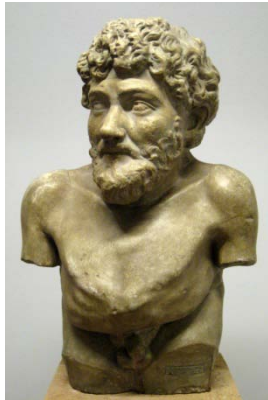




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Aesop's Fables



Aesop is traditionally believed to have been a slave and story teller who lived in Ancient Greece between 620 and 560 BC.

From Aesop's Fables English has taken many expressions that are in common use today.

It is from Aesop's Fables that we also draw our perception of the animals that populate the stories as royal, silly, witty or innocent.

Because of his stories, Aesop was eventually freed from slavery. He was murdered by the citizens of Delphi because of an argument over money.

Such is the regard placed on Aesop's Fables that they have been continuously published for the past two and a half thousand years in numerous languages.

I have based this English lesson on a version of one of Aesop's Fables translated in 1884 by R. Worthington. His translation provided the moral in the form that we know it today.

1884 Version

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The Milkmaid and Her Pot of Milk.



A [maid](#) was carrying her [pail](#) of milk to the [farm-house](#), when she began [daydreaming](#).

"The money for which this milk will be sold will buy at least three hundred eggs. The eggs, [allowing for](#) all [mishaps](#), will produce two hundred and fifty chickens. The chickens will become [ready for market](#) when [poultry](#) will [fetch the highest price](#). By the end of the year I shall have enough money to buy a new dress. In my new dress I will go to the Christmas [ball](#), when all the young men will [propose](#) to me. But I will [toss my head](#), and refuse them every one."

At this moment she tossed her head in [unison](#) with her thoughts. The milk pot fell down from her head to the ground where it broke into a hundred pieces, and ended all her plans in a moment.



Don't count your chickens until they are [hatched](#).



Glossary



A full [glossary](#) of new vocabulary with self-test questions can be found in the [Quiz](#).