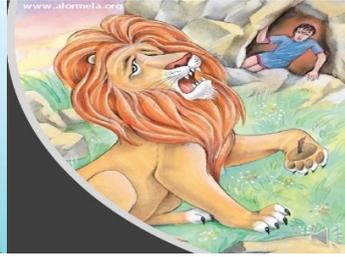


## Year 7 English – Home Learning Pack 4

### Task One – Spoken Language



Can you name the fable from each image above? What is the tale and what is its moral? A moral is the purpose/ message behind the story. E.g. always be kind to others.

Do you know any other fables? And have they ever taught you anything important in your life?

### Task Two – Reading

THE BEAR AND THE TWO TRAVELERS BY AESOP 620-560 B.C.

*Aesop was a slave and story-teller who was believed to have lived in ancient Greece between 620 and 560 B.C.E. This story is part of his collection of tales known as "Aesop's Fables" which have influenced children's literature and modern storytelling culture. As you read the text, make notes on the travellers' actions and what drives them to continue.*

Two men were traveling together, when a Bear suddenly met them on their path. One of them climbed up quickly into a tree and concealed himself in the branches. The other, seeing that he must be attacked, fell flat on the ground, and when the Bear came up and felt him with his snout, and smelt him all over, he held his breath, and feigned the appearance of death as much as he could. The Bear soon left him, for it is said he will not touch a dead body. When he was quite gone, the other Traveller descended from the tree, and jocularly inquired of his friend what it was the Bear had whispered in his ear. "He gave me this advice," his companion replied. "Never travel with a friend who deserts you at the approach of danger."

1. Feign (verb): to fake or pretend
2. Jocularly (adverb): jokingly

#### PART A:

What is the significance of the author's use of the word "companion" in the end of the story?

1. It is tragic, because the second traveller no longer considers the first his friend.
2. It describes the friendship shared by the two travellers.
3. It is ironic, because the first traveller was not a good friend to the second traveller.
4. It is transformative, because it illustrates how the two travellers' friendship has been strengthened by the encounter with the bear.

#### PART B:

Which detail from the text best supports the answer to Part A?

1. "Two men were traveling together..."

2. "...it is said he will not touch a dead body."
3. "jocularly inquired of his friend what it was the Bear had whispered in his ear."
4. "Never travel with a friend who deserts you..."

**PART C:**

How do the first traveller's actions affect the second traveller?

1. The first traveller's actions reveal that he is not a good friend to the second traveller.
2. The first traveller's actions inspire the second traveller to risk his life.
3. The first traveller essentially leaves the second traveller to die.
4. The first traveller's actions save the second traveller's life.

**PART D:**

Which statement best describes the theme of the story?

1. It's always better to travel alone.
2. The best way to survive a bear encounter is to play dead.
3. Good friends don't abandon each other in hard times.
4. Make sure you have a good friend before you go wandering in the woods

**PART E:**

How is the bear characterized in this story? Is he a good friend?

**Task Three – Writing**

The short story above has lots of verbs in it – verbs are doing words, action words. Complete this task on verbs:

Write the past tense of the verbs.

Present	Past
1. hurt	_____
2. know	_____
3. lead	_____
4. lose	_____
5. mean	_____
6. pay	_____
7. ring	_____
8. say	_____
9. shine	_____
10. speak	_____

Write the past tense of the verbs.

Present	Past
1. win	_____
2. understand	_____
3. tell	_____
4. sweep	_____
5. spend	_____
6. sit	_____
7. sell	_____
8. put	_____
9. leave	_____
10. hold	_____