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The Fox and the Stork

In a lush forest, a cunning fox and a graceful stork were friends. One day, the fox invited the stork to his den for dinner. The stork gladly accepted the invitation and arrived at the fox's den later that evening.

To the stork's surprise, the fox served soup in shallow plates. The stork struggled to eat the soup with his long beak, while the fox lapped it up easily with his tongue. The stork could barely manage to have a few sips.

Feeling somewhat embarrassed, the stork decided to host the fox for dinner the next day. The fox eagerly accepted the invitation and arrived at the stork's home.

To the fox's dismay, the stork served the soup in a tall pitcher with a long, narrow neck. The stork easily dipped his long beak into the pitcher and savored the delicious soup, while the fox could only lick the outside of the pitcher, unable to reach the soup inside.

As the fox went home hungry and defeated, the stork explained, "I thought it best to serve you soup in a way that suits my beak, just as you served it to me in a way that suits your tongue."

Questions

1. Who are the main characters in the fable "The Fox and the Stork"?
2. Why did the stork struggle to eat the soup at the fox's den?
3. How did the stork serve the soup when the fox visited him?
4. Why was the fox unable to eat the soup served by the stork?
5. What lesson do the fox and the stork learn from their dinner exchange?