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The Crow & the Pitcher



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Read the short story below, then complete the activities on the next pages!

In a spell of dry weather, when the Birds could find very little to drink, a thirsty Crow found a pitcher with a little water in it. But the pitcher was high and had a narrow neck, and no matter how he tried, the Crow could not reach the water.

The poor thing felt as if he must die of thirst. Then an idea came to him. Picking up some small pebbles, he dropped them into the pitcher one by one. With each pebble the water rose a little higher until at last it was near enough so he could drink.

In a pinch a good use of our wits may help us out.

Read the story again. If you find any words you don't know, underline them.
Then, fill in the table with those words.

New Word	Definition	Synonym

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What problem did the Crow face when it found the pitcher of water?

2

How do the pebbles make the water rise?

3

What lesson can we learn from the Crow's actions in the story?
