



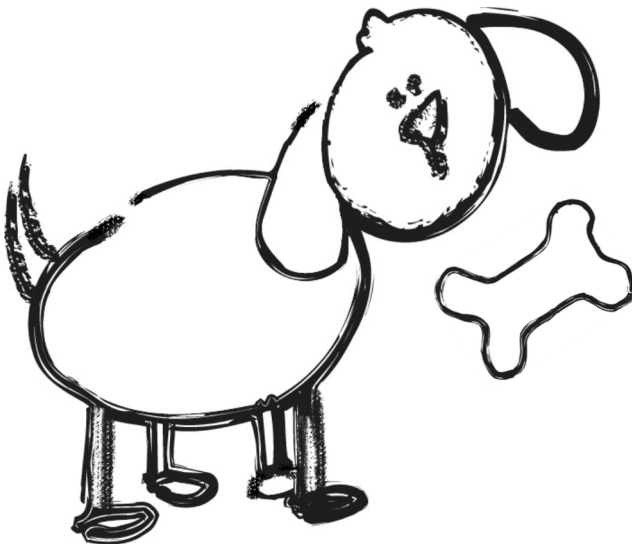
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The Dog and His Reflection

Fable

A dog, to whom the butcher had thrown a bone, was hurrying home with his prize as fast as he could go. As he crossed a narrow bridge, he happened to look down and saw himself reflected in the quiet water as if in a mirror. But the greedy dog thought he saw a real dog carrying a bone much bigger than his own.

If he had stopped to think he would have known better. He decided his bone was not good enough. He wanted the bigger bone that the other dog had. He dropped his bone and leapt at the dog in the river, only to find himself swimming for dear life to reach the shore. At last he managed to scramble out, and as he stood sadly thinking about the good bone he had lost, he realized what a foolish dog he had been. He slowly walked home with his head down and without a bone.





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1. To which character did a bad/good thing happen? _____

2. What bad/good thing happened to the character? _____

3. Why did the bad/good thing happen to the character? _____

4. What is the moral (lesson) of the story?

- a) It is foolish to be greedy
- b) Don't jump into the water from a bridge
- c) Don't play around when you are supposed to be working

5. Highlight a sentence or sentences that help you identify the moral.

6. Write the moral of the story in your own words.
