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The Grapes Up High

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Fox was hot and hungry. He went down a dusty road.

He saw a wall with a vine on top.

Big purple grapes hung from the vine.

"Yum!" said Fox. "I will have those grapes!"

He stood up tall and reached. But the grapes were too high.

So Fox jumped. Snap! His teeth got nothing but air.

He jumped and jumped. He ran, and he jumped higher.

Then he got on a rock. He jumped once more.

But the grapes were still up high.

A crow on the wall said, "Caw, caw!"

It sounded like a laugh.

Fox sat in the dust. His legs hurt, and he was tired.

He looked at the grapes. Then he put his nose up.

"Who wants grapes?" he said. "I bet they are sour!"

And off he went, with his tail up high.

The crow ate a grape. It was sweet.

Questions

1. Where did Fox see the grapes?

A. On a vine on a wall
B. In a boat
C. In a bag

2. What did Fox stand on to jump?

A. A box
B. A rock
C. A log

3. Who made a noise like a laugh?

A. A crow
B. A hen

C. A cat

4. Why did Fox say the grapes were sour?

A. He tasted them

B. He could not get them

C. The crow told him

5. What does this fable show?

A. Foxes can jump

B. Some say they did not want what they can not get

C. Crows like grapes

Words to know

grapes: small round fruit

vine: a plant that climbs

sour: not sweet

Answer key: The Grapes Up High

1. A. On a vine on a wall
2. B. A rock
3. A. A crow
4. B. He could not get them
5. B. Some say they did not want what they can not get