

## Lesson Plan JUMBLED FABLE

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**Level:** Primary A2.c

**Time:** about 20 minutes

**Aims:** making suggestions, enriching vocabulary (fable, flock, play a trick...), revision of the Simple Past Tense, encouraging students to think about the logic of a text in terms of the meaning and the grammar and inciting students to cooperate with others.

**Materials:** Jumbled reading worksheet

**Procedure:** The teacher elicits the meaning of jumbled reading so that students can carry the activity out afterwards. Vocabulary items, such as: flock, fable, play a trick, shepherd-boy, pay attention to, etc. are elicited and presented to the students using drawings, pictures and so on. The students are then given jumbled sentences and asked to put the story back into the correct order. This should be done in groups of three or four. When they finish, they should discuss and justify their choices with other groups, as well as suggest a moral of the story (you cannot believe a liar, even when he tells the truth). After this, students are encouraged to think up an appropriate title. This involves understanding the aim of the story and using key vocabulary. The original title is 'the boy who cried wolf'.

*The original story (given to students when they complete the task):*

A shepherd-boy, who watched a flock of sheep near a village, made the villagers run out of the village in a panic three or four times by crying out, "Wolf! Wolf!" and when his neighbours came to help him, he laughed at them because there was no wolf. He just enjoyed playing a trick on them.

A wolf, however, did really come one day. The shepherd-boy, now really frightened, shouted: "Help, the wolf is killing the sheep"; but no one paid any attention to his cries. The wolf, having no reason to worry, attacked and destroyed the whole flock and then ate the boy.

Moral – You cannot believe a liar, even when he tells the truth.

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