

Improving Your Reading with Predicting Pip: The Fox and the Wolf



At the foot of the high mountains, there stood a small village. The villagers loved their home; they worked hard and toiled in the fields all day, putting their sheep out to pasture in the long grass during the warmer months.

One summer night, when the round moon shone down across the pebbled road into the village, a great wolf came skulking around the corner. The wolf was hungry and had not had a decent meal for several weeks. He thought longingly about the rabbits that he had seen playing in the fields but he knew that he was too old and slow to catch them. Then, he remembered the delicious fox that he had seen sleeping at the side of a dusty path a few weeks ago. At the time, the wolf wasn't as hungry as he was now and had decided to leave the defenceless animal. Yet, the more his stomach rumbled, the more he was beginning to regret the decision.

While dreaming about his next meal, a rustle came from the nearby bushes. Out popped a fox... the very fox that the wolf had just been thinking of! Startled, the wolf watched as the fox approached him.



1. Based on the text, what do you think is going to happen next?

2. What do you think that the fox is going to say to the wolf?

3. Do you think that the wolf is going to eat the fox? Tick one.

yes no

Explain your answer fully.

4. What is most likely to be the reason that the fox is approaching the wolf? Tick one.

- The fox is going to eat the wolf.
- The fox hasn't seen the wolf.
- The fox wants to know why the wolf didn't eat him.
- The fox wants to play with the wolf.

Answers

1. Based on the text, what do you think is going to happen next?
Pupils' own responses provided that they make reference to events within the text, such as: I think the wolf and the fox will work together to catch a sheep.
2. What do you think that the fox is going to say to the wolf?
Pupils' own responses, such as: I think the fox is going to thank the wolf for not eating him.
3. Do you think that the wolf is going to eat the fox? Tick one.
Accept either yes or no, provided that a full explanation is also given, such as: Yes, I think that the wolf will eat the fox because he is really hungry and is already regretting his decision not to eat the fox before.
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