

The Ungrateful Tiger

Topic: Honesty

Curriculum link: English

Text type: Folk tale

Reading level: 20

Word count: 519

Vocabulary: exactly, frightened, howling, jungle, nervously, peaceful, search, ungrateful, village, wondered

Possible literacy focus

Exploring plot development.

Exploring the features of a folk tale.

Summary

This book is a retelling of a folk tale about how a tiger tricks a boy and is in turn tricked by a wise elephant.

Task Card

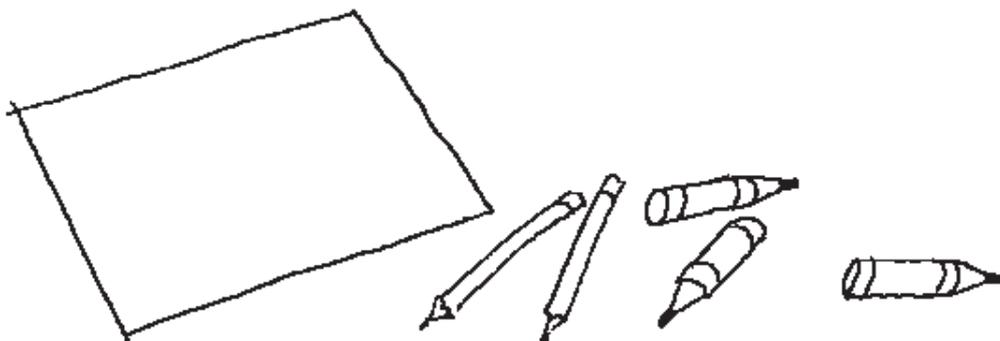
Character portraits

You will need:



a large sheet of paper, pencils, felt-tip pens

1. List the main characters in *The Ungrateful Tiger*.
2. Re-read the story and look carefully at the illustrations.
3. Think about what the author tells you about each character.
4. Draw a portrait of each character.
5. Now write about each character.
6. Display your portraits in the classroom.





Name _____

Other words for 'said'

Sometimes people use the word 'said' too many times in their stories. In *The Ungrateful Tiger*, the author uses some interesting alternatives. These are underlined in the examples below.

'What is making that noise?' he wondered.

When the tiger saw Sunni it cried, 'Help! Oh please help me get out of this pit!'

Now underline the words that describe how the character spoke in these examples.

So he called out, 'I can't help you. You might eat me!'

The tiger called back, 'If you help me, I'll be very grateful. I won't eat you!'

'I think,' he said nervously, 'I should take my firewood back to the village. My family will be waiting for me.'

'But you said that you would be very grateful if I helped you get out of the pit! You said you wouldn't eat me!' cried Sunni.

'I did say that,' agreed the tiger, 'but now that I'm out, I think I'll eat you anyway.'

'That's not fair,' cried Sunni. 'You tricked me.'

Now write a paragraph using words other than 'said'.



Name _____

Prefixes

In *The Ungrateful Tiger*, the prefix 'un' is used in *unfair* and *ungrateful*. 'Un' means not, as in *unfair* – not fair. Prefixes are always at the beginning of words.

Now look in other books for words that have these prefixes.

im- impossible impatient	un- ungrateful unfair	re- replay
dis disappear	mis mistake	under underground

Now look for other words with prefixes. Write the prefix at the top of the column and some examples below.
