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long. The crocodile was waiting for the fox to return his tongue. When the wedding was over the fox didn't return the tongue. The other animals asked the fox why she didn't return the tongue to the crocodile. The fox said, " For a long time I didn't know how food tasted. I don't want to lose my chance to taste all the different delicious foods, and I can't do this unless I make these sounds.

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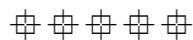
Lesson: Like the crocodile, a person can do good things but she might not get any reward.

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SHEEKADA SHAN IYO TOBNAAD
DAWACO IYO YAXAAS

Beri baa dawaco walaasheed la aroosayey, markaas waxay rabtey in ay ka qaybgasho arooska walaasheed kana mashxaraddo (alla-laas) kana cayaarto, hase ahaatee waxaa layidhi Dawacadu malahayn carrab ay ku mashxaraddo oo carrab ba laguma abuurin. Markaa waxay kolba u tagtaa xayawaanka kale oo waydiisaa carrab ay ka amaahato (daynsato). Siddii ay u wareegaysay ayaa markii danbe waxay u tagtay Yaxaas jiifa wabiga qarkiisa (jiinkiisa), markaas ayey waxay ku tidhi, “Yaxaasow waxaan kaa codsanayaa in aad i amaahiso carrabkaaga? Waayo walaashey ayaa la aroosayaa. Markaa in aan ka mashxarado arooska walaashey ayaan rabaa.” Marka aroosku dhamaadana waxan kuugu soo celinayaa degdeg. Sidaas ayuu Yaxaaskii ku amaaneeyey carrabkiisii isaga oo ku adkaynaya inay u soo celiso.

Dawacadii waxay tagtay arooskii walaasheed oo ay habeenkii oo dhan ka mashxaradaysey. Markii arooskii

dhamaaday dawacadii uma celin yaxaaskii carrabkiisii. Yaxaaskiina wuxuu sugayey in ay dawacadu soo celiso carrabka. Xayawaankii kale ayaa waxay dawacadii ku yidhaahdeen, naa dawaco maad carrabka u celisid yaxaaska? Dawacadiise waxay ku jawaabtay, "muddo badan ayaan cunto ii dhadhamin sidaa daraaded celinmaayo carrabka." Waxaa layidhi yaxaasku sidaas ayuu ilaa iyo hadda u carrab la'yahay. Cuntadana wuu liqaa isaga oon calalin. Dawacadu matagto meel biyo leh oo waxay ka cabsoonaysaa in yaxaasku dilo. Yaxaaskuna dawaco ayuu raadiyaa si uu uga soo ceshado carrabkiisa.



Dulucda Sheekada:

Soomaalidu waxay ku maahmahdaa. Abaal nin galaa waa la arkaa, nin gudase lama arko.

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A Play

Time: A long time ago

Place: By the river and at a wedding party

Characters:

Narrator the crocodile

the fox the fox's sister

Narrator: A long time ago there was a fox whose sister was getting married. The fox wanted to celebrate at the wedding by making the happy sounds that the other girls would make, and the fox wanted to taste the delicious food. However, the fox didn't have a tongue. She needed a tongue to enjoy the wedding. She goes to all her friends to see if she could borrow a tongue, but

everyone refused. Finally, the fox meets a crocodile at the river.

Fox: Hello, crocodile. How are you today?

Crocodile: I'm fine. It's so nice and cool here by the river.

Fox: Yes, I like it here too.

Crocodile: What's new with you?

Fox: Did you hear that my sister is getting married tomorrow? She is having a big wedding party, but I can't have fun because I don't have a tongue. Can I borrow yours?

Crocodile: You've got to be kidding! I need my tongue in order to taste my food. Don't you know that all my taste buds are on my tongue.

Fox: I know. But my sister's wedding is only one day. I promise to return your tongue on the day after the wedding. I will only borrow it for one day.

Crocodile: Promise me that you will return it no matter what happens.

Fox: I promise on my honor.

Crocodile: Well I guess I can loan it to you if you give me your word of honor.

Fox: Oh, I do, I do!

Crocodile: Here, take my tongue. But don't forget to return it.

Fox: Good-bye friend. I'll see you the day after tomorrow.

Narrator: The fox goes to the wedding. She tastes the wonderful food for the first time. She makes the happy wedding sounds with all the other girls. Finally, the party is over, and everyone goes home.

Fox's sister: Thank you for coming to my wedding. Now you must return the tongue to the kind crocodile.

Fox: Are you kidding? I love the taste of food. If I return this tongue, I wouldn't be able to taste food anymore.

Fox's sister: You promised the crocodile that you would return his tongue.

Fox: I couldn't live without a tongue anymore. I will never go near the river anymore.

Narrator: And the crocodile sits by the river, waiting for the fox to return his tongue.

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New Vocabulary

agreed	marry/ married
borrow	return
celebrate	scared
decided	taste/tasting
delicious	tongue
edge	warned
grabs	wedding
loan/lend	

Background Vocabulary

trust
trustworthy
ululate

Suggested Background Information,
Activities and Questions

Before Reading

1. Discuss Somali wedding customs.
2. Discuss wedding customs for other ethnic groups. Compare and contrast.
3. Discuss the practice of women ululating at a joyous occasion in East Africa.
4. Discuss the concept of trust.
What qualities make a person trustworthy?
Do you know someone that is trustworthy? Explain.
Do you know anyone that is not trustworthy? Explain?
5. Discuss the characteristics of both the fox and the crocodile.
6. Study the new vocabulary for this story. Put the new words into sentences.

After Reading

1. What is the main idea of this story?
2. What lesson can you learn from this story?
3. Circle the new vocabulary in the text.
4. Do the cloz exercise
5. Do the sequencing exercise.
6. Do a story map.
7. Do the play.
8. Write a story about how the crocodile got his tongue back.
9. Do you think the fox was fair to the crocodile? Explain your answer.

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Cloz activity

Fill in the missing words in the story using the following words:

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asked	kill	sleeping	tongue
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