

The Fox & the Leopard

A Fox and a Leopard, resting lazily after a generous dinner, amused themselves by disputing about their good looks. The Leopard was very proud of his glossy, spotted coat and made disdainful remarks about the Fox, whose appearance he declared was quite ordinary.

The Fox prided himself on his fine bushy tail with its tip of white, but he was wise enough to see that he could not rival the Leopard in looks. Still he kept up a flow of sarcastic talk, just to exercise his wits and to have the fun of disputing. The Leopard was about to lose his temper when the Fox got up, yawning lazily.

"You may have a very smart coat," he said, "but you would be a great deal better off if you had a little more smartness inside your head and less on your ribs, the way I am. That's what I call real beauty."



A fine coat is not always an indication of an attractive mind.

Question One:

What do you see in the image? What are the two animals called?

Respond here: ...

Question Two:

What does the term *disputing* mean as it is used in the text above?

Respond here: ...

Question Three:

What did the leopard say about Fox's appearance?

Respond here: ...

Question Four:

Why did the Leopard almost lose his temper? Refer to the second paragraph for your answer.

Respond here: ...

Question Five:

According to the Fox, what is real beauty?

Respond here: ...

Question Six:

What is the lesson or moral of this story? Refer to the last line.

Respond here: ...