

Sour Grapes

Worksheet

Name:

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A. Answer the following questions.

- a. Did the fox really want the grapes?
- b. What was so attractive about the grapes?
- c. Which words are used to describe the grapes in the first verse?
- d. Which words are used in the third verse?
- e. What is the moral (lesson) that the poem teaches us?

These questions are more difficult. Discuss them first.

- f. Why do you think the fox curled his nose?
- g. Give other examples from daily life that explain the saying 'sour grapes.'

B. Answer the following questions with reference to context.

Eager, he tried to snatch the fruit ...

- a. Why was the fox eager?

- b. Why was he not able to reach the fruit?

- c. In what way did his opinion of the fruit change?

C. Can you write the following in full?

- a. he'll
- b. hasn't
- c. that'll
- d. you'll
- e. doesn't

- f. I'd
- g. they're
- h. mightn't
- i. they've
- j. who'd

D. Discuss the meaning of these proverbs. Then try to write your own explanations.

- a. A bad workman always blames his tools.

- b. Barking dogs seldom bite.

- c. Cross the stream where it is shallowest.

- d. Don't put all your eggs in one basket.

E. Write the subjects found in the following sentences. Remember that the subject is the performer of the action.

- a. The boy climbed the mountain.
- b. The beautiful girl sang for half an hour.
- c. The man in the Jeep had a fine cap on his head.
- d. A bird in a tree nearby thought it was a nest.
- e. It flew down and pecked at the hat.

F. Pick out the objects in the following sentences. (Find the verb, and then ask: verb + what or who?)

- a. The boy kicked the football.
- b. The man saw a ghost.
- c. The girl played cricket.
- d. Fourteen girls sang the national anthem.
- e. Unfortunately, we never saw him in the dark.
- f. We sometimes let the dog out.

G. Pick out the predicates in the following sentences.

- a. The bird sang sweetly in the trees.
- b. The old man sat under the tree.
- c. He listened to the singing of the birds with great joy.
- d. He slowly closed his tired eyes.
- e. He went to sleep with his head on a stone.

H. Write the story of the fox and the grapes in your own words. You may add any details you wish; you do not have to follow the ideas in the poem.