



A Dog and his Shadow

A dog was crossing a little river and had some meat in its mouth. Then he saw his own shadow in the river but thought it was another dog. This "dog" also had a piece of meat in his mouth. As the dog was so greedy, he wanted this "second" piece of meat. When trying to snatch it, he dropped his meat into the river and it sank. The dog could not retrieve it.

Moral:

Many people are selfish and want things that do not belong to them. It is only fair that they should lose their own things.

Vocabulary:

to snatch
to grasp suddenly
to retrieve
to get back
selfish
Concerned only with oneself.

Choose the correct answer.

1. A dog was...

walking through a stream.
crossing the road.
playing with another dog.

2. The dog saw ...

another dog with a stick.
his reflection in the water.
another dog eating.

3. The dog was selfish because...

he was not satisfied with one piece of meat.
his meat didn't taste good.
he took his own photo.

4. The fox...

was not successful.
ate a lot of grapes.
loved the fruit.