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## To the Teacher

Reading is fundamental to functioning in today's society. Reading is important because it helps to expand the mind and develops the imagination. But there are not enough reading materials available to children in schools. It is in this context that Samagra Shiksha, Kerala produced reading cards for students in primary and upper primary schools in the state.

We have prepared ten reading cards for all classes from 1 to 7. Each reading card has four pages with pictures and print. Reading cards with pictures are great resources for exploring visual and written language, imagination, values, and deeper cross-curricular themes. Illustrations in the reading cards help children understand what they read and enable them analyse the story.

In classes 1 and 2, sometimes teachers have to read stories in an interactive mode to their students. When you read stories aloud to students, you help them learn to become readers themselves. When reading is taught, teachers usually follow three stages: pre-reading, while-reading and the post-reading stages. Pre-reading activities help students prepare for the reading activity by activating the relevant prior knowledge and motivating them to read. Picture walk, sequencing the pictures, guessing from pictures, brainstorming etc. are some of the activities you may ask students to do during pre-reading.

While-reading activities help students find answer to some specific questions. Post reading is the most important stage in reading, comprehending and responding to reading in oral and written forms. Read and draw, retelling, story maps, graphic organizers, mind mapping etc. are some of the activities that you can assign to students during post reading stage.

Initiating students into the pleasures of reading is one of the best gifts we as teachers can give our students. I hope that the reading cards will motivate teachers to create an interactive classroom vibrant with engaging activities that facilitate quality English learning.

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Appunni came from school.  
He pressed the calling bell.  
Nobody came.

“Where are my friends?”

“Bow! bow! bow!”

Two puppies quarrelled with  
each other.

Appunni looked at them.



“Bow! Bow!”, we are hungry.

Appunni went inside.

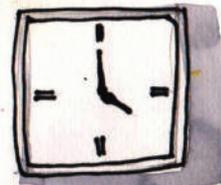
He called, “Kittu, Kesu”.

They went near Appunni.

“Hai! Milk.”

They drank the milk.

They were very happy.



# APPUNNI



Let's do

Choose the correct answer.

Puppy loves .....

A cartoon puppy with brown and white fur, wearing an orange vest with a pink heart, sits on the left. Four red arrows point from the puppy to four white hexagonal boxes containing the words: water, milk, tea, and juice. The boxes are arranged in a vertical column to the right of the puppy.

water

milk

tea

juice





There was a big mango tree in Marayoor forest. There were bunches of mangoes in the mango tree. Neelan monkey's mouth watered. He jumped on the mango tree and reached the top of it. He ate a lot of mangoes. Suddenly he saw something.



Some leaves were stuck together. He went near and looked. He took a branch and hit on it. "Oh... God !" It was an ant's nest. All the ants ran after him. Neelan monkey fell down. The mango tree laughed.





Let's do

1. Help Neelan find the mango tree?



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# NAUGHTY MONKEY





**Chintu brought  
him home.  
She named him Milo  
and took care of him.**

**Chintu's brother also played with him.  
Milo was very happy to have kind friends.**



**When Chintu and her brother went to  
school, Milo played on his own  
around the house.  
Living with them, Milo was very happy.  
"BOW BOW!!" he barked in joy.**





**When all the other animals  
slept at night,  
Milo guarded the house.  
He protected his friends.**



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# CHINTU AND MILO

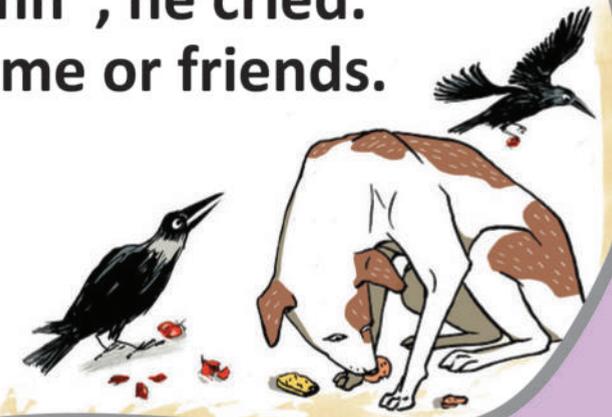


**One day a sad dog was crying on  
the road.**

**"Kuinnn Kuinnn", he cried.  
He had no home or friends.**



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On the way home, a very strong wind came.

It blew my cap away.

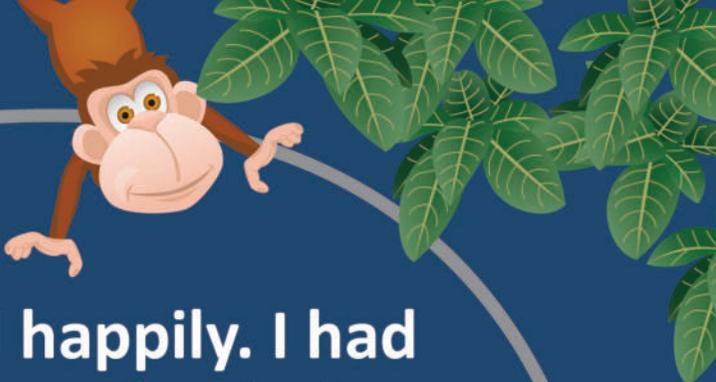
My cap got stuck on a branch of the old Pipal tree.

I cried a lot. And I did not eat my dinner.

Later that night, the moon came up.

It looked at my cap on the old Pipal tree.

It tried on my cap.



The moon smiled happily. I had to smile too. After school, the next day, my mother gave me a shiny new red cap.

“The moon sent it,” she said. That night, both the moon and I wore our caps and smiled.

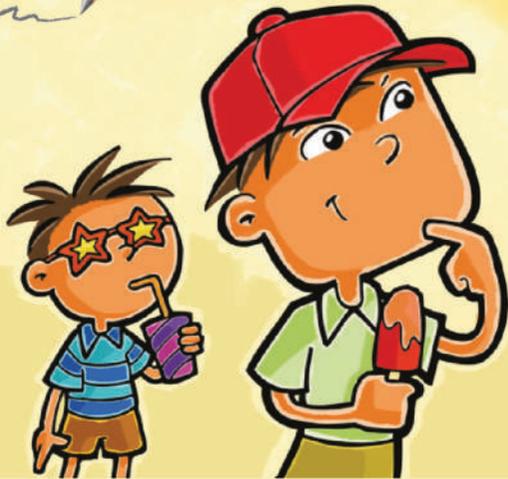
We were happy.

Do you think the sun needs a cap?

Guess which cap I am wearing today!

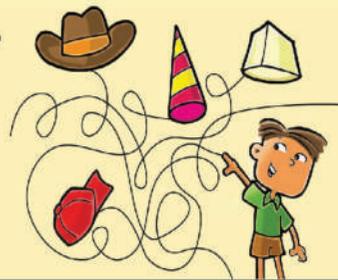


Let's do



Choose from the options given.

1. What did mother buy for Chintu?
  - a. Bright blue cap
  - b. Fancy glasses
2. Where did the cap get stuck?
  - a. On the old pipal tree
  - b. On the mango tree
3. Why did the moon and the boy smile at each other?
  - a. Both of them have caps.
  - b. Moon needs a cap.



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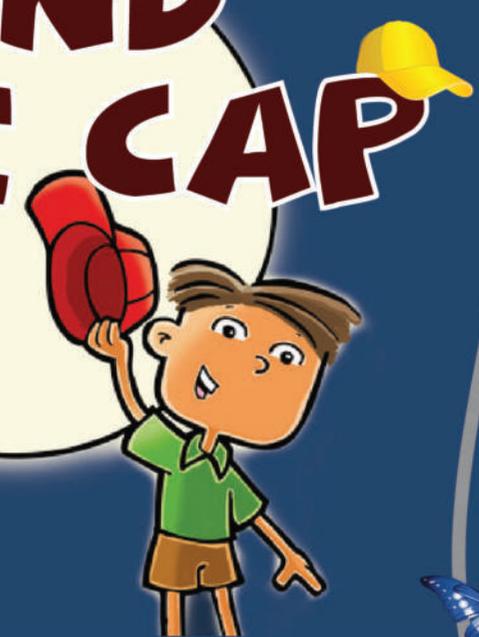
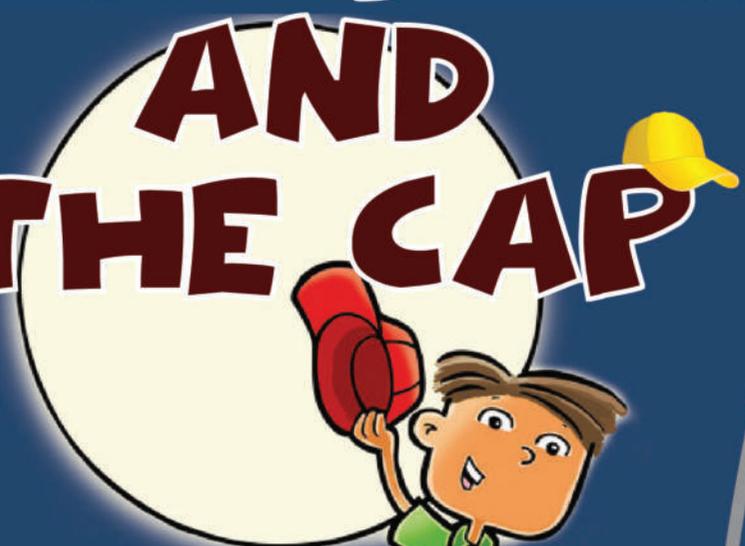
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# 2 THE MOON AND THE CAP



All of us went to the Onam fair.

Papa bought Chintu fancy glasses. Mother bought me a bright blue cap.

The baby got sugar candy.



**Kiku said, "I will visit the city".  
One fine morning, he went to  
the city.  
He was tired flying all over the  
city. Finally, he sat on a wire.  
Bow-bow-bow, a dog started  
barking at Kiku!  
He flew and flew and flew, and  
found a big tree!**

**Ka-ka-ka-ka-ka  
There came the city crows,  
chasing him away!**

**ki-ki-ki-ki, Kiku cried!**

**He went back to his friends in  
the village.  
Ka-ka-ka-ka.  
Rema was happy to see him.**



# KIKU THE CROW

Rema and Kiku, the crow, are good friends.

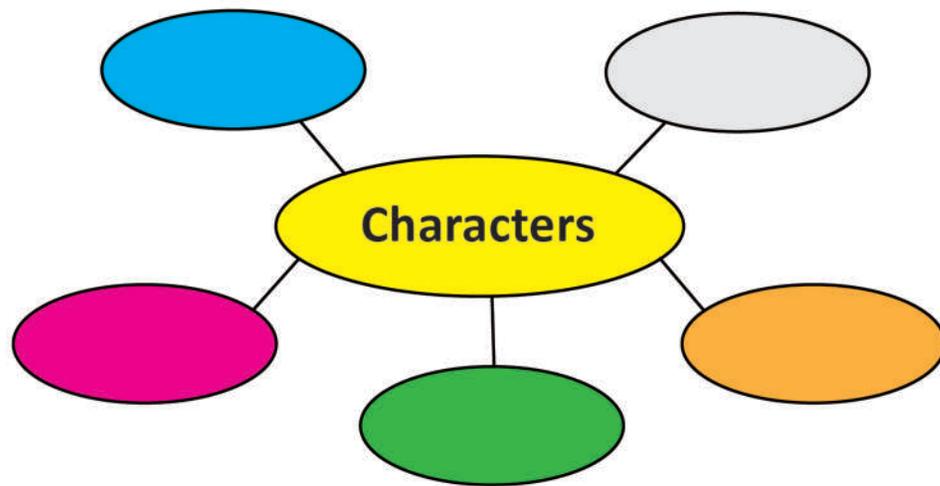
Rema visits Kiku every morning. She always talks to Kiku about her uncle who lives in the city.

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Let's do

Choose the characters from the story and write them below.

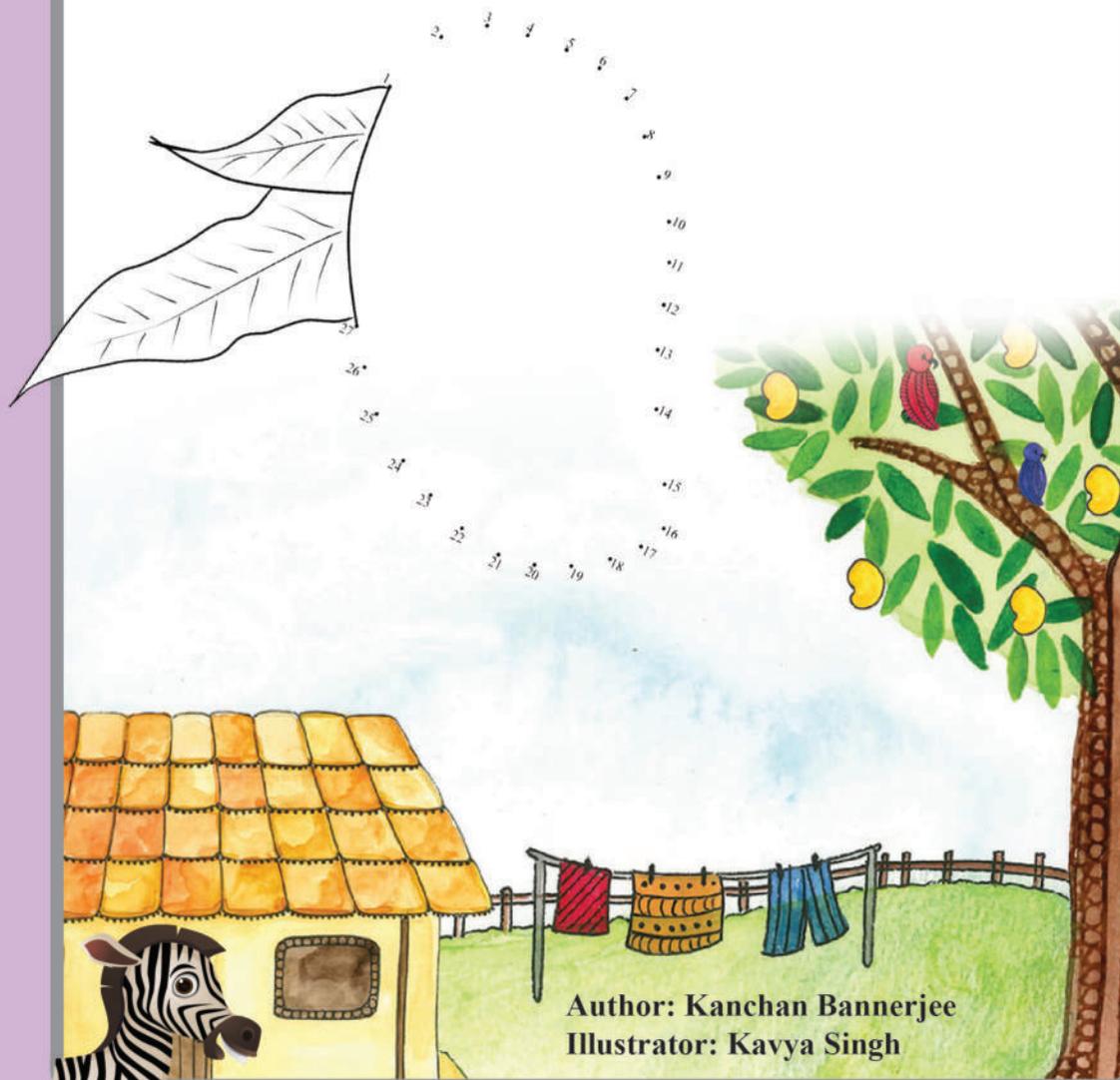




Many birds come there.  
I like to hide in the mango tree.  
No one can see me here.  
Father looks for me near the  
well.  
Mother looks for me near the  
cowshed.  
But no one can find me.  
Oh no!  
At last Grandma's dog finds me.  
Now I have to climb down.  
Grandma gives me a big hug.

Let's do

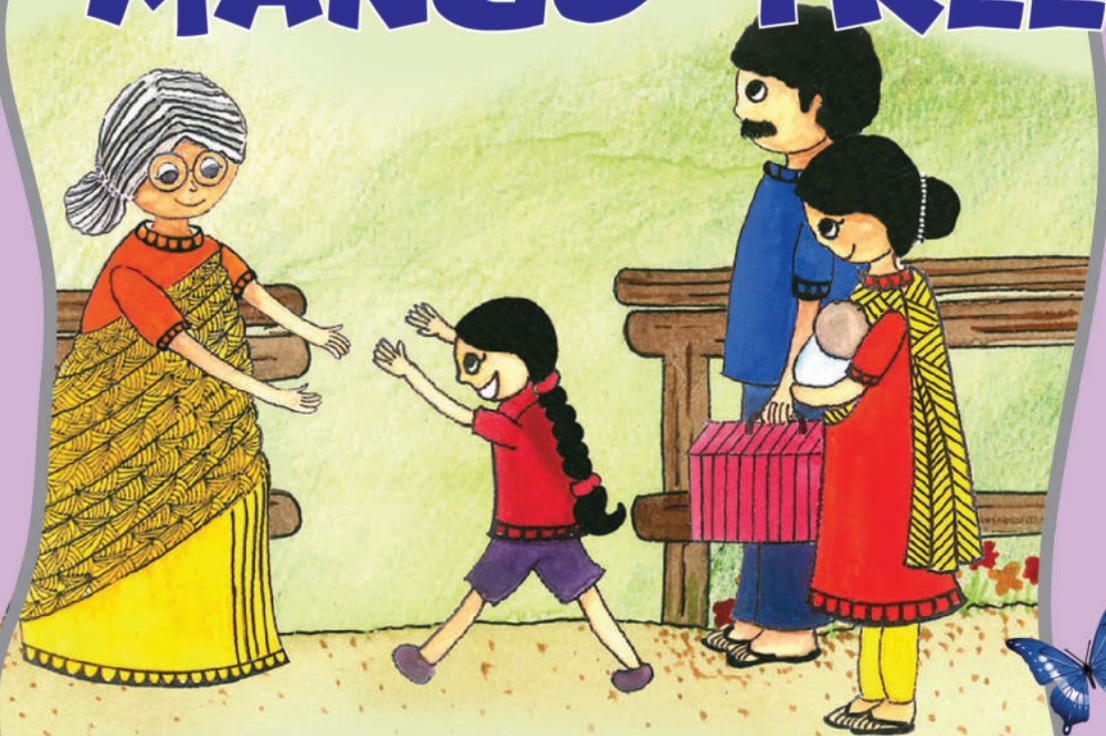
Where is the mango?



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Illustrator: Kavya Singh



# THE MANGO TREE

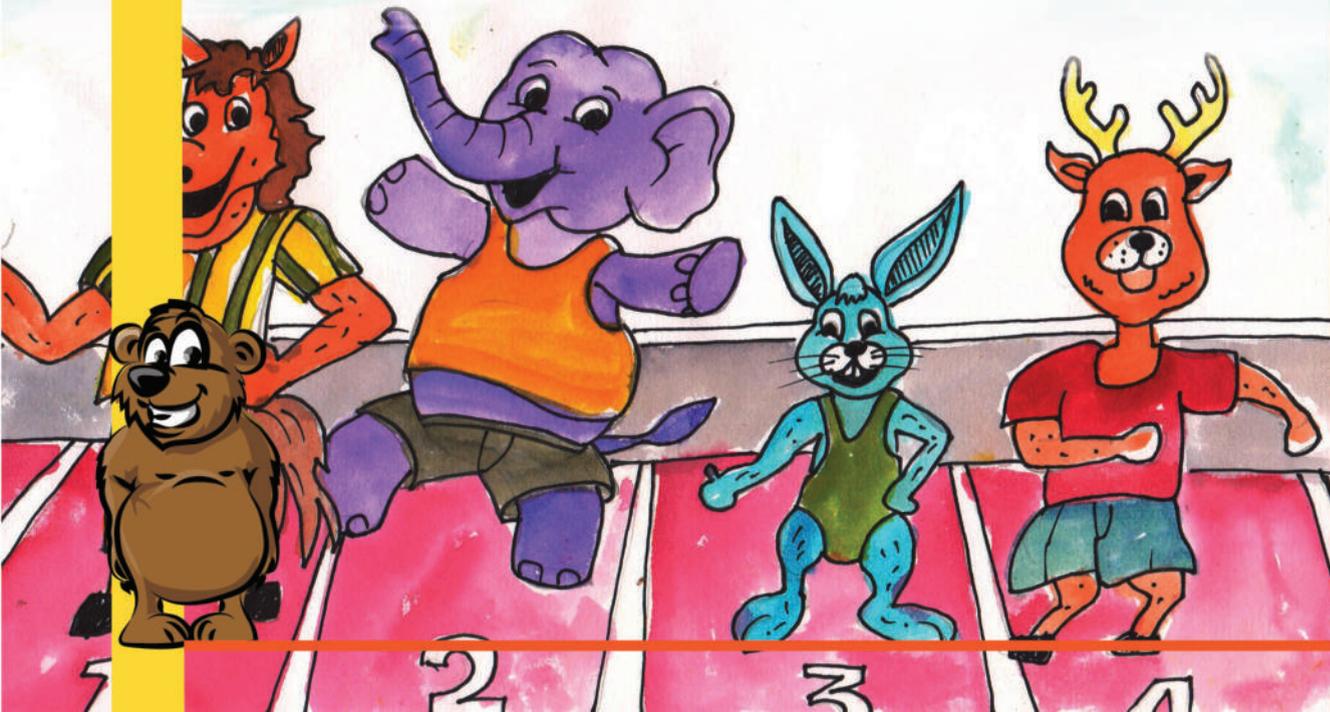


We like to visit  
Grandma's village.  
Grandma has a big  
mango tree in her garden.



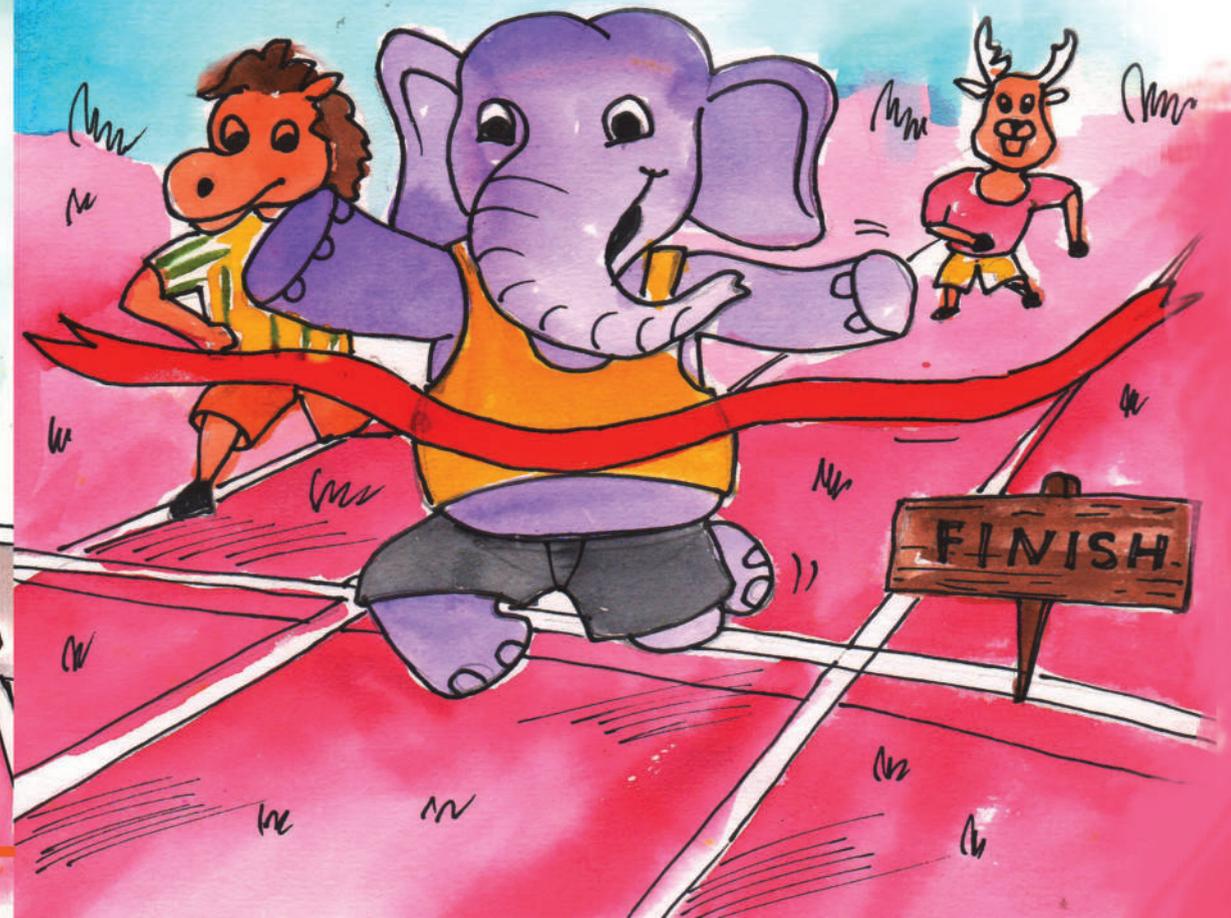


Once there was a race in the forest. All the animals gathered there. Mittu, the elephant also came to take part in the race. “Look at her big belly. How will she run?” Some made fun of her. Mittu didn’t care. She remembered her mother’s words: “We are good runners. If you try, you will win.”



The race started. Mittu ran fast. ‘Hurrah!... Hurrah! the animals clapped. Mittu touched the finishing line first. Her hard work and confidence made her win.

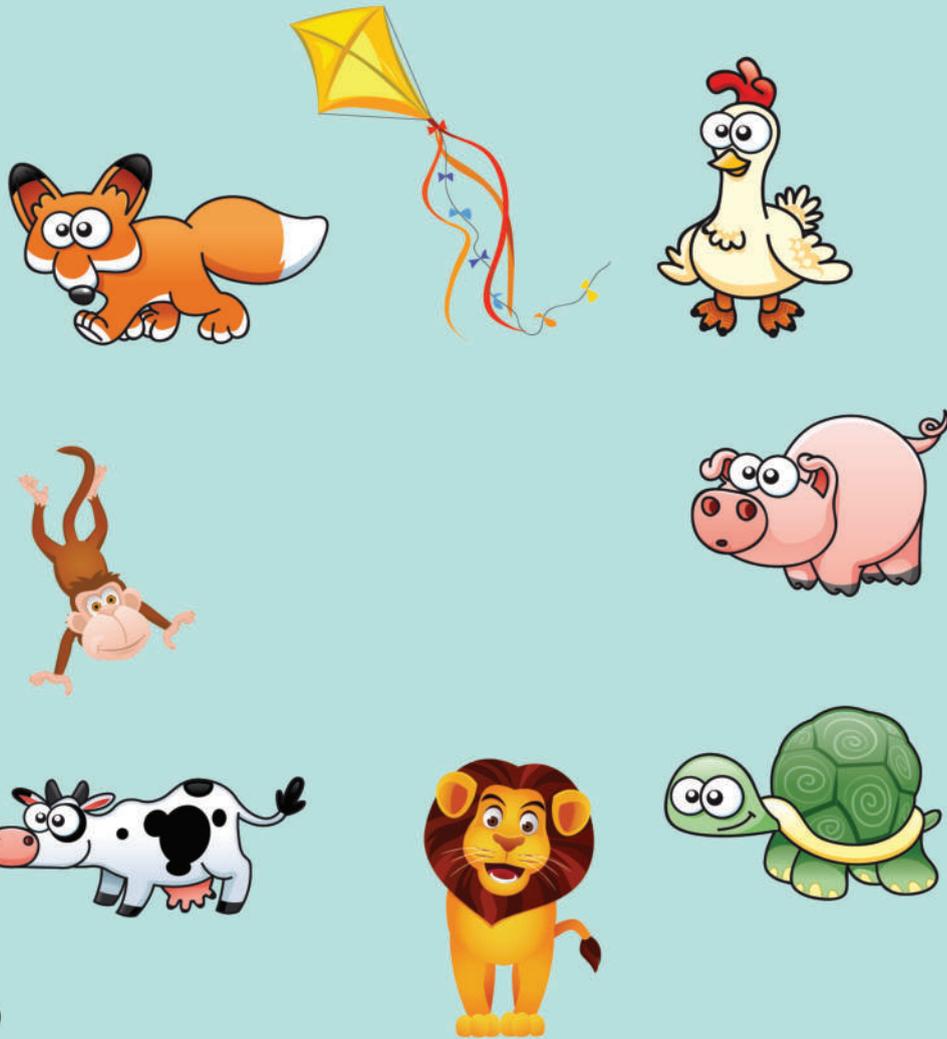
“My daughter!” Mittu’s mother kissed her. She was very happy.





## Let's do

All animals gathered there to watch the race. Circle the ones that do not belong to the group.



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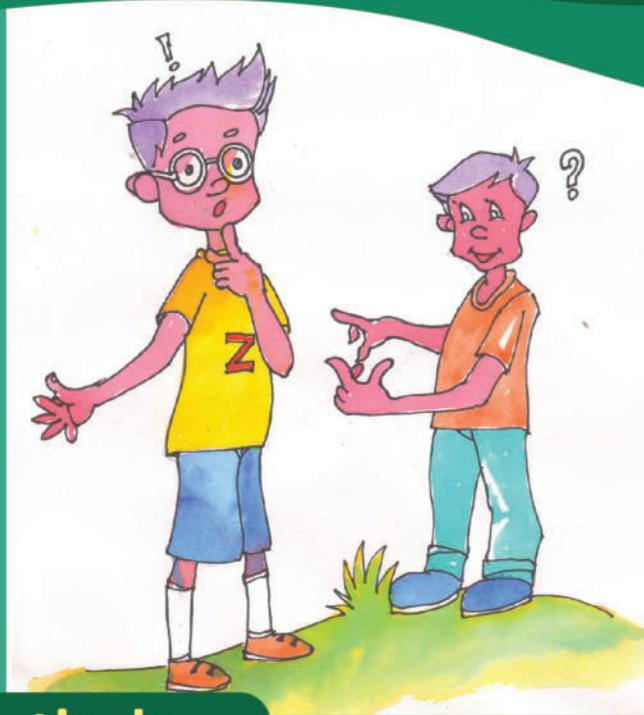
# THE SUCCESS





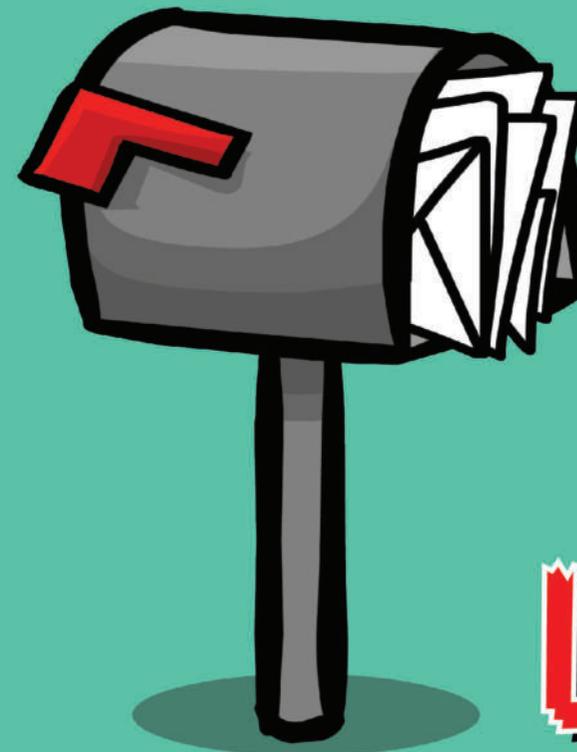
Babu has a string around his finger.  
“Why do you have that string  
around your finger?” I asked.  
“Mother tied it .  
She wants me to post a letter” .  
“But why the string?” I asked.  
“Mother said, When I see the string  
I will think of the letter” .  
“I see! Where’s the letter?” I asked.  
“Mother didn’t give it to me.  
She forgot to give me the letter!”



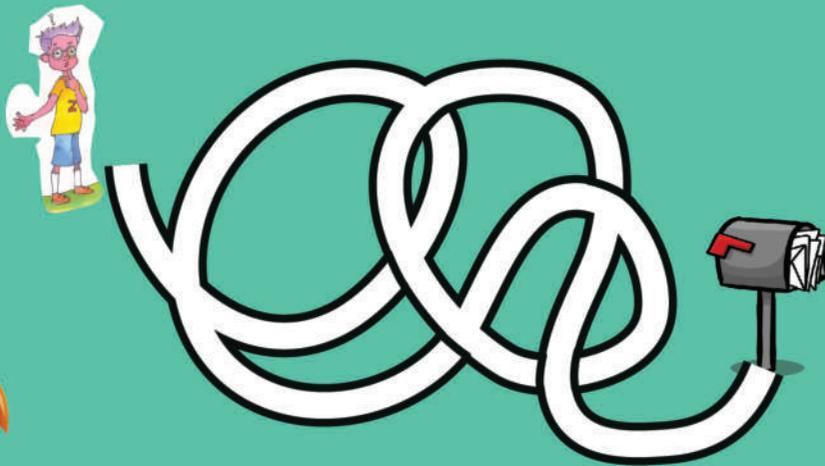


Let's do

Help Babu reach the post office.



TO  
POST  
A  
LETTER



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Maaloo is collecting vegetables from the garden. He collected red tomatoes, purple brinjals and green lady's fingers. Granny says, "Well done, Maaloo! Go and get some potatoes." Maaloo looked at all the trees and plants. Not a single potato was found. "Granny, the potatoes aren't ready," said Maaloo. "No Maaloo, there are plenty of potatoes. Look carefully," said Granny. Maaloo went into the garden. Kaaloo the dog followed him.



Maaloo was looking for potatoes when he heard, "Woof! Woof!" "Kaaloo! Stop, Kaaloo!" cried Maaloo, running behind him. "Don't spoil the garden."

Kaaloo was digging the ground. Big fat potatoes! "Well done, Kaaloo. You found the potatoes!" laughed Maaloo. He filled his basket with potatoes.



 **Let's do**

1. Sequence the pictures and retell the story.



1. ....

2. ....

3. ....

4. ....

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# AALOO MAALOO KAALOO





A fawn was racing in the forest.  
He was ahead of the rabbit.  
He was ahead of the elephant.  
He leapt and cleared the stream.  
He ran past the crumbling wall.  
There was a large stone on the grassy plain.  
He stumbled and fell down.  
He burst into tears.  
The monkey massaged his leg.  
Tears flowed from the fawn's eyes.

Brother bear picked him up. The fawn didn't stop crying.  
His mother came. She said, "Look, we'll beat up this bad stone!"  
The fawn said, "Oh, don't do that or he will also start crying."  
His mother laughed.  
So did the fawn.





Let's do

Show the way for the fawn to reach its mother.



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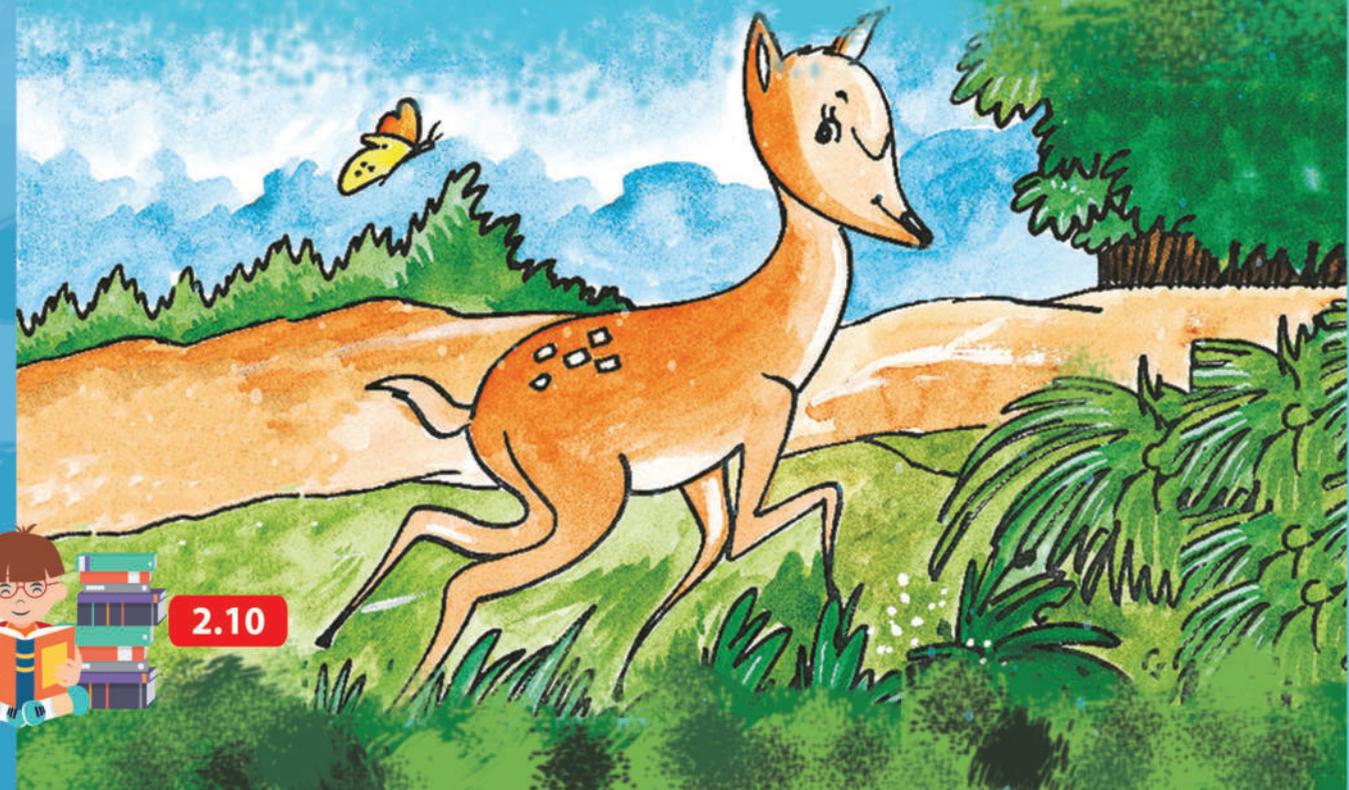
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# Smile Please!



# READING CARDS

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