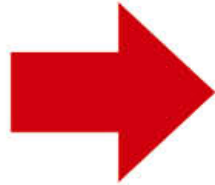




# Are You Ready?

Listen to me.



Eyes on me.



## FAST READING

Classic English Junior Level 5 - Unit 17 Literature

Lesson

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# The Leopard and the Rat



# Lesson Structure

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You are going to read a story called  
“The Leopard and the Rat.”  
In the story you will learn:



### **Genre**

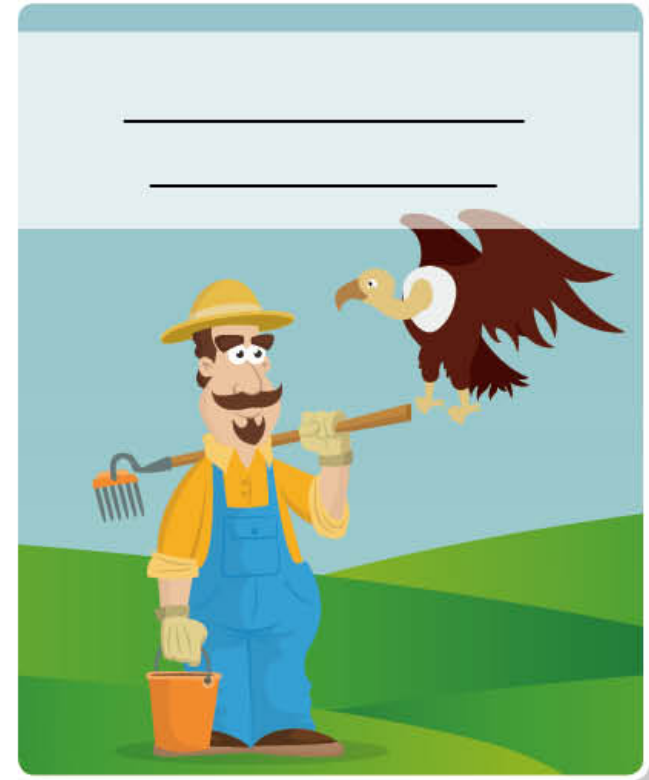
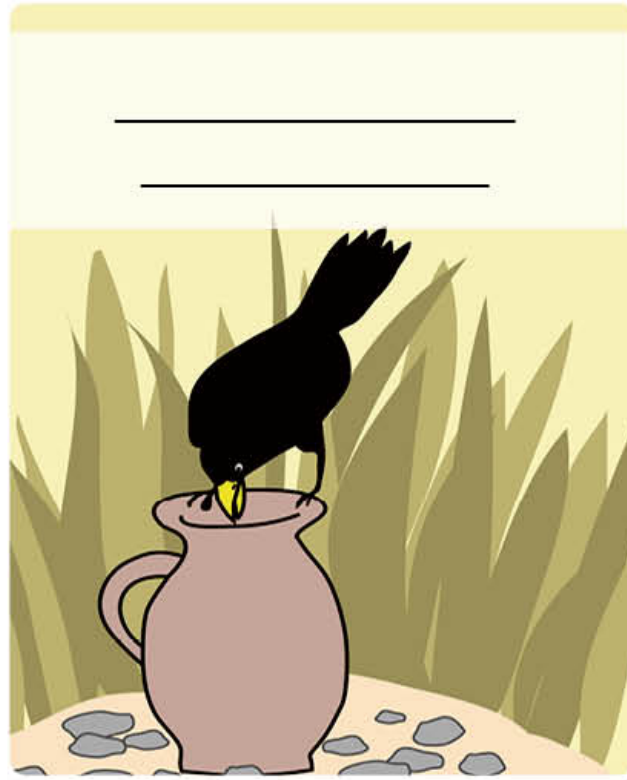
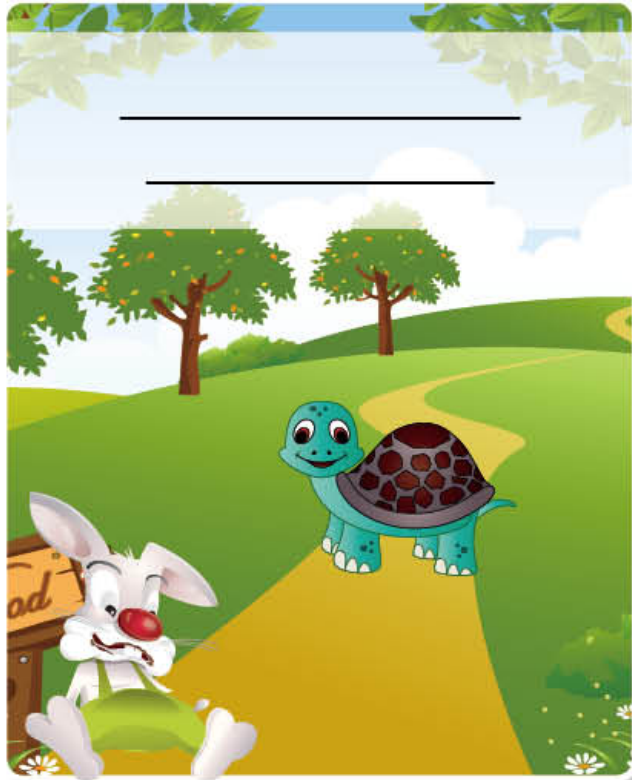
Fable



### **Key Words**

leopard, weave, growl, respected, thoughtfully,  
prove, eager, repay

Can you name the following fables? Talk about one of them.







# Let's

# Go!



# Reading Preparation—Vocabulary

**01:00**

Learn and say.

**leopard** *n*

A **leopard** is a large animal of the cat family, which lives in Africa and South Asia.

**weave** *v*

The man **wove**<sup>①</sup> large baskets to sell in the market.

① **wove**: past tense of "weave"

Ask a question using a **key word**:



# Reading Preparation—Vocabulary

01:00

Learn and say.



**growl** v



The wolf is **growling** at the other one.



**re•spect•ed** adj



Shakespeare is highly **respected** for his dramas and poems.

Use a **key word** to make a sentence:

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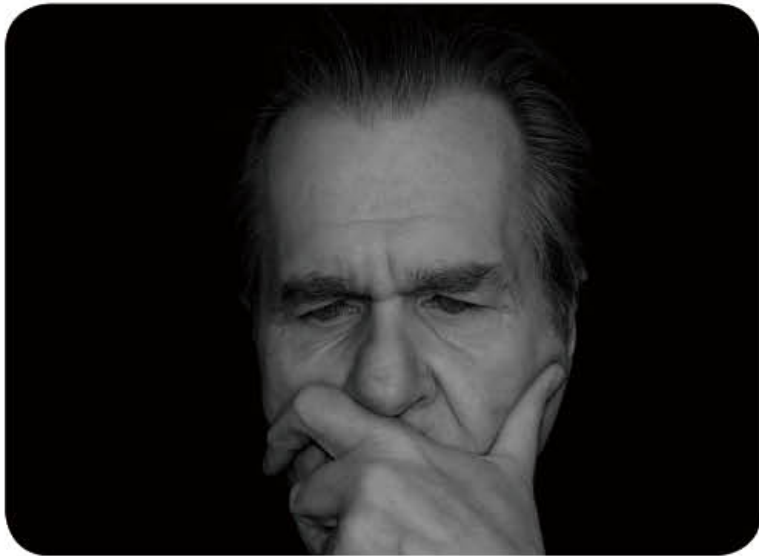
# Reading Preparation—Vocabulary

01:00

Learn and say.



**thought•ful•ly** adv



The man rubbed his chin **thoughtfully**.



**prove** v



The man wanted to **prove** that someone was guilty.

Use a **key word** to make a sentence:

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# Reading Preparation—Vocabulary

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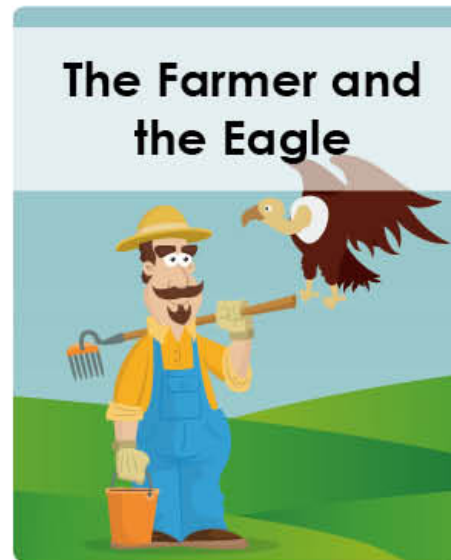
**ea•ger** *adj*



These fans, waiting at the square, were **eager** to see their super star.



**re•pay** *v*



The eagle saved the farmer to **repay** his kindness in this fable.

Explain a key **word** using your own words:

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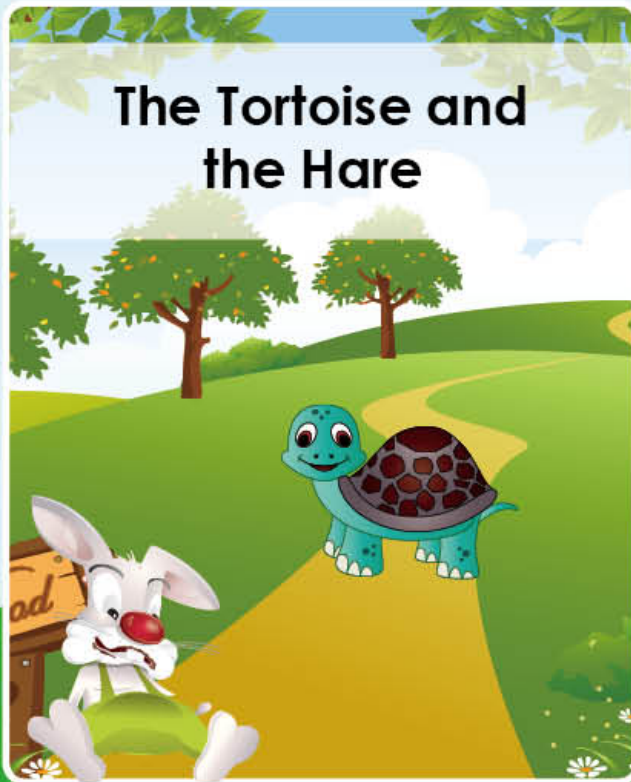
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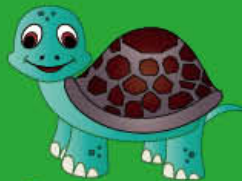
**Let's  
Read!**





A **fable** is a fiction story which teaches a moral lesson.

A fable often includes:



- Animals acting like humans as main characters
- A moral that teaches us a lesson



# Fast Reading

03:00

One day as Rat was looking for food in the forest, he heard a cry from far away. "Who is crying like that?" Rat asked himself. "I must see who it is. I do hope I can help."

He went nearer and nearer to the cry. At the bottom of a deep, dark hole, he saw **Leopard**. "Help me, please," cried Leopard. "Oh! You are Leopard!" said Rat. "I fear that if I help you out, you will eat me."



Characters:  
the leopard and the rat

Setting:  
When: one day  
Where: in a forest



**Where was Leopard? What happened to her?**



# Fast Reading

02:00



“No! No!” exclaimed Leopard. “I would never do that, I promise.” “All right,” said Rat. “I’ll help you. Wait a moment.”

Rat went to cut some vines and **wove** them together to make a strong rope. He helped Leopard climb out with this rope.



**How did Rat help Leopard climb out?**

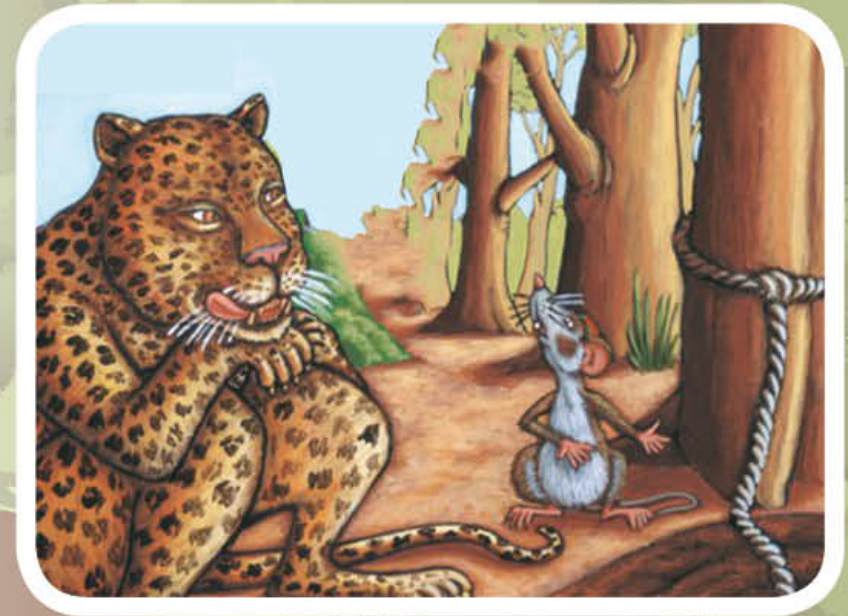


# Fast Reading

02:00

As soon as Leopard climbed out, she grabbed Rat, "I must eat you!" "Oh, please don't," cried Rat. "You promised not to harm me."

"I don't care," **growled** Leopard. "I am a **respected** animal in the forest. If I let you go, you will tell the rest of the animals that you saved my life." "I will not tell any of them," cried Rat.



Why did Leopard want to eat Rat according to her?

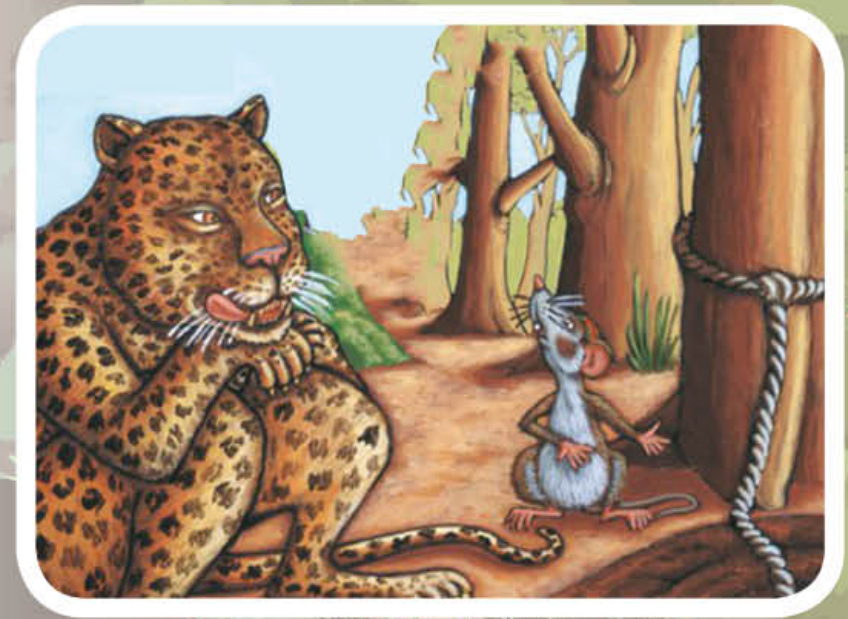


# Fast Reading

03:00

Suddenly they saw somebody coming. It was Ananse the spider, walking **thoughtfully**. When he got to them, he asked Leopard, "Why is Rat crying so much?"

But Rat spoke up, "I helped Leopard out of this hole, and now she wants to eat me up." "Liar!" shouted Ananse. "How could you, a common rat, help a strong animal like Leopard out of this hole?"



Who was the new character? What would happen next?



# Fast Reading

03:00

"It's true," said Rat. "I helped her with this rope. I—" "Enough of your lies!" yelled Ananse. "Leopard, why don't you just get back into the hole and let me see what really happened."



**Eager** to **prove** that Rat was a liar, Leopard jumped back into the hole without thinking. Ananse quickly pulled out the rope and cut it into pieces.



Did the spider believe Rat? How did you know that?



# Fast Reading

03:00

Then Ananse called into the hole, "Leopard, now show me how you climbed out of the hole." "Where is the rope? I can't climb out without the rope," Leopard said. "Aha," said Ananse. "So Rat did help you. Since this is how you **repaid** the one who was kind to you, you must stay in there." "Thank you so much, Ananse," said Rat. Then he ran home as fast as he could.



## What's the moral of this fable?

- A. A spider saved a rat who helped a leopard.
- B. Those who do good will be rewarded, and those who do wrong will be punished.



Today we read a fable called "The Leopard and the Rat."

## Genre

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