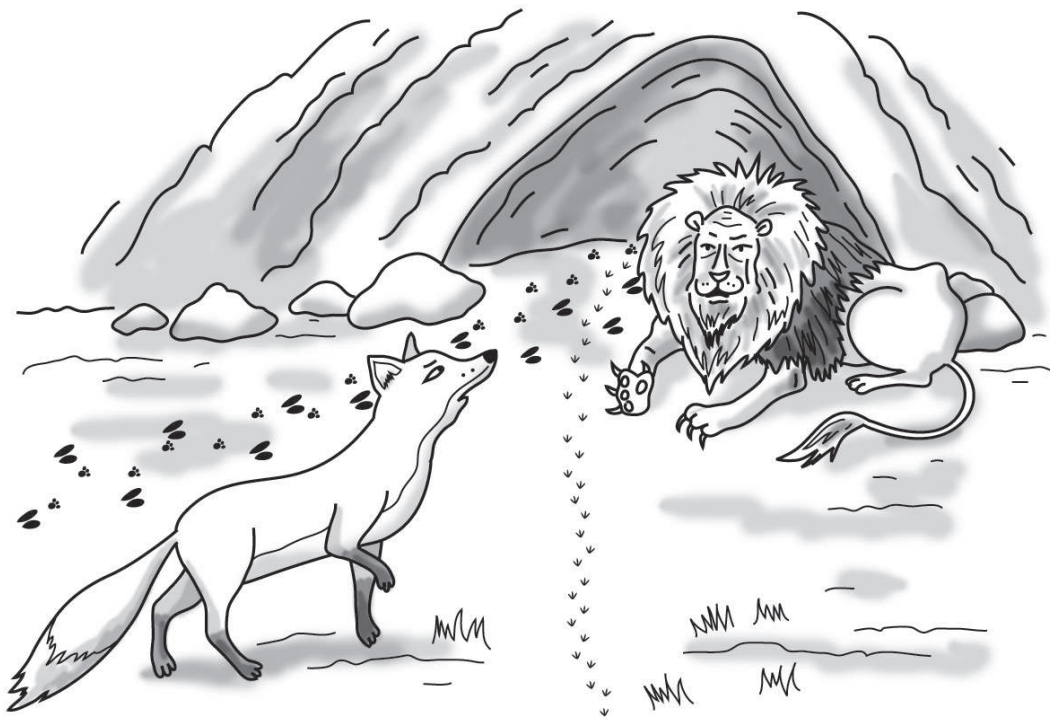


The Fox and the Lion

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- 1 The lion was getting old. He couldn't see very well, and his knees hurt when he ran. This meant that he wasn't able to hunt anymore, and he was getting hungry. He came up with a cunning plan to encourage his dinner to come to him.
- 5 He sat near his cave and told passing animals that he was ill and would like visitors to come and chat with him. Many animals felt safe, thinking that the lion was weak, and came close enough to talk. However, when the visitors came close enough, the lion did not so much chat to them as eat them.
- 10 One day, a fox passed by the cave. "Hello Fox," whispered Lion. "I'm too weak to talk. I can only whisper at the moment. Could you come closer?"
- 12 "I don't think so," said Fox. "I notice that while there are lots of footprints going towards your cave, there are none coming away from it. I think I'll be on my way."



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1 Look at the first paragraph. What does the word “*cunning*” mean?

Tick **one**.

clever

happy

lazy

quick

1a

1 mark

2 Where did the lion sit?

1b

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3 Find and copy two words that tell you what the lion did when animals came close to chat to him.

1b

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4 Why did the fox not go closer to the lion’s cave?

1d

1 mark

5 What do you think the lion would have done if the fox had come close to him?

1e

1 mark

6 What lesson does this fable teach us?

Tick **one**.

A lion is always a dangerous animal.

Always believe what people tell you.

If you eat your friends, you soon run out of food.

Never be kind to other animals.

1d

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