

"The Fox and The Grapes" by Aesop

A Fox one day spied a beautiful bunch of ripe grapes hanging from a vine trained along the branches of a tree. The grapes seemed ready to burst with juice, and the Fox's mouth watered as he gazed longingly at them.

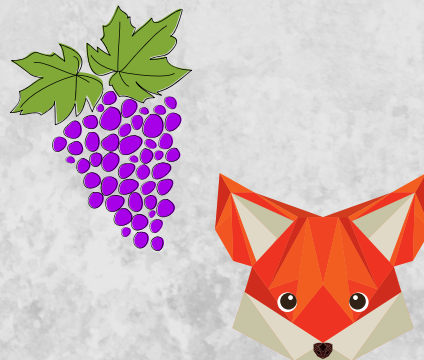
The bunch hung from a high branch, and the Fox had to jump for it. The first time he jumped he missed it by a long way. So he walked off a short distance and took a running leap at it, only to fall short once more. Again and again he tried, but in vain.

Now he sat down and looked at the grapes in disgust.

"What a fool I am," he said. "Here I am wearing myself out to get a bunch of sour grapes that are not worth gaping for."

And off he walked very, very scornfully.

There are many who pretend to despise and belittle that which is beyond their reach.



- read the text beforehand
- reread the text while you wait
- underline important parts
- be an active listener
- only one person at a time
- be respectful of others' ideas
- use evidence from the text
- explain your thinking often
- "I agree/disagree, because..."
- encourage others to join in

Questions

on reading comprehension, word meanings, writer's technique, content/topic/theme of the text, or related ideas

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