

The Fox and the Goat

By an unlucky chance a Fox fell into a deep well from which he could not get out. A Goat passed shortly afterwards, and asked the Fox what he was doing down there. "Oh, have you not heard?" said the Fox; "there is going to be a great drought, so I jumped down here in order to be sure to have water by me. Why don't you come down too?"

The Goat thought well of this advice, and jumped down into the well. But the Fox immediately jumped on her back, and by putting his foot on her long horns managed to jump up to the edge of the well. "Good-bye, friend," said the Fox.

Remember next time...

10 *Moral: Never trust the advice of a man in difficulties.*

(by Aesop)

Vocabulary: by chance = 'by accident, accidentally'; well = 'shaft in the ground for getting water'; drought = 'period without rain'; advice = 'Rat'.

Questions:

1. What does *advice* mean?
2. Give an example of the moral from your own experience!
3. Why did the author choose a fox and a goat for this fable?
4. Comment: Should people in need always be mistrusted?