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for Grade 2

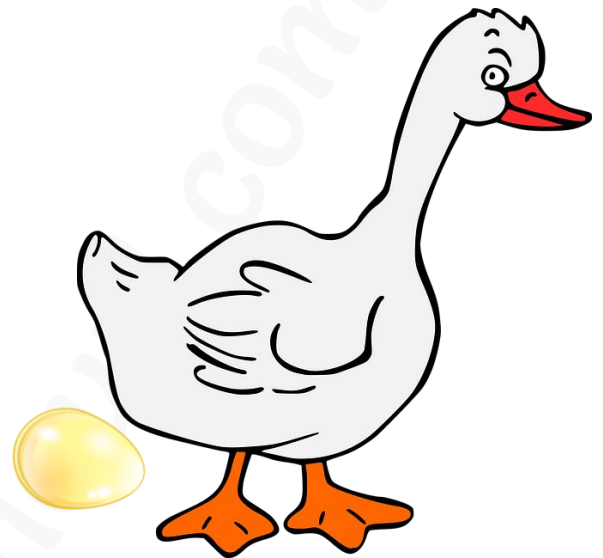
# The Fox and the Grapes



A hungry Fox saw some fine bunches of Grapes hanging from a vine. He did his best to reach them by jumping as high as he could into the air. But it was all in vain, for they were just out of reach: so he gave up trying remarking, "I thought those Grapes were ripe, but I see now they are quite sour."

# The Goose that Laid the Golden Eggs

A Man and his Wife had the good fortune to possess a Goose which laid a Golden Egg every day. They soon began to think they were



not getting rich fast enough, and, imagining the bird must be made of gold inside, they decided to kill it to get all precious metal at once. But when they cut it open they found it was just like any other goose. Thus, they neither got rich all at once, as they had hoped, nor enjoyed any longer the daily addition to their wealth.

# <https://whatistheurl.com> The Mice and the Plan

Once upon a time all the Mice met together in Council, and discussed the best means of securing themselves against the attacks of the cat. After several suggestions had been debated,



a Mouse of some standing and experience got up and said, "I have a plan which will ensure our safety in the future. It is that we should fasten a bell round the neck of our enemy the cat, which will by its tinkling warn us of her approach." Everyone applauded and decided to adopt it. When an old Mouse got upon his feet and said, "I agree with you all that the plan before us is an admirable one: but may I ask who is going to bell the cat?"

# The Black Douglas

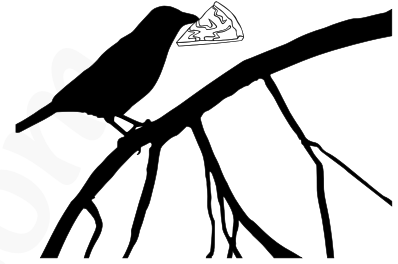
In Scotland, in the time of King Robert Bruce, there lived a brave man whose name was Doug-las.

His hair and beard were black and long, and his face was tanned and dark; and for this reason people nicknamed him the Black Douglas.

He was a good friend of the king, and one of his strongest helpers.

# The Fox and the Crow

A Crow was sitting on a branch of a tree with a piece of cheese in her beak when a Fox observed her and set his wits to work to discover some way of getting the cheese. Coming and standing under the



tree he looked up and said, "What a noble bird I see above me! Her beauty is without equal, the hue of her plumage exquisite. If only her voice is as sweet as her looks are fair, she ought without doubt to be Queen of the Birds." The Crow was hugely flattered by this, and just to show the Fox that she could sing she gave a loud caw. Down came the cheese, of course, and the Fox, snatching it up, said, "You have a voice, madam, I see: what you want is wits."