

The Canary, the Crow, and the Clever Cat

An Original Fable. A Fable is a short tale, often with animals as characters, to teach a lesson.

(The Letter C can sound like: ('Hard C'- like K; can, car, cup. 'Soft C'- like S; cent, cell, city. Ch sound - like, cheese, church, chin.)

Caroline was a **C**olorful **C**anary.

She had bright yellow-green feathers. She did not live in a **c**age. She lived wild in a **C**herry Tree.

Caroline was a beautiful songbird.

Birds **c**ame from far away to be her friend and hear her sing. But, **C**aroline, the **C**olorful **C**anary, **c**ared for nothing but the sound of her own voice.

Soon, all the other songbirds flew away from her.

She was left alone in the **C**herry tree. But she did not **c**are.

One day, a **C**ommon **C**row flew down to the **C**herry tree.

“**C**aw-**C**aw,” he **c**ried.

“**C**aw- **C**aw,” he **c**ackled.

Caroline was horrified.

“What an ugly voice you have”, she said. “You **c**an not sing at all!”

“**C**aw-**C**aw,” **c**ried the **C**ommon **C**row.

“Caw-Caw,” cackled the Common Crow.

But the Colorful Canary just turned away and sang her song.

She did not know that the Common Crow was trying to warn her that the Clever Cat was upon her.

And so, that was the end of Caroline, the Colorful Canary.

Lesson: “Don’t refuse to listen to good advice from a bird.”

Read Aesop’s Fables by Aesop for more delightful tales!

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### **Did You Know Canaries...**

- are in the ‘Finch’ bird family?
- that the Canary Islands are off the coast of Africa?
- are the most popular pet bird?
- that a person called a ‘canary’ means a ‘tattletale’?
- are 3-5 inches long?

### **Did You Know Crows...**

- in a group are called a ‘murder’?
- weigh about as much as a can of soup?
- really do ‘caw’ to warn of danger?
- come in 40 species?
- are 15-20 inches long?

### **Did You Know Cats...**

- can run 30 miles an hour?
- can’t taste ‘sweet’ things?
- are pets in 500,000,000 homes in the world?
- average about 11 pounds?
- have 100 different vocal sounds?

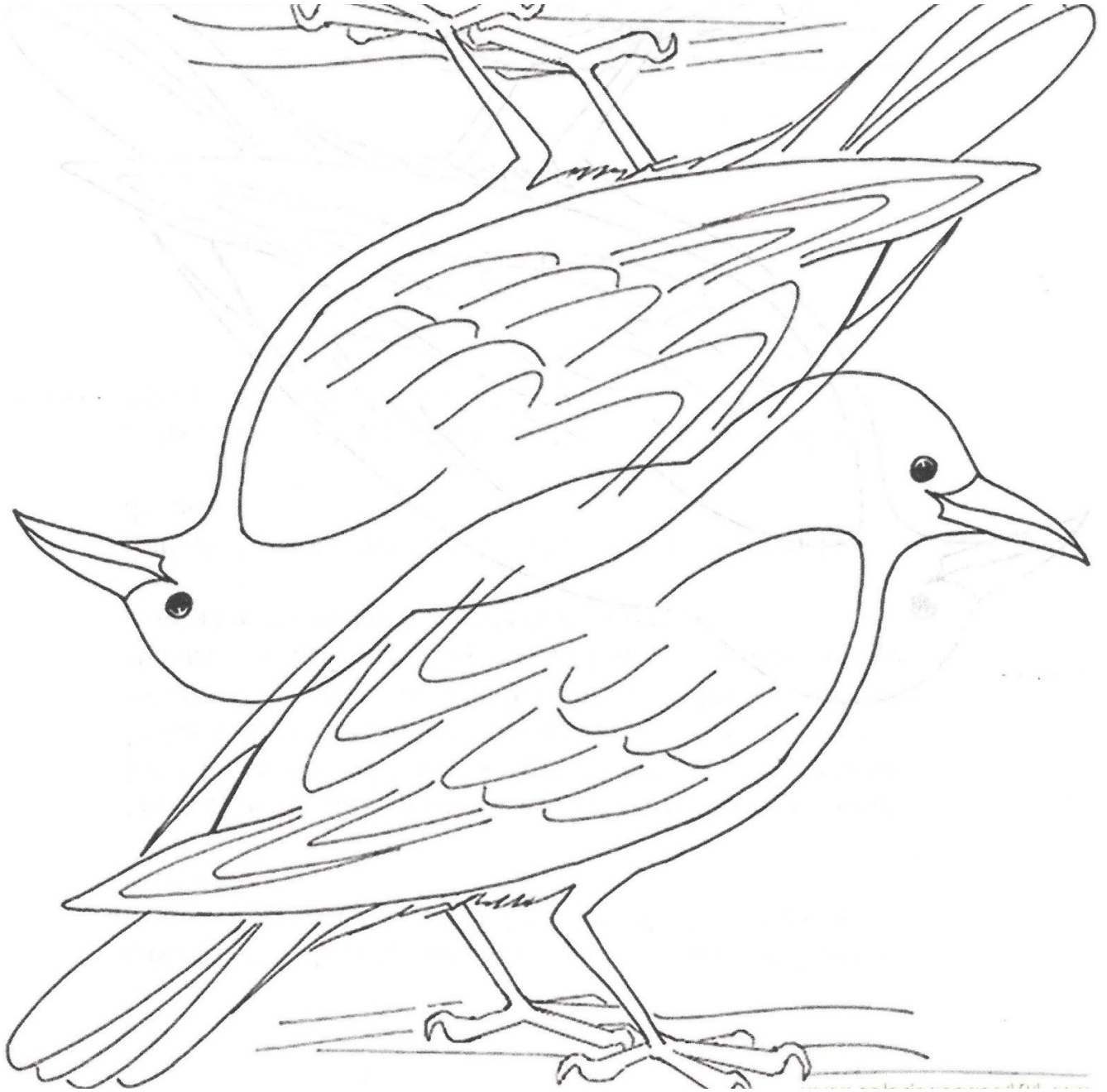
## True False Quiz

*The answers are in the Story and Did You Know*

### Circle the right answer

1. T      F      The name of the colorful canary was Charlotte.
  
2. T      F      The colorful canary lived in a cage.
  
3. T      F      A man named Aesop wrote short stories called 'fables'.
  
4. T      F      There are islands off the coast of Africa called the Canary Islands.
  
5. T      F      Another meaning for the word, 'canary' is 'tattletale'.
  
6. T      F      A group of crows is called a 'murder of crows'.
  
7. T      F      A crow weighs about as much as a watermelon.
  
8. T      F      Cats can't taste 'sweet things'.
  
9. T      F      Cats can run 30 miles an hour.
  
10. T      F      I would rather have a cat than a dog for a pet.

## Do You See Two Crows?



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