



## The Raven and The Fox

– Jean De La Fontaine

### From text to thought–

Choose the words that describe us.

**Raven-** gullible ,simpleton, proud

**Fox-** cunning , greedy, clever, manipulative

Pick the best fit.

1. b) Reynard; Raven
2. c) The furrow followed free
3. c) Raven's voice and looks
4. b) Vanity
5. a) small portion

### REFERENCE TO THE CONTEXT–

**A. Read the following extracts and answer the questions given below.**

*“Said the Fox, in admiring tones: “My word!*

*Sir Raven, you are a handsome bird.*

*Such feathers! If you would only sing,*

*The birds of these woods would call you King.”*

**1. To whom are these words addressed?**

These words are addressed to the raven.

**2. What hidden motive does the Fox have behind these words?**

The fox wanted the morsel of food the raven held in its beak.

**3. Flattery : Fox :: Vanity : \_\_\_\_\_ ?**

Raven

**4. Give a rhyming word for sing, king, \_\_\_\_\_.**

Wing

**5. Who will call the listener ‘king’?**

The birds of the woods will call the listener, the king.

**B. “The Raven, who did not see the joke,**

*Forgot that his voice was just a croak.*

*He opened his beak, in his foolish pride,*

*And down fell the morsel the Fox had eyed.”*

**1. What did the fox want?**

The fox wanted the morsel.

**2. Find a word from the extract that describes the Raven's voice.**

Croak

**3. What is the rhyme scheme of the poem?**

aabb

**4. Highlight one quality / flaw of the Raven.**

Clever

**5. Assertion (A):** The Raven dropped the cheese while trying to sing.

**Reason (R):** The Fox praised the Raven's beauty and voice to trick him.

Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A

**THINK AND ANSWER–**

**Answer the following questions briefly.**

**1. What do we learn from the Raven?**

The Raven's foolish pride led to its downfall, teaching us to think critically and not let excessive praise or an inflated ego cloud our judgement.

**2. What was Mr. Reynard's plan? Did he succeed in his plan?**

Mr. Reynard's plan was to use flattery to trick the Raven into dropping the morsel of food it held in its beak. Yes, he did succeed in his plan.

**3. What was the mistake made by the Raven? How can this be related to real life?**

The Raven's mistake was allowing vanity to rule common sense. People often fall victim to manipulation, scams, or poor decisions when their ego is flattered.

**4. Imagine the Raven had not dropped the cheese. How would the ending have been different?**

It would be a case of sour grapes for the fox.

**ART INTEGRATION**

Let's create a comic strip of the poem 'The Raven and The Fox'.

- **Fox:** "My word! Sir Raven, you are a handsome bird."
- **Raven:** "Really! You are the first person to praise me."
- **Fox:** "Such feathers! If you would only sing. The birds of these woods would call you King."
- **Raven:** La ,la caw caw ...
- **Fox:** "That's why I'm here. Thanks for the cheese. Flatterers profit at your ease."

**Activity 1: Character Mask Activity**

To be completed independently by the students.

**Activity 2: Moral Frame**

To be completed independently by the students.