

### TALKING TOO MUCH (Advance 3)

A fox approached a rooster and said, "I wonder if you can sing as well as your father did."

The rooster shut his eyes and started to crow for all he was worth; but the fox immediately seized him and fled. The villagers ran out, shouting, "Look! The fox has got our rooster."

"Do you hear that?" said the rooster to the fox, "They say you're running off with their rooster; tell them I'm YOURS, and not THEIRS."

Well, as the fox opened his mouth to say this, the rooster escaped, flew up into a tree and called down, "You're a liar; I'm THEIRS, not YOURS."

Then the poor fox beat his nose on the ground and cried. "Mouth, you talk too much. If you had saved your words, you would have had that bird for dinner."

#### EXPRESSIONS:

If you can sing as well as your father did

For all he was worth

The fox beat his nose on the ground.

Mouth, you talk too much.

If you had saved your words...

Let's talk:

How did the story start?

Why did the fox challenge the rooster to sing?

Why are the words "Theirs" and "Yours" capitalized?

How did the rooster save himself.

What is the message of the story to its readers?

What are fables?

