

# LANGUAGE ARTS: RECOVERY ACTIVITY

## Reading Comprehension: "A Pair of Tricksters"

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### Part 1: Character Match (Drag and Drop)

Drag each character box from the left and drop it into the correct blank rectangle next to its description.

The Fox	<input type="text"/>	Held a piece of cheese in its beak but lost it because of pride.
The Crow	<input type="text"/>	Used flattery and called someone the "Queen of Birds" to get a meal.
Raven	<input type="text"/>	Was caught and carried into the sky, but used clever words to escape.
Crayfish	<input type="text"/>	Opened its mouth to speak and accidentally dropped its prey.

### Part 2: Vocabulary Completion (Dropdown Menu)

Choose the correct Critical Vocabulary word from the drop-down menu to complete each sentence.

1. The clever  in the folktale used smart tricks to outsmart the other animals.
2. The hungry bird saw a  piece of meat that looked juicy and delicious.
3. The fierce predator  its jaws tightly around its prey so it could not escape.
4. It is  to fly into the sky while opening your mouth to speak if you are holding food.
5. The small creature expressed its  by thanking the giant for sparing its life.

### Part 3: Comprehension Check (Single Choice)

Select the correct answer for each question based on the two stories.

**1. Why did the Fox call the Crow the "Queen of Birds" in the first story?**

- (A) He genuinely admired her beautiful feathers and singing voice.
- (B) He wanted her to feel proud so she would open her beak and drop the cheese.
- (C) He wanted to elect a new ruler for the forest animals.
- (D) He was afraid of her and wanted to show respect.

**2. Why does Crayfish say nice things about Raven's family in "Raven and Crayfish"?**

- (A) Crayfish wants Raven to let her go by tricking him into speaking.
- (B) Crayfish wants to become best friends with Raven.
- (C) Crayfish wants to invite Raven's family to the river.
- (D) Crayfish really likes Raven's family and respects them.

**Part 4: Trickster Traits (Checkboxes)**

Check the boxes next to the statements that correctly describe a trickster in folktales.

- They usually use their brains and clever words instead of physical strength.
- They always tell the honest truth to everyone they meet.
- They often use flattery (fake praise) to trick others into doing what they want.
- They make other characters look foolish to survive or get food.

**Part 5: Compare and Contrast (Checklist Table)**

Check the correct column(s) for each event. Does it happen in "The Fox and the Crow", "Raven and Crayfish", or Both?

Event in the Story	The Fox and the Crow	Raven and Crayfish	Both Stories
A character is tricked by untruthful praise (flattery).			
A bird opens its mouth and drops its food.			
The trickster successfully gets to eat the food.			

**Part 6: Central Idea (Open Text)**

Write your answer in complete sentences.

Both "The Fox and the Crow" and "Raven and Crayfish" share a similar message. In your own words, what is the central theme or lesson of these trickster tales?