

1. The Lion and the Mouse

Moral: Kindness is never wasted.

One day, a mighty lion was sleeping in the jungle when a little mouse accidentally ran across his paw. The lion woke up and caught the mouse, ready to eat it. The mouse pleaded, "Please, let me go, and someday I'll repay your kindness." The lion laughed but decided to let the mouse go. A few days later, the lion got caught in a hunter's net. The mouse heard his roar, ran to him, and chewed through the ropes to free him. The lion was grateful and realized even small creatures can make a big difference.

2. The Tortoise and the Hare

Moral: Slow and steady wins the race.

The hare, proud of his speed, always teased the tortoise for being slow. One day, the tortoise challenged him to a race. The hare, overconfident, took a nap halfway through the race, thinking he would win easily. However, when he woke up, he found that the tortoise had slowly but surely crossed the finish line first.

3. The Boy Who Cried Wolf

Moral: Lying breaks trust.

A young shepherd boy, bored of watching sheep, decided to trick the villagers by crying, "Wolf!" The villagers ran to help, but there was no wolf. He repeated the prank a few times until, one day, a real wolf came. When the boy cried for help, no one believed him, and the wolf scattered his flock.

This [short moral story in English](#) teaches the importance of honesty.

4. The Fox and the Grapes

Moral: It's easy to despise what you can't have.

A hungry fox tried to reach a bunch of grapes hanging high from a vine. He jumped and jumped but couldn't get them. Frustrated, he finally gave up and walked away, saying, "They're probably sour anyway." This story teaches that it's easy to pretend you don't want something when you can't achieve it.

5. The Golden Touch

Moral: Greed leads to unhappiness.

King Midas was granted a wish, and he wished that everything he touched would turn to gold. At first, he was delighted, but when he accidentally turned his food and even his daughter into gold, he realized that his greed had cost him dearly. This **short story in English with moral** shows the dangers of greed.

6. The Ant and the Grasshopper

Moral: Work hard today to enjoy tomorrow.

The ant worked hard all summer, gathering food, while the grasshopper sang and danced without a care. When winter came, the ant had plenty of food, but the grasshopper was starving. This story teaches children the value of hard work and planning for the future.

7. The Clever Crow

Moral: Creativity solves problems.

A crow was extremely thirsty but found only a small amount of water in a pitcher. Unable to reach the water, the clever crow dropped pebbles into the pitcher, slowly raising the water level until he could drink it. This **simple short story in English** teaches the power of creative problem-solving.