IV. The Crow and the Pitcher

The drought was severe. A dehydrated crow approached a pitcher of water on a table in a garden. He hopped onto the rim and stretched as far as possible; however, he could not reach the water. When he attempted to topple the pitcher over to spill its contents, he discovered it was too heavy to budge. The crow thought, "If I do not drink water soon I will surely die." An idea came to him. He dropped a pebble into the pitcher and watched keenly as the water level rose ever so slightly. He dropped