

Free Chinese Animal Idiom Stories Sample

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守株待兔 (Shou Zhu Dai Tu)

Waiting for a Hare by the Tree Stump

Moral	Do not rely on luck. Work hard for what you want.
寓意	不要依赖运气，要靠努力获得想要的东西。
Tip	"Zhu" means a tree stump in the field. Ask your child to imagine a farmer waiting beside the stump.

Story

Once upon a time, there was a farmer. One day, while he was working in the field, he saw a hare run into a tree stump and die.

The farmer was very happy. He thought, 'If I wait here every day, maybe another hare will come.'

From that day on, he stopped working. He sat beside the stump and waited for another hare.

But no hare came again. His field became full of weeds, and he got nothing.

This story teaches us not to wait for luck. Good results come from steady work.

Practice Time

Fill in the blanks:

- The farmer stopped working and kept _____ by the stump.
- We should work hard instead of waiting for _____.

Choose the right meaning:

What does 守株待兔 mean?

- A. Work hard every day.
- B. Wait for luck instead of working.
- C. Catch hares in the field.

What does 不劳而获 mean?

- A. Get something without working.
- B. Work hard for what you want.
- C. Never rest.

Draw & Write

Draw the farmer waiting by the tree stump. Then write one sentence about what he should do instead.

Answer Key

Fill in the blanks: 守株待兔; luck. Multiple choice: 1-B, 2-A.

狐假虎威 (Hu Jia Hu Wei)

The Fox Borrows the Tiger's Might

Moral	Do not bully others by borrowing someone else's power.
寓意	不要借着别人的威风去欺负别人。
Tip	"Jia" means to borrow or pretend here. The fox uses the tiger's power to scare other animals.

Story

Once upon a time, a tiger caught a fox in the forest. The fox was afraid, but it had an idea.

The fox said, 'You cannot eat me. I was sent by Heaven to rule the animals.'

The tiger did not believe it, so the fox said, 'Walk behind me and see if the animals are afraid.'

The fox walked proudly in front. The tiger followed behind. When the animals saw the tiger, they all ran away.

The tiger thought the animals feared the fox, but they were actually afraid of the tiger.

Practice Time

Fill in the blanks:

- The fox used the tiger's power. This is called _____.
- We should be brave by ourselves, not by borrowing someone else's _____.

Choose the right meaning:

What does 狐假虎威 mean?

- A. The fox is stronger than the tiger.
- B. Bully others by borrowing power.
- C. The tiger is afraid of the fox.

What does 借用别人的威风 mean?

- A. Ask others for help.
- B. Use someone else's power to bully others.
- C. Respect others' power.

Draw & Write

Draw the fox walking in front of the tiger. Then write one sentence about why bullying is wrong.

Answer Key

Fill in the blanks: 狐假虎威; power. Multiple choice: 1-B, 2-B.

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