LESSON PLAN

The Fox the Cock and the Dog

GRADES	TIME	READING LEVEL
2–5	50 min	3

Lesson flow



5 min

Opening Hook

Begin with a question: "Have you ever been tricked by someone? How did it make you feel?" Allow students to share briefly.

15–20 min

Story Exploration

Read the story aloud. After reading, ask students to summarize the plot in their own words. Discuss the characters and their roles.

15 min

Analysis Exercises

Divide students into small groups to analyze the moral of the story. Each group will discuss how the Fox's cunning led to his downfall and present their findings to the class.

10 min

Application/Reflection

Have students write a short paragraph reflecting on a time they observed or experienced deceit and its consequences, drawing parallels to the story.

5 min

Assessment Strategy

Quick feedback session where students share their reflections. Assess understanding through participation and contributions during discussions.

STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title and moral/theme**: The Fox, the Cock, and the Dog; The theme is that cunning and deceit can lead to one's own downfall.
- **Plot Summary**: In this classic fable, a cunning Fox attempts to trick a Cock into coming down from his roost by claiming that a universal truce has been declared by King Lion. The Cock, however, cleverly feigns interest in a Dog approaching, causing the Fox to abandon his deceitful plan.
- **Key Characters**:
  - **The Fox**: Represents cunning and deceit; his plan backfires due to his underestimation of the Cock's wisdom.
  - **The Cock**: Symbolizes cleverness and wit; he outsmarts the Fox by pretending to see danger.
  - **The Dog**: Acts as a threat to the Fox; represents loyalty and protection.

LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning Objectives**:
  - Students will identify the main characters and plot of the story.
  - Students will analyze the moral lesson conveyed through the characters' actions.
  - Students will discuss how cunning can lead to negative consequences.
  - Students will create their own versions of the story, incorporating different morals.
- **Discussion Questions**:
  1. What does the Fox's behavior tell us about the consequences of deceit?
  2. How did the Cock's quick thinking help him escape danger?
  3. Can you think of a real-life situation where cunning led to someone's downfall?
- **Required Materials**:
  - Copies of the story "The Fox, the Cock, and the Dog"
  - Whiteboard and markers
  - Paper and writing utensils for students

✓ Original text available on the story page.