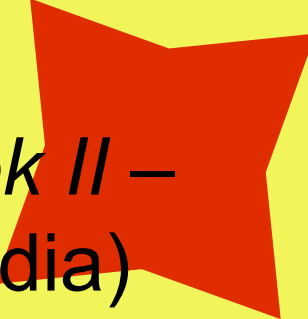



The Four Friends



*Pañcatantra, Book II –
Kākolūkīyam (India)*



Can friends be
different from
each other and still
be close? Why or
why not?



The Pañcatantra

A collection of stories.

These stories teach wisdom.

These stories teach about life.

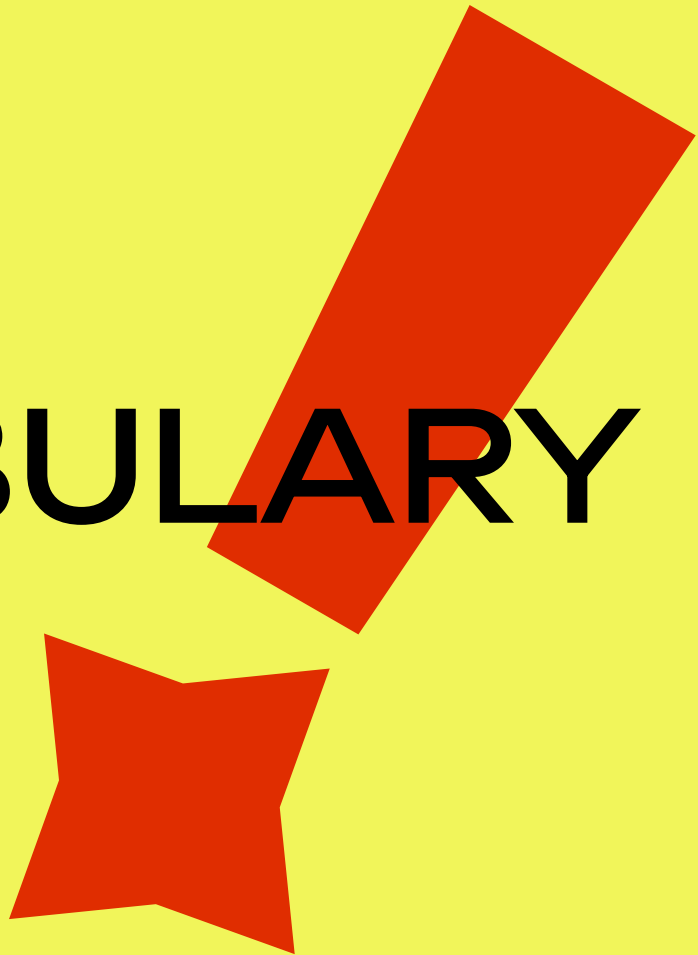
They originated in Ancient India.

Meet the Characters

What strengths do you think each friend might bring to the group?

- Hiranyaka (Mouse):
- Laghu-Patanaka (Crow):
- Chitranga (Deer):
- Mandaraka (Tortoise):

KEY VOCABULARY



Glade

An open space in a forest.



Species

A type or kind of animal.



Trust

Believing that
someone will help
or not hurt you.



Regroup

To come together
again to make a
plan.



Teamwork

Working together to solve a problem or reach a goal.



Pre-reading: Do you think friends need to be alike to get along? Why or why not?

If you were lost or in trouble, what qualities would you want in a friend?

During reading: How
do the friends help
each other the first
time?

During reading: What
do you think they will
do to save the
tortoise?

During reading: Why is
teamwork important
in this story?

Post-reading

- How did each friend use their special skill to help? What might have happened if they didn't work together?

Post-reading

- Why does the story say “real friendship sees no difference”?

Post-reading

- How can we show teamwork and kindness in our own friendships?

Connect to Your Life

- Describe a time when you and a friend solved a problem together.