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The Heron

Fable

A heron was walking slowly along the bank of a stream, his eyes on the clear water, and his long neck and pointed bill ready to snap up a likely morsel for his breakfast. The clear water swarmed with fish, but Master Heron was hard to please that morning.

"No small fry for me," he said. "Such a tiny meal is not fit for a great heron like me."

Then a fine young perch swam near.

"No indeed," said the Heron. "I wouldn't even trouble to open my beak for anything that puny!"

The heron turned down the chance to catch many small fish that day.

As the sun rose, the fish left the shallow water near the shore and swam below into the cool depths in the middle of the stream. The Heron saw no more fish, and had to settle for a small snail as his meal.





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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) Herons will eat snails if nothing else is available

b) Be kind to others if you want them to be kind to you

c) Don't be hard to please or you might have to settle for the worst or nothing at all

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

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