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The Donkey and the Lapdog

Worksheet · Grades 2–4



Comprehension Questions

1. What was the main reason the donkey wanted to imitate the lapdog?
2. How did the master react to the donkey's attempt to be affectionate?
3. What moral lesson can we learn from the donkey's actions?
4. Why do you think the story suggests that not everyone has the same talents?
5. How does the ending of the story illustrate the consequences of trying to be something you are not?

Vocabulary Exercise

Match the words on the left with their definitions on the right.

Word	Definition
1. Ingratiate	A. To caress or show affection
2. Affectionate	B. To try to win favor or gain approval
3. Talent	C. A natural ability to do something well
4. Clumsily	D. In an awkward or ungraceful manner
5. Melody	E. A sequence of musical notes that is pleasing to hear

Writing Reflection

Reflect on the story and answer the following questions. Use the lines provided for your answers.

1. Have you ever tried to imitate someone else to gain approval? What happened?

2. What do you think is more important: being true to yourself or trying to fit in? Why?

3. Write a short moral that you would give to someone who is trying to be someone they are not.

End of Worksheet