



Reading Comprehension Worksheet 2 - Aesop's Fables

The Cat and the Fox

One day a cat and a fox were having a conversation. The fox, who was a conceited creature, boasted how clever she was. 'I know at least a hundred tricks to get away from our mutual enemies, the dogs,' she said. 'How many tricks do you know?' she asked.

The cat was impressed by the fox's skills. 'I know only one trick to get away from dogs,' said the cat. 'Do you think you could teach me some of yours?'

'Well, I don't know whether I have the time, but maybe one day I can teach you a few of the simpler ones,' replied the fox.

Just then they heard the barking of a pack of dogs in the distance. The barking grew louder and louder - the dogs were coming in their direction! At once the cat ran to the nearest tree and climbed up, well out of reach of any dog. 'Do you remember the trick I told you about, the only one I know? You see, this is the one,' she called down to the fox. 'Which one of your hundred tricks are you going to use?'

The fox just sat under the tree, wondering which trick she should use. Before she could make up her mind, the dogs arrived. They fell upon the fox and tore her to pieces.



A. Find the words in the text that mean the same as:

1. a group of dogs

2. big headed

3. far away

4. liked and respected it very much

5. suddenly

6. make a decision

7. to talk to proudly
