

# Unit 10 - Aesop's Fable

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## **10A Introduction**

Some of the oldest stories we know today come from an author named Aesop. He wrote and collected fables, which are short stories that teach a lesson. Some of his most famous stories are "The Boy Who Cried Wolf" and "The Tortoise and the Hare." This song tells one of Aesop's fables called "The Bear and the Two Travelers."

## **10B Song Lyrics**

*This here is one of Aesop's fables about a bear, but, believe it or not, it actually happened to me.*

My new friend and I were chilling last week,  
We thought, let's take a walk and move our feet.  
We went out, took a **passage** through the trees,  
A path through the forest so nice and green.  
Suddenly we heard a really loud sound,  
We **surveyed** the forest and looked around.  
All the birds and squirrels quickly **scattered**,  
Ran in all directions; they knew what was the matter.  
Uh oh! A big brown bear appeared,  
He had a mean face and his hair was weird.  
I should tell you, now, I've got a bad knee,  
It's weak; I find it hard to climb up trees.  
But my friend grabbed and **grasped** the branch of a tree,  
I said, "Don't climb that tree; wait for me!"  
I couldn't **defend** myself, fight him off,  
I looked at the bear and thought, "my life is lost!"



*Times get tough and things get bad,  
But you know real friends have your back.  
Doesn't matter if you're rich or poor, happy or sad,  
Real friends have your back.*

Now maybe it was **wisdom**, a thought came to my head,

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I lay down on the ground and played dead.  
I didn't want to **attract** the bear, bring him closer,  
So I didn't move a muscle, but he came over.  
He was licking my ear, and it was not cool,  
'Cause now my face was covered in bear drool.  
But soon he got bored and he wandered off,  
Like Winnie the Pooh, maybe looking for a honey pot.  
I got up like I had been **revived**,  
Almost like I came back to life.  
I knew, now, I couldn't **rely** on my friend,  
I couldn't depend on him to the end.  
He came down, asked, "What did the bear whisper in your ear?  
I was up in the tree; I couldn't hear."  
I said the bear told me a fact:  
"You need **loyal** friends who have your back!"

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Real friends have your back.*

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## 10C Words Defined

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### attract

**(verb)**. To bring or draw closer. *You shouldn't leave food on the ground when you're camping because it can **attract** bears.* Related words: **attractive**. **(adj)**. Pleasing to the eye or mind; beautiful. *The restaurant's location was so **attractive** that as soon as people saw it they wanted to eat there.*

### defend

**(verb)**. To protect, or keep something safe from harm. *Big stone walls were built to **defend** towns from attack hundreds of years ago.*



### grasp

**(verb)**. To grab onto. *Johnny **grasped** the bars of the jungle gym and swung himself across.*

### loyal

**(adj)**. Staying true or faithful to something or someone. *Marc is **loyal** to our group; he would never say anything bad about us.*

### passage

**(noun)**. 1. A short piece of a book or song. *The teacher told us to read the **passage** about sailing and then discuss it.* 2. The act of moving from one place to another, or a way in or out. *To get from one sea to the other, they traveled on a **passage** through the mountains.*

### rely

**(verb)**. To depend upon; to count on. *To win spelling bees, most kids **rely** on their memory.*

### revive

**(verb)**. To start up again, or bring back to life. *Everyone thought the Yankees didn't have a shot at the World Series, but by winning 10 straight games, they **revived** their chances.*

### scatter

**(verb)**. To go in different directions, or to cause something to go in different directions. *The best way to plant seeds is to **scatter** them across a field of dirt.*



### survey

**(noun)**. A study to get more information on a subject. *In class, we filled out a **survey** about what kind of music we like.*

**(verb)**. To look something over; to figure it out. *From the plane we were able to **survey** the size of the city.*

### wisdom

**(noun)**. Smarts; knowledge. *There is a lot of **wisdom** in books.* Related word: **wise**. **(adj)**. Having wisdom; being smart. *I always listen to my grandma because she is so **wise**.*

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## **10D Synonyms**

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*Circle the word on the right that matches the meaning of the word or phrase on the left.*

1. hold	revive	grasp	survey
2. spread out	scatter	revive	defend
3. smart	loyal	attractive	wise
4. look around	survey	defend	scatter
5. trail	wisdom	survey	passage

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## **10E Fill in the Blank**

*Write the word in the blank so that the sentence makes sense.*

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1. Whenever I need help, I know I can always \_\_\_\_\_ on my older sister.

**scatter****defend****rely**

2. Bees like flowers because the pollen \_\_\_\_\_ them.

**defends****attracts****revives**

3. Corie \_\_\_\_\_ herself when the bully picked on her.

**defended****relied****scattered**

4. Isabel's horse is so \_\_\_\_\_ that he won't let anyone else ride him.

**wise****attractive****loyal**

5. After a long day in the sun, a big glass of ice water \_\_\_\_\_ me.

**revived****surveyed****grasped**

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**10F Connections**

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*Each sentence has a strong connection with one of the words from the unit. Write the correct word on the line below.*

1. I would never turn my back on a friend who needed me.

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2. The army stood around the city to protect it.

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3. There was a little hallway that led from the house to the garage.

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4. After Andi took a short nap, she felt great again.

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5. There is a lot of knowledge in all of the books of the world.

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## **10G Applying Meanings**

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*Circle the letter that makes sense or answers the question.*

1. If someone **scatters** a bunch of leaves, what do they do?

- (A) rake them into a neat pile
- (B) put them into a trash bag
- (C) watch as they grow
- (D) throw them all over the place

2. What do you need to **survey** your bedroom?

- (A) your ears
- (B) a carpet
- (C) your eyes
- (D) a vacuum

3. Which would **attract** you to the kitchen?

- (A) the smell of cookies baking in the oven
- (B) a cutting board and knives
- (C) a tray full of ice cubes
- (D) a clean floor

4. Which part of a bike do you **grasp**?

- (A) the wheels
- (B) the gears
- (C) the handlebars
- (D) the seat

5. Which person would you be able to **rely** on?

- (A) a stranger
- (B) your best friend
- (C) the school bully
- (D) your baby sister

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## 10H Reading

Read the passage below and then answer the questions that follow.

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# Helper Dogs



Many people believe that dogs are “man’s best friend.” Dogs are lovable, fun and **loyal**. But there is another reason why people love dogs. Dogs can help people with disabilities to live their normal lives.

One kind of dog that helps people is called a guide dog. These dogs are taught how to help people who are blind or who lost some of their vision. Guide dogs have special leashes that attach to their backs instead of their necks. The owner **grasps** a handle that is attached to the leash and the dog leads the owner around. The owner always knows where the dog is going. But it’s the dog’s job to make sure the owner gets there safely.

People can also **rely** on dogs to help them hear sounds.

Hearing dogs are used to help people who are deaf or have lost some of their hearing. Many hearing dogs are a type of breed called border collies. These dogs were first used to help farmers herd their sheep. Border collies are good at moving sheep in the right direction. They are also good at **defending** the sheep from dangerous animals because their ears can pick up sounds from far away. That’s why border collies make such great hearing dogs. They listen for sounds and then lead their owners. If the doorbell rings, the hearing dog will lead the owner to answer the door. If the fire alarm rings, the hearing dog can lead the owner to safety.

Dogs can also help people with health problems. One special dog can help its owner when she has a seizure. Some people get seizures: They lose control of their bodies and start to shake. These dogs have been trained to notice when their owners are having a seizure and call for help right away. If the owner is at home, the dog can press a special button that calls an ambulance. If the owner is away from home, the dog is trained to bark until help arrives.

These helper dogs are not born knowing how to take care of their owners. They must go through six to twelve months of training before they are ready for a home. Many of them must learn lots of tricks like picking things up, pressing buttons and pulling their owner to safety. Some dogs are even **wise** enough to invent new tricks to help their owners.

Although these dogs all have very different trainings, they are all loved by their owners. It’s easy to see why dogs are thought of as people’s best friends!

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1. What does a guide dog do?

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Why do border collies make good hearing dogs?

\_\_\_\_\_

3. What is one thing a hearing dog helps its owner do?

\_\_\_\_\_

4. What does a helper dog do when its owner has a seizure?

\_\_\_\_\_

5. How much training do helper dogs need?

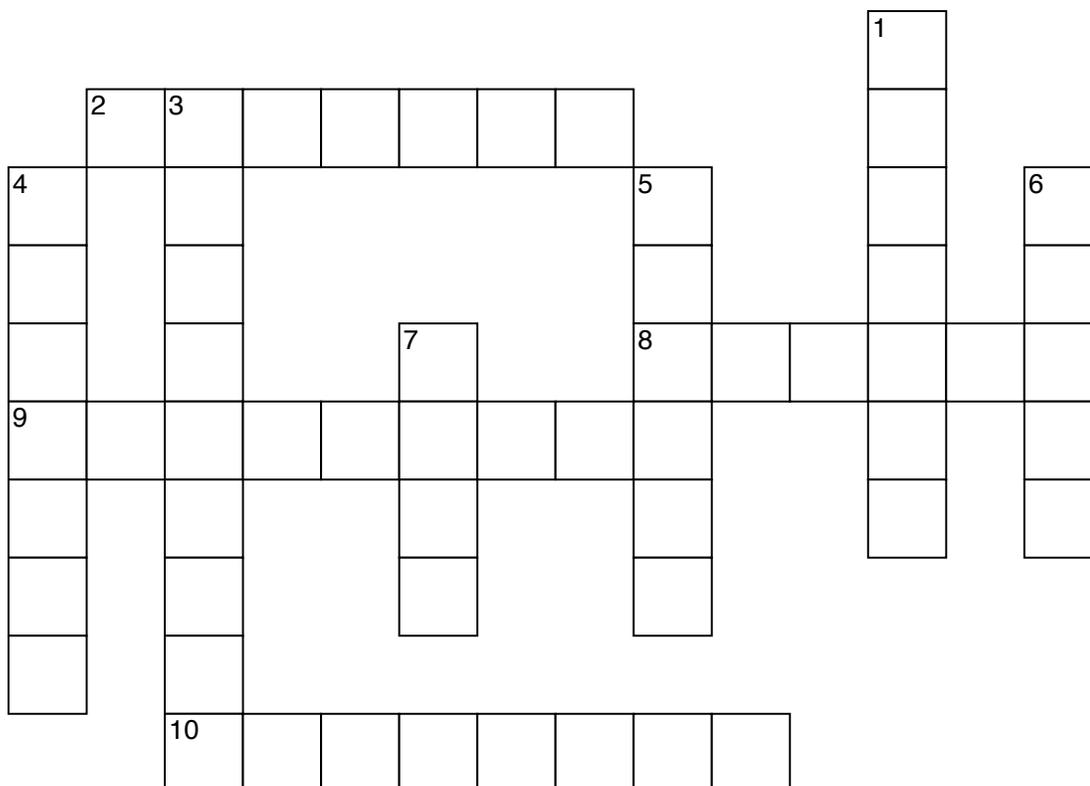
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## **Bonus: Crossword Puzzle**

Solve this crossword puzzle.

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### **ACROSS**

- 2 Raymond got nervous when he was asked to read the \_\_\_\_\_ aloud.
- 8 Nick took a \_\_\_\_\_ of who wanted pizza and who wanted hot dogs.
- 9 The sprinkles were \_\_\_\_\_ all over the birthday cake.
- 10 Alyssa \_\_\_\_\_ herself from the bee by swatting it away.

### **DOWN**

- 1 After Latoya fainted, we \_\_\_\_\_ her by splashing cool water on her face.
- 3 The new restaurant \_\_\_\_\_ many new customers.
- 4 When the waves got too rough, Sean \_\_\_\_\_ on to the side of the raft.
- 5 I think wearing glasses makes me look like I have \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 Mai was so \_\_\_\_\_ to the teacher, she would never say anything bad about her.
- 7 You can't \_\_\_\_\_ on the bus; sometimes it never even comes.