

Read the fable and answer the questions:

The Fox and the Crow

The hungry fox saw the crow fly to her favorite branch in a tree. In her beak she had a tasty piece of cheese. The crafty fox made a plan and trotted over to the tree to talk to the crow.

“Oh, Madam Crow, you truly are the prettiest bird I have ever seen,” he said. This caught the crow’s attention, and she looked down at the fox.

“You fly so fast and so gracefully,” the fox continued. “I bet you sing as beautifully as you fly.”

Now, the crow loved to hear **compliments**, so she decided to sing for the fox. She opened her beak, and the piece of cheese tumbled down to the fox’s waiting mouth.



When the fox was finished eating, he smiled up at the crow. “Thank you for the delicious snack,” he said. “I got just what I wanted.”

Moral: Do not trust strangers who try to **flatter** you.

Answer the questions:

1. What animal does the Fox see on the limb of a tree?
 - A. a Dove
 - B. an Eagle
 - C. a Crow
 - D. a Blue Jay

2. The most exciting or important part of a story is the climax. What is the climax of this story?
 - A. The Fox trots to the tree in which the Crow is sitting.
 - B. The Crow keeps her beak closed on the cheese and does not return the Fox's greeting.
 - C. The Fox says that he will hail the Crow as the Queen of Birds if she sings.
 - D. The cheese falls from the Crow's beak into the Fox's mouth.

3. The Crow does not trust the Fox at first. What evidence in the text supports this statement?
 - A. The Crow does not return the Fox's greeting.
 - B. The Fox tells the Crow that she has splendid wings.
 - C. The Crow opens her beak wide to utter her loudest caw.
 - D. The Crow wants to be called the Queen of Birds.

4. The Fox compliments the Crow only because he wants the cheese. What evidence in the text supports this conclusion?
 - A. The Fox tells the Crow that she has a beautiful form and splendid wings.
 - B. The Fox says that he will hail the Crow as Queen of Birds if she sings a song.
 - C. When the Crow opens her beak, the cheese falls out of it.
 - D. The Fox stops complimenting the Crow after he gets the cheese.

5. What is the theme of this story?
 - A. Crows are easier to take care of than Foxes are.
 - B. Getting a lot of praise can lead you to do something foolish.
 - C. If you have more food than you can finish on your own, you should share it.
 - D. One act of kindness often leads to another.