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## **Teachers Guide**

A boy put his hand into a jar full of hazelnuts. He grasped as many as he could hold and tried to pull his hand out of the jar. He was stopped from doing so because the neck of the jar was too narrow. Unwilling to let go of the hazelnuts, the boy would not let go. The boy pulled. The boy pulled again. Still the hazelnuts stayed in the jar. Soon the boy began to cry. A passerby heard the boy. He gave the boy some advice. "Be happy with half as much, and you will be able to pull out your hand."

Moral of the story: Do not attempt too much at once.

S-V-IO-DO degree

A mother crab asked her son a question. "Why do you always walk sideways?" she complained. "It is far more becoming to walk forwards."

The young crab answered, "I agree. If you will show me how, I can learn from you."

The mother tried to walk forwards. She tried again and again. The mother admitted defeat. She could not walk forward.

Moral of the story: Example is more powerful than precept.

S-V-IO-DO degree

A crow was extremely thirsty. He searched and found a pitcher with a little water at the bottom. He tried to drink but found that his thin beak could not reach the water. The crow tried many times. Almost ready to give up the crow had an idea. He took a pebble and dropped it in the pitcher. He took another pebble. Then he took another, and another, dropping each into the pitcher. Slowly the water rose. He took another pebble, and another, and another. Slowly the water rose in the pitcher. The crow saw the water almost at the top. He took a final pebble and dropped it into the pitcher. The water was high enough to drink. The crow drank deeply. He was able to quench his thirst and save his life.

Moral of the story: Little by little does the trick.

S-V-DO degree time

A simple fisherman played the flute. He played so well that people came from everywhere to hear him play and dance to his music. One day the fisherman took his nets and flute to the shore. "I play so well, surely I can make the fish dance," thought the fisherman. "They will dance into my nets!" The fisherman played for the fish, but his nets remained empty. After many hours, the fisherman stopped. He put down his flute and took up his nets. He cast his nets into the sea. Quickly his nets became full. Looking at the fish on the shore the fisherman spoke. "Silly fish, when I played you did not dance. Now that I have stopped, you dance!"

Moral of the story: To do the right thing at the right time is an art.

## S-V-DO time place

A crow had stolen some meat and flew to the top of a tree. A fox noticed the meat. He wanted the meat as he had not eaten that day. The wily fox devised a plan. "How handsome this crow is! If only his voice could match his good looks! If they were equal, then surely this crow would be called the King of all Birds." The crow wanted this title. Taking in a full breath, the crow let out a loud caw. The meat fell to the ground. The fox took it quickly. "My good crow, your voice is fine enough, but your intelligence is not!"

Moral of the story: Flatterers are not to be trusted.

## S-V-DO cause

A fox fell down a deep well, and try as he might, he could not get out. A goat came along. Seeing the fox in the well, the goat asked if the water was good. The fox, embarrassed, said that it was very good. Because he was very thirsty, the goat jumped. Now both animals were stuck in the well. The fox told the goat his idea. He suggested that if the goat would place his front legs on the wall of the well, the fox could climb up his back, on his horns and then get out of the well. Convinced that the fox would then get him free, the goat agreed. The fox climbed on the goat's back and soon was out of the well. Then the fox ran away.

The goat called to the fox. "Why are you not helping me out of the well?" The fox answered, "My friend, if you had as much brain as you have hairs on your head you would have inspected the well before you jumped. You must not expose yourself to dangers from which there is no escape."

Moral of the story: Look before you leap.

S-V-IO-DO time cause place

A woodcutter worked in the forest. Pulling his arm back, the woodcutter lost his axe. The axe tumbled into the lake. The woodcutter sat on a rock to think of a solution.

Mercury appeared to the woodcutter. Telling Mercury his plight, the woodcutter asked for help. Mercury went to the bottom of the lake and brought up a gold axe. "Is this your axe?" "No," replied the woodcutter.

Mercury went to the bottom of the lake and brought up a silver axe. "Is this your axe?" "No," replied the woodcutter. Again, Mercury went to the bottom of the lake and brought up the axe that had been lost. "Yes, that is it!"

Mercury was pleased that the woodcutter had been so honest. He gave the woodcutter the gold and silver axes. Happily, the woodcutter went home to tell his story.

Another woodcutter wished to benefit from the same good fortune. He went hopefully to the lake to throw his axe in. Mercury appeared to the woodcutter. Understanding his plight, Mercury dove into the lake. He reappeared with a gold axe and asked the wood cutter if it was his. "Yes," replied the woodcutter. Unhappy with the lie, Mercury took away the golden axe. He also refused to get the original axe.

Moral of the story: Honesty is the best policy.

## S-V-IO-DO cause place manner

An ant fell into a river. A nearby dove saw the ant and threw a leaf into the river. The ant climbed to safety. Flowing down the river, the ant spied a bird-catcher. The bird-catcher lay in wait for the dove. Quickly the ant jumped from the leaf to the shore. He gave the bird-catcher a bite on the foot. In pain the bird-catcher called out.

This alerted the dove and quickly she flew away.

Moral of the story: One good turn deserves another.

S-V-IO-DO manner

A cart driver drove into mud and got stuck. Unable to help himself, the cart driver called upon Hercules. Hercules appeared to the cart driver. "Why have you called me? Put your shoulder just so to the wheel. Now push hard! Never pray to me until you have tried yourself. For if you do, you can depend that I shall not answer."

Moral of the story: Self-help is the best help.

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The North Wind and the Sun were arguing over who was the most powerful. They decided to test their powers on a walking traveler. "The first to cause the traveler to remove his cloak shall be deemed the most powerful." They agreed and the Sun hid behind a cloud. The North Wind blew and blew. However, the more he blew the closer the traveler pulled his cloak. Finally, the North Wind stopped. Next the Sun came from behind the cloud and powerfully shone his rays upon the traveler. As the traveler became hotter and hotter, he removed his cloak. The Sun claimed his prize.

Moral of the story: Persuasion is stronger than force.

S-V-DO time place manner cause