LESSON PLAN

The Sparrow and the Hare

GRADES	TIME	READING LEVEL
2–6	50 min	3

Lesson flow



5 min

Opening Hook

Begin with a brief discussion on the importance of being kind and supportive to others. Ask students if they have ever experienced a situation where they or someone else was mocked.

15–20 min

Story Exploration

Read "The Sparrow and the Hare" aloud to the class. After reading, ask students to summarize the main events in their own words.

15 min

Analysis Exercises

Break students into small groups and have them discuss the characters' motivations. Each group will present their findings, focusing on how the actions of the Sparrow influenced the outcome of the story.

10 min

Application/Reflection

Ask students to reflect on a time when they may have mocked someone or felt mocked. How did that situation affect their feelings? Discuss the importance of empathy.

5 min

Assessment Strategy

Conduct a quick quiz with true/false questions about the story and its moral, ensuring students grasp the key lessons learned.

STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title and Moral/Theme**: The Sparrow and the Hare; Moral: "Be cautious in mocking others, as fortunes can change quickly and lead to one's own downfall."
- **Plot Summary**: In this tale, a Hare is caught by an eagle and laments her fate. A Sparrow mocks the Hare for her misfortune, boasting about the Sparrow's own safety. However, the tables turn when a hawk swoops down and kills the Sparrow. The Hare finds solace in the Sparrow's fate, highlighting the unpredictable nature of life.
- **Key Characters**:
  - **Hare**: Represents vulnerability and the fleeting nature of safety.
  - **Sparrow**: Embodies arrogance and the consequences of mocking others in a time of misfortune.

LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning Objectives**:
  - Students will understand the concept of humility and its importance in relationships.
  - Students will identify the themes of karma and consequences in the story.
  - Students will discuss how fortunes can change quickly in life, reflecting on the unpredictability of fate.
  - Students will analyze character motivations and their implications within the story.
- **Discussion Questions**:
  1. What do you think the Hare felt when the Sparrow mocked her?
  2. How does the Sparrow's fate reflect the moral of the story?
  3. Can you think of a real-life situation where someone faced consequences for mocking another person?
- **Required Materials**:
  - Copies of the story "The Sparrow and the Hare"
  - Whiteboard and markers
  - Paper and pencils for student notes

✓ Original text available on the story page.