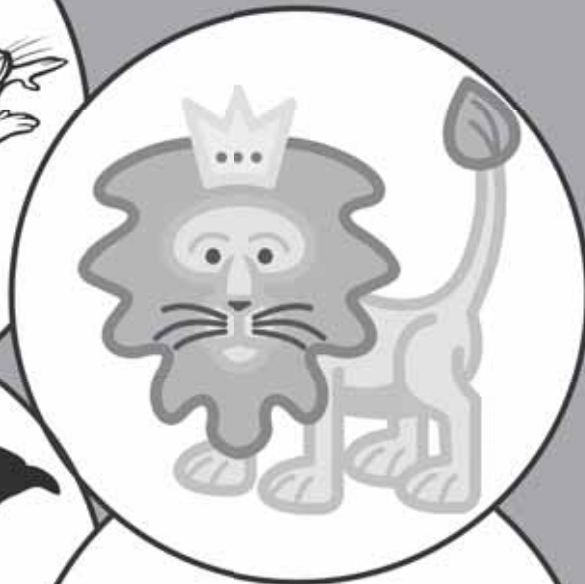
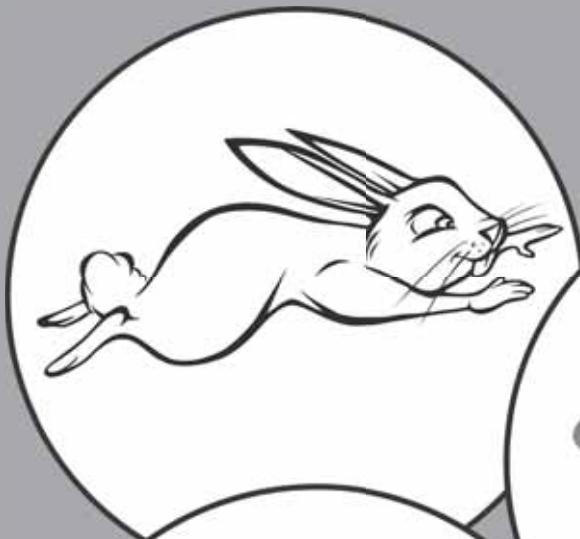




# And thereby hangs a tale



# The thirsty crow

This story revolves around problem solving. It gives a clear picture about the inventiveness, cleverness and resourcefulness of the crow. Borrow a copy of the Panchatantra, read the story and answer these questions:



1. What kind of a bird is a crow?

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2. Would the story be the same if the bird was a pigeon or a parrot?

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3. Use this story to examine the three birds given below and write down the characteristics you would associate with each of them:

Pigeon

Parrot

Mynah

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a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

c. \_\_\_\_\_

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4. The crow has used an external object as a tool to solve its problem. Which other animal or bird uses a tool?

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## Bird Behaviour

- crows are known to use city traffic to crack nuts. They leave nuts on the road and go and retrieve their prize after a vehicle has passed over it.
- A crow's brain size is known to be the same as that of a Chimpanzee's.

## Your own crow story

Write your very own crow story. Perhaps of a crow that is a regular visitor to the tree next to your dining room?

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## Do an experiment

Take a glass half filled with water. Put a few marbles into it and observe the changes in the level of the water. Write the observations down here.



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# Greedy dog

This simple story beautifully illustrates the consequences of excessive wants. In a society that is increasingly becoming consumerist; this story extols the virtues of moderation.

**Write the story of the greedy dog using the following sentences giving a beginning, a middle and an end.**



- To reach home the dog had to cross a bridge.
- As soon as the dog opened his mouth, his bone fell into the water.
- The dog thought that that was another dog with a bone.
- Once there was a dog that was very hungry.
- To scare the 'other dog' away he barked, without realizing that he was barking at his own reflection.
- When the dog climbed on to the bridge to cross it he saw his reflection in the water.
- He looked for food everywhere and finally found a bone.
- The dog decided that he wanted the second bone as well.
- The dog lost the only bone he found and went hungry for the rest of the day.
- He picked the bone up in his mouth and walked back home.

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**Do you know of any other story around greed? Write down the titles here and tell one story to the class.**

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What do you think happened to the greedy dog afterwards?  
Write a sequel to the story in the space provided.



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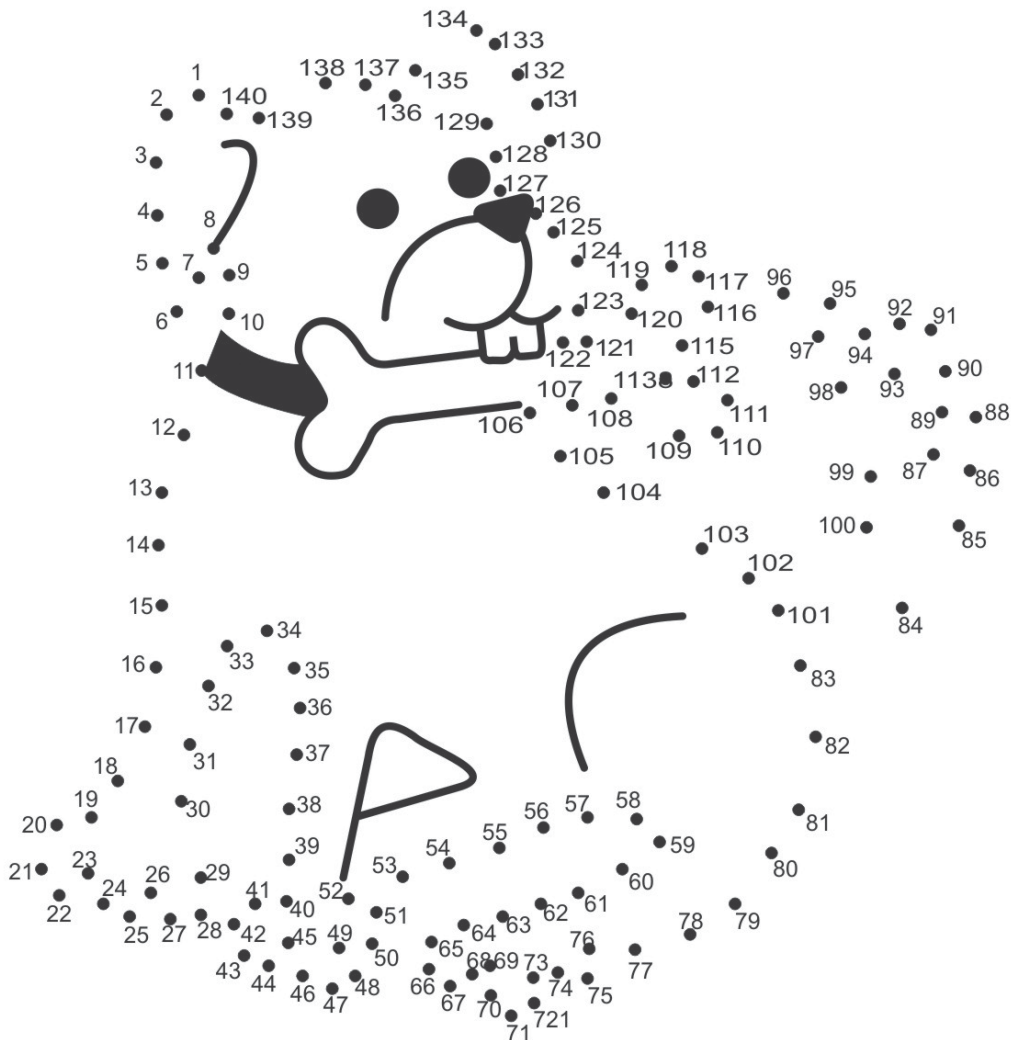
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## Dot to Dot

Connect the dots to get an amazing picture.





# The Clever rabbit and the Foolish Lion



This story is based on the theme that intelligence is superior to physical strength. This story also tells us how to face our fears and act sensibly in a difficult situation.

## Face your fears

How would you behave should find yourself in a difficult situation?

### Option 1

- Start crying
- Run away and hide
- Push others in front of you
- Get into a physical fight

### Option 2

- Count till ten
- Take a deep breath
- Make a plan
- Be bold and act according to your plan

## Make new words

How many new words can you make from the words given below?

lion	_____	_____	_____
clever	_____	_____	_____
rabbit	_____	_____	_____
foolish	_____	_____	_____
forest	_____	_____	_____

Spot the differences in the pictures given. There are a total of 10 differences.



# The crocodile and the monkey

The monkey wants to cross the river and asks the crocodile for help. The crocodile is wily and midway through the river tells the monkey that the monkey heart is his favourite food. The monkey outwits the croc by telling him that he left his heart behind on the tree and if he takes him back to the tree he will gladly give him his heart. The croc believes him and takes him back to the river bank. The monkey jumps off safely onto the tree.

## Match the character traits with the characters in the story

Courage    Fearless    Cool headed    Clever    Deceiving    Cunning    Foolish



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## Pages from a monkey's diary

Now write the story in first person, as if you are the monkey writing a diary entry

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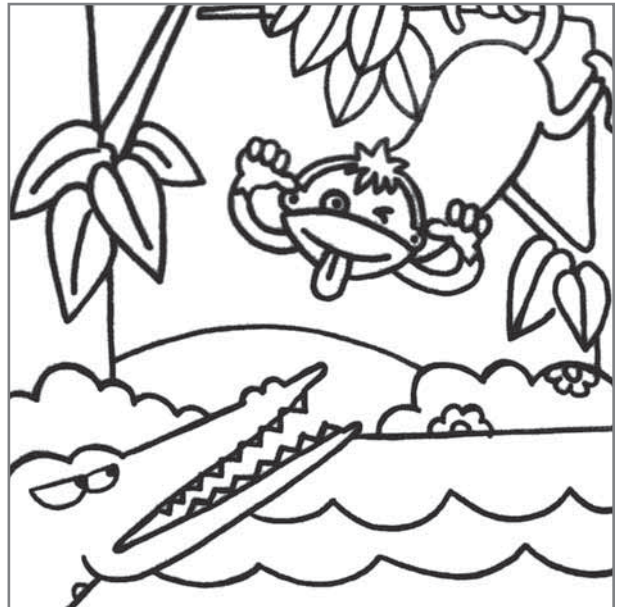
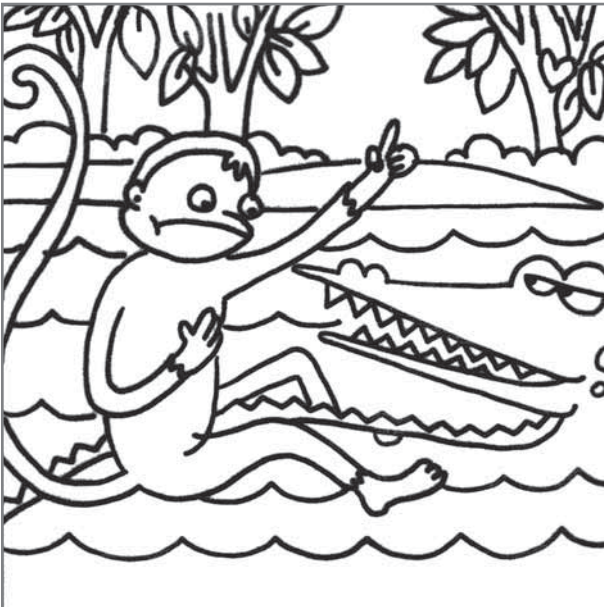
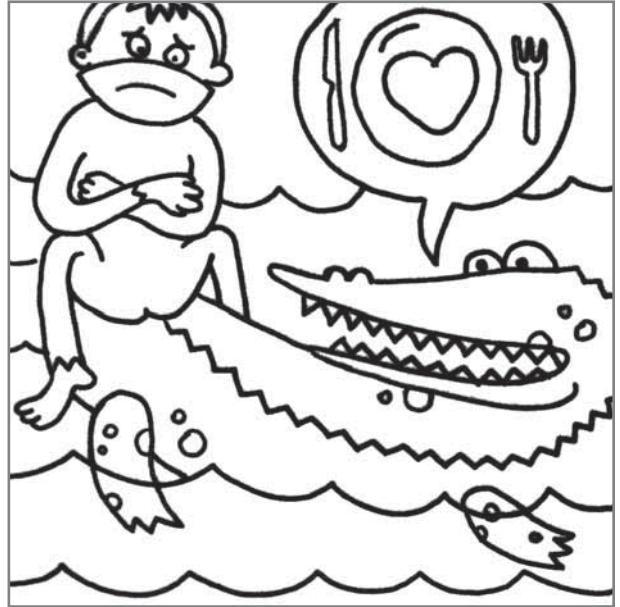
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# Treasure hunt

Use the pictures given below to make picture cards. Cut along the dotted lines and colour in the pictures. Then paste the pictures on thick cards to make picture cards. Now play a story hunt with these cards. Hide them in different places. Fix a time limit to find the story treasure – the group that finds all the cards first wins.



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