

Reading Activity: The Fox and the Cat

I. Vocabulary Match

Match the words from the text with their correct English definitions:

Esteemed (adj.) ___

Arrogance (noun) ___

Wretched (adj.) ___

Hounds (noun) ___

Cunning (noun) ___

- A. Dogs used for hunting.
- B. Highly respected or admired.
- C. Skill in being sly or deceitful.
- D. In a very unhappy or unfortunate state.
- E. An exaggerated sense of one's own importance.

II. Reading Comprehension

Answer the following questions based on the story:

How did the cat first approach the fox?

- a) In a rude and loud way.
- b) In a friendly and modest way.
- c) She ignored him completely.

How did the fox react to the cat's greeting?

How many "arts" (skills) did the fox claim to have?

What was the cat's single "art"?

What happened when the hunter and the dogs arrived?

III. True or False?

Write T (True) or F (False) for each statement:

- The fox was impressed by the cat's manners.
- The cat hid among branches and foliage where she was concealed.
- The fox used his "hundred arts" to escape the dogs.
- The story suggests that one practical skill is better than many useless ones.

IV. Critical Thinking & Analysis

Character Analysis: Compare the personality of the Cat versus the personality of the Fox. Use adjectives from the text (e.g., modest, arrogant).

The Moral: In your own words, what is the lesson of this fable?

Hint: Think about the "sack of cunning" vs. the one "art" of climbing.