

The Foolish Fox

Long ago a fox was out for a walk and came to a fence. Behind the fence were some plump, ripe grapes.

“Those grapes look so good,” said the fox. “They shall be my dinner.” But the grapes were on the other side of the fence. The fox was not thin enough to crawl underneath it.

“I will go home and wait until I grow thin,” thought the fox.

The fox ate nothing for three days. Soon he was thin enough to crawl under the fence.

He gobbled up all the grapes that he wanted. But he grew too fat to get back home.

“Now I must grow thin again,” thought the fox.

The fox hid under the grape vines for three days. He ate nothing. After three days, he was able to squeeze back under the fence.

“Never again will I be so foolish,” thought the fox sadly as he made his way home.

1. Why couldn't the fox crawl under the fence the first time?
2. What lesson did the fox learn?