

Storytelling

Level 1

Aesop Stories for Beginners

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Answer Key

***These are suggested answers. Your answers may be different.**

Part 1: Be Happy with What You Have

Unit 1: The Crab and the Fox

Q1: Where is the crab?

A1: She is on the beach.

Q2: How many legs does she have?

A2: She has 10 legs.

Q3: What color is she?

A3: She is (color).

Q4: What do you see on the beach?

A4: I see sand.

Q5: How is the weather?

A5: It is sunny.

Q6: What season is it?

A6: It is summer.

Q7: What is on the crab?

A7: Sand is on the crab.

Q8: Does she like it?

A8: No, she does not.

Q9: What is in the crab's mouth?

A9: Salt water is in the crab's mouth.

Q10: Does she like it?

A10: No, she does not.

Q11: What are on the crab?

A11: Mites are on the crab.

Q12: Does she like them?

A12: No, she does not.

Q13: What color are the mites?
A:13: They are (color).
Q14: What does the crab see?
A14: The crab sees a meadow.
Q15: Does she want to go there?
A15: Yes, she does.
Q16: What is the crab doing?
A16: She is scuttling up the beach.
Q17: Where is she going?
A17: She is going to the meadow.
Q18: Where is the crab now?
A18: She is on the meadow.
Q19: Why is she happy?
A19: The meadow is grassy and beautiful.
Q20: Who sees the crab?
A20: A fox sees the crab.
Q21: Is the crab happy now?
A21: No, she is not.
Q22: Can the crab scuttle away?
A22: No, she cannot.
Q23: Do foxes eat crabs?
A23: Yes, they do.
Q24: What does the crab do?
A24: She digs a hole.
Q25: Where does she want to go?
A25: She wants to go in the sand.
Q26: Where is the crab?
A26: She is in the fox's mouth.
Q27: Is she happy on the meadow?
A27: No, she is not.

Unit 2: The Dog and His Reflection

Q1: Do you like dogs?
A1: Yes, I do. / No, I do not.
Q2: Where is this dog?
A2: He is in the town. / He is on the street.

Q3: What color is he?
A3: He is (color).
Q4: What is the dog looking for?
A4: He is looking for food.
Q5: Where is he looking?
A5: He is looking in the can.
Q6: What does the dog find?
A6: He finds meat.
Q7: How does he feel?
A7: He is happy.
Q8: What is in the dog's mouth?
A8: Meat is in the dog's mouth.
Q9: Who are watching him?
A9: Children are watching him.
Q10: Where is the dog going?
A10: He is going over the bridge.
Q11: Is the bridge long?
A11: No, it is not.
Q12: What is the dog doing?
A12: He is leaning over the bridge.
Q13: What is he looking at?
A:13: He is looking at the water.
Q14: What can the dog see?
A14: He can see a dog's face. / He can see a reflection.
Q15: Is there meat in the water?
A15: No, there is not.
Q16: Why is the dog excited?
A16: The meat in the water is very big.
Q17: Is the meat smaller or bigger than his meat?
A17: It is bigger.
Q18: What does the dog do?
A18: He drops his meat in the water.
Q19: Where does the meat go?
A19: The meat goes in the water.
Q20: Where does the dog go?
A20: He jumps into the river.

Q21: Can dogs swim?

A21: Yes, they can.

Q22: Where is the dog?

A22: He is in the river.

Q23: Why is he sad?

A23: He does not have meat. / It is a reflection.

Q24: Which is better, the meat or the reflection?

A24: The meat is better.

Unit 3: The Stag and His Antlers

Q1: Where is the stag?

A1: He is in the woods.

Q2: What does he look like?

A2: He is big and tall.

Q3: Where is the stag now?

A3: He is at a pond.

Q4: What is he doing?

A4: He is drinking water.

Q5: What does the stag see?

A5: He sees his reflection. / He sees himself.

Q6: Are his antlers small?

A6: No, they are not.

Q7: What is the stag looking at?

A7: He is looking at his antlers.

Q8: Does he like his antlers?

A8: Yes, he does.

Q9: What is the stag looking at?

A9: He is looking at his legs.

Q10: Does he like his legs?

A10: No, he does not.

Q11: What does the stag think?

A11: He thinks his antlers are beautiful. He thinks his legs are bumpy.

Q12: What is behind the trees?

A12: A puma is behind the trees.

Q13: Do pumas eat stags?

A13: Yes, they do.

Q14: Where is the stag going?
A14: He is going through the woods.
Q15: Why is he running?
A15: He wants to escape.
Q16: What is behind the stag?
A16: The puma is behind the stag.
Q17: Which animal is faster?
A17: The stag is faster.
Q18: Why is the stag fast?
A18: His legs are strong.
Q19: Can the puma catch him?
A19: No, he cannot.
Q20: Where are his antlers?
A20: His antlers are stuck in the tree branches.
Q21: Can the stag escape?
A21: No, he cannot.
Q22: What will the puma do?
A22: The puma will eat the stag.
Q23: Which is better, strong legs or big antlers?
A23: Strong legs are better.

Part 2: Be Kind to Each Other

Unit 1: The Lion and the Mouse

Q1: Where's the mouse?
A1: She's in the forest. / She's on the grass.
Q2: What's the mouse doing?
A2: She's eating nuts.
Q3: How's the weather?
A3: It's sunny.
Q4: What's the lion doing?
A4: The lion's sleeping.
Q5: What color is the lion?
A5: She's (color).
Q6: Is the lion small?
A6: No, she isn't.
Q7: Where's the mouse now?

A7: She's on the lion's nose.
Q8: Is the lion sleeping?
A8: No, she isn't.
Q9: Which animal is bigger?
A9: The lion's bigger.
Q10: Is the lion happy?
A10: No, she isn't.
Q11: What does the lion want to do?
A11: She wants to hurt the mouse.
Q12: What does the lion raise?
A12: She raises her paw.
Q13: Can the mouse run away?
A:13: No, she can't.
Q14: What does the mouse say?
A14: The mouse says don't hurt me.
Q15: Does the lion hurt the mouse?
A15: No, she doesn't.
Q16: What's the lion doing?
A16: She's watching the mouse.
Q17: What can the mouse do someday?
A17: She can help the lion.
Q18: What does the lion do?
A18: The lion laughs.
Q19: What does the mouse do?
A19: The mouse runs.
Q20: Where does the mouse go?
A20: She goes to the forest.
Q21: What does the mouse hear?
A21: She hears the lion roar.
Q22: Who's roaring?
A22: The lion's roaring.
Q23: What does the mouse think?
A23: The mouse thinks the lion needs help.
Q24: Where's the lion?
A24: She's under a net.
Q25: How does the lion feel?

A25: She feels sad.
Q26: Whose net is it?
A26: It's the hunter's net.
Q27: Where's the mouse?
A27: She's by the net.
Q28: What's the mouse doing?
A28: She's chewing the net.
Q29: Does the mouse use her feet?
A29: No, she doesn't.
Q30: Where's the lion?
A30: She's by the mouse.
Q31: How does the lion feel?
A31: She's happy.
Q32: Does the hunter catch the lion?
A32: No, he doesn't.
Q33: Can the mouse help the lion?
A33: Yes, she can.
Q34: Are the lion and mouse friends?
A34: Yes, they are.

Unit 2: The Ant and the Dove

Q1: Where's the ant?
A1: She's on a shore.
Q2: How many legs does she have?
A2: She has six legs.
Q3: What color is she?
A3: She's (color).
Q4: What happens?
A4: She falls into the stream.
Q5: Can the ant swim?
A5: No, she can't.
Q6: How does she feel?
A6: She's scared.
Q7: Who's sitting on a rock?
A7: A dove's sitting on a rock.
Q8: What does he see?

A8: He sees the ant.
Q9: How does the dove feel?
A9: He's surprised.
Q10: What does the dove have?
A10: He has a blade of grass.
Q11: Where's the dove going?
A11: He's going to the stream.
Q12: What's the ant doing?
A12: She's climbing onto the blade of grass.
Q13: Where's the blade of grass?
A:13: It's under the ant.
Q14: What does the ant do?
A14: She floats to the shore.
Q15: Where's the ant?
A15: She's on the shore.
Q16: Where are the ant and dove?
A16: They're on the shore.
Q17: Is the ant safe?
A17: Yes, she is.
Q18: Who's in the grass?
A18: The hunter's in the grass.
Q19: What's he doing?
A19: He's hiding.
Q20: Do the ant and dove see him?
A20: No, they don't.
Q21: What does the hunter have?
A21: He has a rock and a net.
Q22: What does he want?
A22: He wants the dove.
Q23: What's the hunter doing?
A23: He's aiming.
Q24: Does the ant see the hunter?
A24: Yes, she does.
Q25: Does the dove see the hunter?
A25: No, he doesn't.
Q26: Where's the ant?

A26: She's by the hunter. / She's by the hunter's foot.

Q27: What's the ant doing?

A27: She's biting the hunter.

Q28: How does the hunter feel?

A28: He's hurt.

Q29: Where does the rock drop?

A29: It drops in the water.

Q30: Where does the dove go?

A30: The dove flies away.

Q31: Are the ant and dove in danger?

A31: No, they aren't.

Q32: Why are they friends?

A32: They help each other.

Unit 3: The Serpent and the Eagle

Q1: Where's the eagle?

A1: She's on a rock.

Q2: Where's the serpent?

A2: He's behind the eagle.

Q3: What does the serpent want?

A3: He wants the eagle.

Q4: What does the serpent do?

A4: He attacks the eagle.

Q5: Does the eagle see the serpent?

A5: Yes, she does.

Q6: What does the serpent do?

A6: He wraps around the eagle.

Q7: Where's the eagle?

A7: She's under the serpent.

Q8: Is the eagle happy?

A8: No, she isn't.

Q9: Who sees them?

A9: A farmer sees them.

Q10: Where's the farmer?

A10: He's behind the rock.

Q11: What does the farmer have?

A11: He has a pitchfork.
Q12: Where's the farmer now?
A12: He's next to the serpent and eagle.
Q13: What's he doing?
A:13: He's pulling the serpent off the eagle.
Q14: Which animal does he help?
A14: He helps the eagle.
Q15: Where does the eagle go?
A15: She flies away.
Q16: What does the serpent do?
A16: He jumps at the farmer.
Q17: What does the serpent do?
A17: He bites the water bottle.
Q18: What's in the water bottle?
A18: Venom is in the water bottle.
Q19: Is it dangerous?
A19: Yes, it is.
Q20: What's the farmer doing?
A20: He's running away from the serpent.
Q21: Where's the farmer going?
A21: He's going home.
Q22: What does the farmer want?
A22: He wants water.
Q23: What's in his water bottle?
A23: Venom is in the water bottle.
Q24: Why is he thirsty?
A24: It's hot.
Q25: Where's the eagle?
A25: She's above the farmer.
Q26: What's the eagle doing?
A26: She's grabbing the water bottle.
Q27: Why does the eagle take it?
A27: It's dangerous. / She's helping the farmer. / Venom is in the water bottle.
Q28: Where does the eagle fly?
A28: She flies to a cliff.

Q29: What does the eagle do?

A29: She drops the water bottle off the cliff.

Q30: Where does the water bottle fall?

A30: The water bottle falls off the cliff.

Q31: Is the farmer safe?

A31: Yes, he is.

Q32: Why are they friends?

A32: They help each other.

Part 3: Be Careful of Trying the Impossible

Unit 1: The Oak and the Reeds

Q1: What do you see?

A1: I see a tree, reeds, mountains, and clouds.

Q2: How many trees and reeds are there?

A2: There is one tree and many reeds.

Q3: How's the weather?

A3: It's cloudy.

Q4: What color are the reeds?

A4: They are (color).

Q5: Are they fat or slim?

A5: They are slim.

Q6: What's behind them?

A6: A river is behind them.

Q7: Where's the oak tree?

A7: It's by the river. / It's next to the river.

Q8: Is it taller than the reeds?

A8: Yes, it is.

Q9: What does it have a lot of?

A9: It has a lot of leaves.

Q10: How many reeds are there?

A10: There are 6 reeds.

Q11: Do they sway left or right?

A11: They sway left.

Q12: Why's the oak tree proud?

A12: It's strong and tall.

Q13: Which is stronger, the tree or the reed?

A13: The tree is stronger than the reed.
Q14: Which is more flexible?
A14: The reed is more flexible.
Q15: What color's the sky?
A15: The sky is dark. / The sky is gray.
Q16: What blows in?
A16: A hurricane blows in.
Q17: How's the weather now?
A17: It's rainy and windy. / It's stormy. / It's a hurricane.
Q18: How does the oak tree feel?
A18: The oak tree is angry.
Q19: Will the oak tree fight the hurricane?
A19: Yes, it will.
Q20: What's the hurricane doing?
A20: The hurricane is blowing.
Q21: What are the reeds doing?
A21: The reeds are bending and swaying.
Q22: Do the reeds fight the hurricane?
A22: No, they don't.
Q23: What doesn't the oak tree have?
A23: The oak tree doesn't have leaves.
Q24: Which is stronger, the tree or the reed?
A24: The reed is stronger.
Q25: What will happen?
A25: The oak tree will fall over.
Q26: Where are the tree branches?
A26: They are in the river.
Q27: Where's the oak tree falling?
A27: The oak tree is falling into the river.
Q28: Where's the oak tree?
A28: The oak tree is on the ground. / The oak tree is in the river.
Q29: Where are the clouds going?
A29: The clouds are going away.
Q30: Who wins the fight?
A30: The hurricane wins.
Q31: Are the reeds dead?

A31: No, they aren't.

Q32: Is the oak tree dead?

A32: Yes, it is.

Q33: Which is better, flexibility or strength?

A33: Flexibility is better than strength.

Unit 2: The Crow and the Eagle

Q1: Where's the crow?

A1: He's in the tree.

Q2: What does it have in its mouth?

A2: It has a nut in its mouth.

Q3: Do you like crows?

A3: Yes, I do. / No, I don't.

Q4: How many lambs are there?

A4: There are three lambs.

Q5: What are they doing?

A5: They're eating grass.

Q6: Do crows eat lambs?

A6: No, they don't.

Q7: What's the eagle doing?

A7: It's swooping down.

Q8: What does it want?

A8: It wants a lamb.

Q9: Do the lambs see the eagle?

A9: Yes, they do.

Q10: What does the eagle grab?

A10: It grabs a lamb.

Q11: Where's the eagle going?

A11: It's going to its nest.

Q12: Which is stronger, the eagle or the lamb?

A12: The eagle is stronger.

Q13: What's the crow thinking?

A13: He's thinking about eating a lamb.

Q14: Can a crow grab a lamb?

A14: No, he can't. / No, it can't.

Q15: Why's the crow jealous?

A15: He wants meat, too.
Q16: Where's the crow going?
A16: He's going to the lamb.
Q17: What will he do?
A17: He will grab the lamb.
Q18: Does the lamb see the crow?
A18: No, it doesn't.
Q19: Where's the crow?
A19: He's on the lamb.
Q20: What's he doing?
A20: He's grabbing the lamb.
Q21: How does the lamb feel?
A21: The lamb's angry.
Q22: Can the crow grab the lamb?
A22: Yes, he can.
Q23: Can the crow fly away?
A23: No, he can't.
Q24: Where are the claws stuck?
A24: The claws are stuck in the wool.
Q25: Who's running to the lamb?
A25: The shepherd is running to the lamb.
Q26: Why's he surprised?
A26: He sees the crow on the lamb.
Q27: What will he do?
A27: He will help the lamb.
Q28: What does the shepherd have?
A28: He has scissors.
Q29: What's he doing?
A29: He's clipping the crow's wings.
Q30: Can the crow fly away?
A30: No, he can't.
Q31: Who's the girl?
A31: She is the shepherd's daughter.
Q32: Why's she happy?
A32: She has a new pet.
Q33: Do you want a crow for a pet?

A33: Yes, I do. / No, I don't.

Q34: Where's the crow?

A34: He is in the house.

Q35: Why isn't he happy?

A35: He eats birdseed.

Unit 3: Belling the Cat

Q1: Who are they?

A1: They are a family of mice.

Q2: Where do they live?

A2: They live in a house.

Q3: How many mice are there?

A3: There are four mice.

Q4: Who's outside the hole?

A4: A cat's outside the hole.

Q5: What does he want?

A5: He wants mice.

Q6: Where are the mice?

A6: They are in a hole.

Q7: What are the mice doing?

A7: They are hiding.

Q8: What do they see?

A8: They see the cat.

Q9: Who's talking?

A9: The girl mouse is talking.

Q10: What does the girl mouse have?

A10: She has an idea.

Q11: Who are listening to her?

A11: The father mouse, mother mouse, and boy mouse are listening to her.

Q12: What's the girl mouse thinking?

A12: She's thinking about belling the cat.

Q13: Where does the bell go?

A13: The bell goes around the cat's neck.

Q14: Can a mouse put the bell on a cat?

A14: No, it can't.

Q15: What's the cat doing?

A15: The cat's running.

Q16: What do the mice hear?

A16: They hear the bell.

Q17: What's ringing?

A17: The bell is ringing.

Q18: What does the cat want?

A18: The cat wants the mice.

Q19: Where are the mice going?

A19: They are going to the hole.

Q20: Who's he?

A20: He's the father mouse.

Q21: What's he doing?

A21: He's thinking.

Q22: Is he a smart mouse?

A22: Yes, he is.

Q23: What's he thinking about?

A23: He's thinking about the bell. / He's thinking about the idea.

Q24: Does he think the bell is a good idea?

A24: Yes, he does.

Q25: What's the girl mouse doing?

A25: She's listening.

Q26: What does the father mouse have?

A26: He has the bell.

Q27: What's he asking?

A27: He's asking who wants to bell the cat.

Q28: Who are listening?

A28: The mother mouse, the girl mouse, and the boy mouse are listening.

Q29: Does the boy mouse want the bell?

A29: No, he doesn't.

Q30: Does the mother mouse want the bell?

A30: No, she doesn't.

Q31: Who wants to bell the cat?

A31: Nobody wants to bell the cat.

Q32: Can a mouse bell a cat?

A32: No, it can't. It's impossible.

Q33: What will the cat do?

A33: The cat will eat the mouse.