

Reader's Tip

- Look for a character's *problem* or difficulty.
- Look for the different ways the character tries to find a *solution* to the problem.

The Dishonest Uncle

Young Lal was very poor. He owned only a few iron scales that had been his father's. When he went off to the city to earn money, he left these with his greedy uncle.

In a year, he returned with enough money to open a shop. He asked his uncle for the scales. His uncle lied, "I don't have your scales. The mice ate them."

Lal begged his uncle for the scales, but it was no use. So one morning, Lal carried away his Uncle's young son and hid him with a kind old woman.

"Where's my son?" his uncle asked.

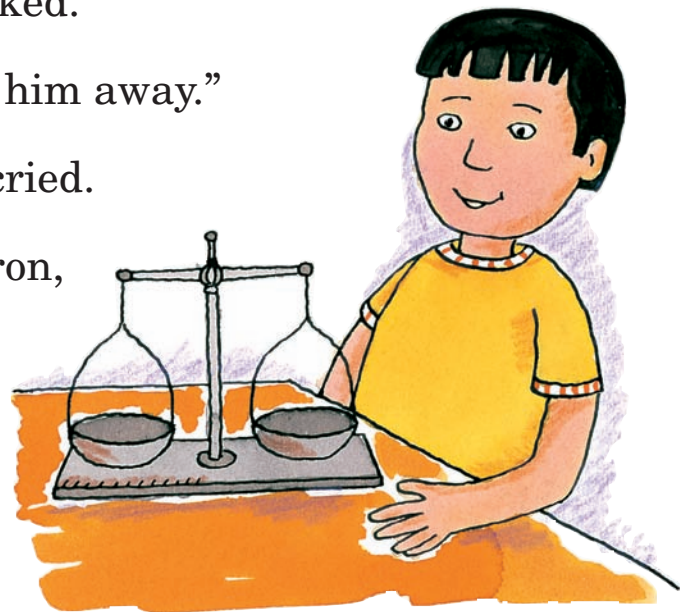
Lal replied, "A big bird carried him away."

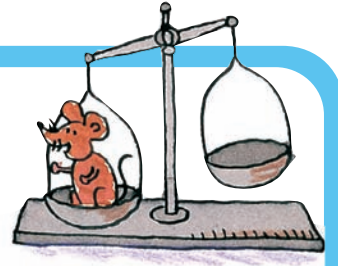
"That's impossible!" the uncle cried.

"In a country where mice eat iron, anything's possible," said Lal.

The uncle gave up the scales, and Lal returned his uncle's son.

Lal's uncle never lied again.





Problem/Solution

- ▶ Reread the story. Think about Lal's problem and how it is solved. Then fill in the chart.

Problem

Lal's greedy uncle has taken Lal's scales and won't give them back.



Attempt



Solution

Your Turn

- ▶ Think about a story in which the main character has a problem. On a separate sheet of paper, make a chart like the one above. Map out how the character solved the problem.
- ▶ Apply what you know to Reading Skills Card 14. Practice what you learned as you read.