

NCERT Solutions for Class 6 English (Poorvi)

Unit 1 - Fables and Folk Tales: Chapter 2-The Raven And The Fox

Let us do these activities before we read.

I. We know that frogs croak. Did you know that ravens also croak?

Ans: Yes, similar to frogs, ravens also croak. Ravens have different types of calls, which includes deep and throaty croaks. They use these sounds to talk to each other, mark their territory, and attract mates.

II. Which animal is shown to be cunning in stories? Circle the correct answer.

1. tiger 2. fox 3. bear



Ans: 2. Fox

Let us discuss

I. Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct option.

1. Stanza 1

(i) Mr Raven is a (bird/frog)

(ii) The name of the fox is (Raven/Reynard)

(iii) Mr Raven had in his beak. (a piece of food/a bunch of leaves)

2. Stanza 2

(i) The Fox calls the Raven a bird. (foolish/good-looking)

(ii) The Fox asks the Raven to (dance/sing)

(iii) The Raven and the Fox live in the (trees/woods)

3. Stanza 3

(i) The Raven that he croaked. (remembered/forgot)

- (ii) The Raven opened its beak to (eat/sing)
 (iii) The fell down. (food/Raven)

4. Stanza 4

- (i) The Fox at the Raven. (laughed/looked)
 (ii) It is not to be too proud of oneself. (wise/unwise)
 (iii) The Raven learnt a (lesson/teaching)

Ans:

1. Stanza 1

- (i) Mr Raven is a bird.
 (ii) The name of the fox is Reynard.
 (iii) Mr Raven had a piece of food in his beak.

2. Stanza 2

- (i) The Fox calls the Raven a good-looking bird.
 (ii) The Fox asks the Raven to sing.
 (iii) The Raven and the Fox live in the woods.

3. Stanza 3

- (i) The Raven forgot that he croaked.
 (ii) The Raven opened its beak to sing.
 (iii) The food fell down.

4. Stanza 4

- (i) The Fox laughed at the Raven.
 (ii) It is not wise to be too proud of oneself.
 (iii) The Raven learnt a lesson.

II. Read the poem again and match the words in Column A with their meanings in Column B Check your answers with your teacher and your classmates.

Column A	Column B
1. perched	(i) a small piece of food
2. morsel	(ii) looked with interest at something
3. seek	(iii) feeling that you are better than others
4. pride	(iv) sat on a branch
5. eyed	(v) to look for something
6. limb	(vi) a smaller area of forest with similar kinds of trees
7. woods	(vii) branch of a tree

Ans:

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Let us think and reflect

I. Look at the pictures and number them in the order that they happen in the poem





Ans:



II. Read the following lines and answer the questions that follow.

**1. Sir Raven, you are a handsome bird.
Such feathers! If you would only sing,
The birds of these woods would call you King.**

(i) 'Such feathers' refer to feathers.

- a. shiny and beautiful**
- b. black and dull**
- c. grey and long**
- d. short and unattractive**

(ii) Why would the birds of the woods call the Raven 'King'?

(iii) Why does the Fox address the Raven as 'Sir'?

Ans: (i) 'Such feathers' refer to a. shiny and beautiful feathers.

(ii) The Fox is suggesting that if the raven would sing, the birds of the woods would call him Raven King and make him the most admired and honoured bird in the woods.

(iii) The Fox addresses the Raven as 'Sir' to flatter him and make him feel important, which is part of the Fox's trick to get the Raven to sing.

**2. The Raven, who did not see the joke,
Forgot that his voice was just a croak.
He opened his beak, in his foolish pride-**

(i) Why did the Raven open his beak?

(ii) Complete the following with one word from the given lines.

Fox: clever:: Raven:

Ans:

(i) The Raven opened his beak to sing.

(ii) Fox: clever: : Raven: foolish

III. Why does the Raven forget that his voice is just a croak?

Ans: The Raven is flattered by Fox's praise and becomes too proud, thinking he can sing well. He forgets that his voice is just a croak.

IV. How does Reynard make the Raven sing?

Ans: Reynard makes the Raven sing by flattering him and praising his appearance, which leads the Raven to open his beak and sing.

V. Why does Reynard say that pride is not wise?

Ans: Reynard says that pride is not wise because it can lead to foolish actions. The Raven's pride resulted in embarrassment because it made him ignore the reality of his singing ability.

VI. Give one reason why the teaching is quite a surprise.

Ans: The teaching is quite surprising because the Raven, though he is aware that he only croaks, falls for Fox's flattery and ends up losing his food. It shows that pride and vanity can easily lead to foolish mistakes.

VII. Imagine someone praises you too much. How would you react?

Ans: If someone praises me too much, I would try to stay humble and not let it change how I act. I will remind myself of my true abilities to avoid making mistakes due to overconfidence.

Let us learn

I. Write the rhyming words from the poem. One has been done for you.

Stanza 1

(i) limb-him

(ii)

Stanza 2

(i) word-

(ii)

Stanza 3

(i) joke-

(ii)

Stanza 4

(i) know-

(ii)

Ans:

Stanza 1

(i) limb - him

(ii) King - sing

Stanza 2

(i) word - bird

(ii) woods - good

Stanza 3

(i) joke - croak

(ii) pride - side

Stanza 4

(i) know - show

(ii) wise - surprise

II. Study the underlined words in the poem.

1. For the Raven held in his great big beak.

The words 'big' and 'beak' begin with the same /b/ sound.

2. The song of sweet birds.

Now, pick another example of alliteration from Stanza 2.

Ans: In Stanza 2, another example of alliteration is "woods would."

3. Choose the correct opposites from the box given below and complete the table. There are two extra words that you will not need.

Wise, happy, humility, flew, remembered, notice, dim, cried, silly

Words	Opposites
1. perched	
2. forgot	
3. foolish	
4. pride	
5. laughed	
6. ignore	
7. glow	

Use any four words from the table given above to make sentences of your own

Ans:

Words	Opposites
1. perched	flew
2. forgot	remembered
3. foolish	wise
4. pride	humility
5. laughed	cried
6. ignore	notice
7. glow	dim

Sentences:

1. A parrot perched on the branch and then quickly flew away.

2. I forgot my lunchbox at home, but later remembered to bring it the next day
3. The baby laughed when she saw bubbles but cried when they popped.
4. The lamp began to glow brightly and then slowly grew dim as the battery ran out.

Let us speak

1. Narrate the poem in the form of a story. Give a different ending to the story. You may begin like this:

This is a story about a clever fox named Reynard and Mr Raven. One day...

Ans:

This is a tale about a clever fox named Reynard and a Mr. Raven. One day, Mr. Raven came across a piece of cheese and decided to eat it sitting on the branch of a tall tree. Mr. Fox was very hungry. When he saw Mr. Raven eating cheese, a plan formed in his mind.

The Fox said to Mr. Raven, "Mr. Raven, you look so big and majestic today. I am sure you can sing the sweetest song of all of the birds."

Wanting to show off, Mr. Raven opened his beak to caw. When he did this, the cheese slipped down and Reynard quickly caught it in his mouth. Reynard turned and ran away from the tree.

After running a short distance, Reynard turned his head to see Mr. Raven now flying and landing on a nearby nest. When he arrived, there were three little ravens crying for food. Reynard saw that Mr. Raven looked very sad.

When Reynard heard the cries of the little babies, he felt compassion on them. So, he went back and gave Mr. Raven the piece of cheese. Mr. Raven was thankful to Reynard and he shared the cheese with Mr. Fox, half for himself and his children, and half for Reynard.

Moral: Compassion and kindness bring true happiness and positive results.

Let us write

1. Now, write the story you narrated in the form of a conversation.

(Remember to write only the actions for the Raven as he has food in his mouth and does not speak.)

You may begin like this.

Reynard: Good morning, Mr Raven! You seem to be awake so early! (Mr Raven just nods his head)

Reynard: Oh, Mr Raven, you look ...

Ans:

Reynard: Good morning, Mr. Raven! You are awake very early!

(The Raven nods its head up, up and down proudly. the cheese is in his beak).

Reynard: Oh Mr. Raven, you look very strong and handsome today. You must be the King of all birds! Look at those beautiful feathers!!

(The Raven puffs up and looks proud).

Reynard: And I bet you have the sweetest voice too..! Will you sing me a song?

(Mr. Raven is flattered by the fox's words and opens his beak to caw as loud as he can. The cheese drops to the forest floor below. Reynard sees the cheese drop to the ground, quickly catches it with his mouth and runs away).

(Reynard runs some distance, stops and looks behind him. He notices Mr. Raven flying to the nest. Reynard now notices three baby ravens are at the nest crying for food, and Mr. Raven looks sad).

Reynard: (whispers) Oh my... those little ones are hungry. I should not have taken the cheese from their mother.

(The Fox slowly walks back to the tree and places the food back at foot of the tree)

Reynard: Sorry Mr. Raven. Here is your food. You can share with your little ones.

(Mr. Raven looks surprised and happy).

Mr. Raven: Thank you Mr. Fox. We can share them. Here, take half of the food.

(Happy Mr. Raven takes the original piece of cheese and divides it. Half for Reynard and half for his babies).

Reynard: Thank you, Raven.

(Reynard picks up the food and goes his way, and Mr. raven feeds the babies and himself with the other half)