LESSON PLAN

The Two Crabs

GRADES	TIME	READING LEVEL
2–5	50 min	4

Lesson flow



5 min

Opening Hook

Start with a brief discussion on the importance of role models. Ask students if they can name someone they look up to and why that person is a good example.

15–20 min

Story Exploration

Read "The Two Crabs" aloud to the class. After reading, ask students to summarize the story in their own words. Facilitate a discussion about the characters and their actions.

15 min

Analysis Exercises

Divide students into small groups. Each group will discuss the following:

10 min

Application/Reflection

Have students write a short paragraph about a time when they learned something from someone else's example. Encourage them to reflect on what they might do differently as a result.

5 min

Assessment Strategy

Conclude with a quick review quiz about the story's plot and the moral. This can be done as a group or individually.

STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title and Moral/Theme**: The Two Crabs; Moral: Leading by example is the most effective way to teach others.
- **Plot Summary**: In this classic moral story, a mother crab criticizes her child for walking ungracefully. The young crab points out that the mother should demonstrate the correct way to walk, emphasizing that actions speak louder than words. This short moral tale illustrates the importance of setting a good example for others to follow.
- **Key Characters and Their Significance**:
  - **Mother Crab**: Represents authority and the expectations of parents/adults in guiding the younger generation.
  - **Young Crab**: Symbolizes the learner who challenges authority and highlights the need for consistency between words and actions.

LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning Objectives**:
  - Students will understand the moral of the story and its relevance to personal growth.
  - Students will analyze the characters and their roles in conveying the message.
  - Students will discuss the importance of leading by example in their own lives.
  - Students will relate the story to other animal stories with moral lessons.
- **Discussion Questions**:
  1. What does the mother crab teach her child, and how does the young crab respond?
  2. Why is leading by example important in both personal and social contexts?
  3. Can you think of a time when someone's example influenced your behavior? Share your experience.
- **Required Materials**:
  - Copies of the story "The Two Crabs"
  - Whiteboard and markers
  - Paper and pencils for notes and reflections

✓ Original text available on the story page.