

# A Two Tale Treat

## The Crow and the Pitcher

A crow dying of thirst saw a pitcher, and hoping to find water, flew to it with delight. When he reached it, he discovered sadly that it contained very little water. He could not possibly reach it.

He tried everything he could think of to reach the water, but all his efforts were in vain. At last he collected as many stones as he could carry and dropped them one by one with his beak into the pitcher, until the water rose to the top, so he could drink. His effort saved his life.

Necessity is the mother of invention.



shallow  
stones  
thirsty  
jug  
drink

**Complete** the text with the words in the box. One word is repeated:

The crow was ..... and wanted a ..... The water in the ..... was too  
....., so he put ..... into the ..... to make the water rise.

### Bonus!

Did you know that scientists have proven this to be true? Do you think Aesop watched a crow get water from a pitcher? Watch a raven, a relative of the crow, do just what this crow did:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vwltQZs6K50>

### Discuss:

How do you solve a problem?

What is another way the bird could have solved his problem?

Aesop's tales all have a 'moral'. What is the moral of this story?

What do you think the moral in the final sentence means?

Do you think a bird is really clever enough to do what the crow did?