.</b>
<b>Morsel</b>	<b>Small piece or amount of food</b>
<b>To swarm</b>	<b>To surround</b>
<b>Scanty</b>	<b>Small or insufficient in quantity or amount.</b>
<b>Perch</b>	<b>A type of Fish</b>
<b>Shallow</b>	<b>Short, not deep</b>





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### The Heron

A Heron was walking sedately along the bank of a stream, his eyes on the clear water, and his long neck and pointed bill ready to snap up a likely morsel for his breakfast. The clear water swarmed with fish, but Master Heron was hard to please that morning.

"No small fry for me," he said. "Such scanty fare is not fit for a Heron."

Now a fine young Perch swam near.

"No indeed," said the Heron. "I wouldn't even trouble to open my beak for anything like that!"

As the sun rose, the fish left the shallow water near the shore and swam below into the cool depths toward the middle. The Heron saw no more fish, and very glad was he at last to breakfast on a tiny Snail.







**Moral of the  
story?**



# Vocabulary

<b>Spring</b>	<b>Small body of water</b>
<b>Mirrored</b>	<b>Reflected, looking at one's reflection</b>
<b>Admire</b>	<b>To have respect for someone</b>
<b>Ashamed</b>	<b>Embarrassed or guilty about oneself</b>
<b>Spindling</b>	<b>Tall and thin, long</b>





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## The Æsop for Children

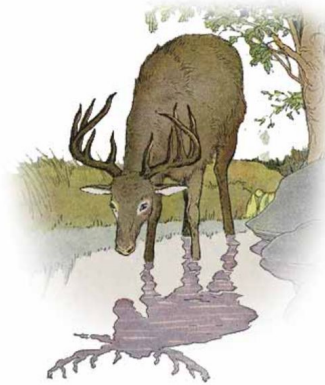
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### The Stag & His Reflection

A Stag, drinking from a crystal spring, saw himself mirrored in the clear water. He greatly admired the graceful arch of his antlers, but he was very much ashamed of his spindling legs.

"How can it be," he sighed, "that I should be cursed with such legs when I have so magnificent a crown."

At that moment he scented a panther and in an instant was bounding away through the forest. But as he ran his wide-spreading antlers caught in the branches of the trees, and soon the Panther overtook him. Then the Stag perceived that the legs of which he was so ashamed would have saved him had it not been for the useless ornaments on his head.







# Moral of the Story?

