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Theme

Lesson 20

▶ Read the story. Then fill in the story map.  
**Possible responses are shown.**

Fox and Stork were friends, but Fox liked playing jokes too much for his own good. One day, Fox invited Stork over for lunch. Fox cooked up a delicious soup. He served the soup in a shallow dish, thinking that Stork would look silly trying to drink the soup with her long bill.

Stork was not pleased with Fox's joke. Stork sat politely through lunch and didn't even try to eat the soup. Then she went home and ate a proper meal.

The next day, Stork invited Fox over for dinner. She made an excellent stew. She served it in the tallest, thinnest jars she could find. Stork started to eat, but Fox couldn't reach the stew. His short snout wouldn't fit far enough down the mouth of the jar. He said nothing, but after that, he never played another joke on Stork.



**Main Characters**

1. **Fox**

2. **Stork**

**Setting**

Place: **Fox's home, Stork's home**

Time: **sometime in the past**

**Plot Events**

Beginning **Fox invites Stork for lunch; Stork can't eat the soup from a shallow bowl.**

Middle **Stork invites Fox over for dinner; she puts the food in a tall, thin jar.**

Ending **Fox can't reach the food in the jar.**

**Theme**

What does Fox learn about playing jokes? **Fox learns that it is not a good idea to play jokes on someone who might play a joke back.**

**School-Home Connection**

Tell your child that the story is a fable by Aesop. Have your child retell the story in his or her own words, and make up a moral for the story.