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The Fox and the Crow



Flattery is complimenting or praising someone to get something in return. **Read this fable about a hungry fox. Then answer the questions below.**

A fox was walking through the forest when he saw a crow sitting on a tree branch with a fine piece of cheese in her beak. The fox wanted the cheese and decided he would be clever enough to outwit the bird. "What a noble and gracious bird I see in the tree!" proclaimed the fox, "What exquisite beauty! What fair plumage! If her voice is as lovely as her beauty, she would no doubt be the jewel of all birds!" The crow was so flattered by all this talk that she opened her beak and gave a cry to show the fox her voice. "Caw! Caw!" she cried, as the cheese dropped to the ground for the fox to grab.

How does the fox trick the crow?

- A) The fox offers the crow jewels until she gives him the cheese.
- B) The fox teases the crow until she cries, dropping the cheese.
- C) The fox compliments the crow until she opens her mouth, dropping the cheese.

What is the moral or lesson of this story?

- A) Don't listen to flatterers.
- B) Don't take other people's food.
- C) Listen to compliments.

