

Traditional tales: 'The King of the Forest'

From 'The King of the Forest' by Saviour Pirotta

A fox was having a nap. Suddenly a tiger leapt out at him.

"I've got you!"

The fox trembled. How could he save himself?

But then the fox had an idea. He said to the tiger, "How dare you touch the king of the forest?"

The tiger said, "The lion is the king of the forest."

The fox replied, "Everyone bows down before me now. Let go of me, and I'll show you."



Get started

Find the sentences in the tale and write the missing words.

1. A _____ was having a nap.
2. Suddenly a tiger _____ out at him.
3. But then the fox had an _____.
4. "Everyone _____ down before me now."



Try these

Answer these questions. Use the tale to help you.

1. What was the fox doing before the tiger leapt out?
2. What did the fox do when the tiger leapt out?
3. Who did the fox say he was?
4. Who did the tiger think was king of the forest?



Now try these

1. Do you think the fox's plan is clever? Why?
2. Draw a picture of the fox having a nap.
3. Draw a picture of the fox and the tiger in the forest. With a partner, think of what they will say next. Add speech bubbles to show what they will say.

