

#74 The Fox and the Hound

The fox and the hound were friends for oh-so many years. They were the kind of friends that were opposites. The fox was quick to come up with new ideas of fun things to do today and the hound was always remembering yesterday - usually with a complaint or two of what went amiss. Together, they made a great pair because the fox cheered up the hound and the hound always thought of that which might go wrong.

One day they decided to have their friends over for a party. They made some delicious cookies and cake. They planned to play their favorite game of freeze tag, where anyone who is touched

has to stay frozen in place until another friend frees them. Everything was ready, until, suddenly, it started to rain. Sitting down on a log, the hound cried, "Oh no, now what do we do! I pictured the party being out in the sunshine! I was hoping to play tag right over there in the field, and to eat the treats over here by this tree stump. Now it is all ruined! Everything would get soaking wet!" "Don't worry," said the fox, "That's the past - the only question is, what's next?" Then, the fox got an idea and jumped up off of the log. He jumped so high, that he landed offbalance and fell onto the ground. Laughing, he practically shouted his great idea, "I've got it! We can set the party up in the cave! The treats won't get wet and we will have room to play freeze tag if we do it sitting down. It will be great fun!" The hound admitted that he could see nothing wrong with this idea, and so, they went forward with their plans. The rain came. The party was great. And life went on.

TO LET GO OF THE PAST ASK. "WHAT IS NEXT?"