

Expressing Regret and Articles

Choose a word to go in the blank spaces: a, the, so, that, who, too

_____ Fox and _____ Crow

[1] _____ fox once saw [2] _____ crow fly off with [3] _____ piece of cheese in its beak and land on [4] _____ tree branch. "That's for me, as I am [5] _____ fox," said Master Reynard. He walked towards [6] _____ tree. "Good day, Ms. Crow," he said with [7] _____ smile. "You look very beautiful today. Your feathers are very attractive. Your eyes are [8] _____ bright. I feel sure [9] _____ you have [10] _____ wonderful voice. Your figure is better than all [11] _____ other birds' figures, and I'll bet your voice is better than all [12] _____ other birds' voices. Let me hear you sing [13] _____ song, and I will always call you [14] _____ Queen of Birds." [15] _____ crow lifted up her head and began to sing as best as she could. [16] _____ moment she opened her mouth, [17] _____ piece of cheese fell to [18] _____ ground, and [19] _____ Fox grabbed [20] _____. [21] _____ will do, said [22] _____ fox. [23] _____ was all I wanted. In exchange for your cheese, I will give you [24] _____ piece of advice for [25] _____ future: Don't trust people [26] _____ flatter you [27] _____ much.

Answer the questions. If you write your answers, use another piece of paper.

1. Does the fox believe all of the complimentary things he says about the crow? How do you know that?
2. Do you think the fox would've been successful if he had threatened the crow in order to get the cheese? Why do you say that?
3. If you were the crow, what would you have done?
4. The fox is clever. The fox outsmarted the crow. The fox outwitted the crow. How do you think the crow felt after losing the piece of cheese to the fox? Why?
5. Complete the sentences:
 - A. The crow said, "If I"
 - B. The crow said, "I should've"
 - C. The crow said, "I shouldn't have"
 - D. The crow said, "I could've"
 - E. The crow said, "I wish I"
 - F. The crow said, "If only I"
6. Think of another way the fox could've gotten the cheese. Tell about it.
7. Do you have a story to tell? Have you ever been tricked? Have you been outwitted? Have you ever been outsmarted?