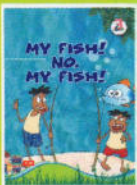
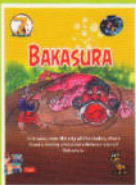


READING CARDS



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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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I am Chekkutty.

I was born after the flood in Kerala.
Would you like to hear my story?
I am from Chendamangalam,
a small town in Kerala.
It is famous for handloom textiles.
Most of the people make their
livelihood on weaving.
The recent flood in the state caused
great damage to the people, their

looms and the freshly woven clothes.
They decided to throw everything
away.
Then, two angels in human shape
came to their aid.
They fashioned dolls out of the
damaged clothes.
Thus, I was born.
Now I am a symbol of hope.
I have come to save you.
I have to tell you, together we can
rebuild Kerala.





Let's do

- 1) Say Yes or No.
 - I was born in Kerala.
 - Most of the people were farmers in Chendamangalam.
 - They fashioned dolls out of damaged clothes.
- 2) Monoact the role of Chekkutty before your class.



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Chekkutty



5.01



On Sunday, Manu's parents got him a red raincoat.

"Ma, may I wear it now?" asked Manu.

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"No, my dear, Just now the sky is clear," said Amma.

Monday was bright and sunny.

"Will it rain today, Amma?" asked Manu.

"No Manu, not today", said Amma.

On Tuesday, the sky was blue.

"Will it rain today, Amma?" asked Manu.

"Not today, my dear," said Amma.

Wednesday was hot.

"Will it rain today, Amma?" asked Manu.



"Son, I think it will rain very soon."

On Thursday Manu went on a picnic.

"Amma, shall I take the raincoat with me?" asked Manu.

"No, my dear, it will not rain today."

Friday was cloudy.

"Amma, will it rain today?" asked Manu loudly.

"It might, my dear."

Saturday began with a bang!

Badaboom!

"Amma, is that thunder I hear?"

Will it rain very soon?" asked Manu.

And then at last, it started raining!

"Oh, it's raining, it's raining," sang Manu, running out.

"But Manu," called Ma, running after him, "you forgot your raincoat!"





Let's do



1. What did Manu's parents buy for him on Sunday?



2. Try to draw a raincoat in your notebook and colour it.



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THE RED RAINCOAT



Bheema loves to sleep and just cannot get up early.

Ramu, the washerman, scolds Bheema often.

One day, Gauri, the cow, asked him, "Bheema, why are you so sad?"

Bheema said, "I cannot get up early and Ramu shouts at me every day. Will you wake me up every morning, please?"

"Yes, I will," said Gauri. Early next morning, Gauri mooed loudly, but Bheema did not wake up.

Coming back from the river in the evening, Bheema met Moti, the dog. "I can never get up in the morning on time. Will you wake me up?" Bheema asked Moti.



"Wake up? No Sir!"

That evening Bheema met Cheenu, the rooster.

He said to Cheenu, "You crow in the morning and everybody wakes up. Will you wake me up too?"

Cheenu agreed. The next morning, Cheenu crowed long and loud, but Bheema did not wake up.

The next evening, Bheema saw Kalu, the crow, cawing away happily.

"Kalu, will you wake me up in the morning, please?" he asked.

Kalu said, "Why not? I will caw and wake you up."

The next morning Kalu cawed all he could but Bheema did not wake up.

Bheema was sad.

The next morning, a fly came and sat on his nose.



"Aaah...chhoooo... ahchhoo!" Bheema got up with a big sneeze.

"Wow! I woke up. How did I wake up?" he asked in wonder.

"I woke you up," said the fly.

"Will you wake me up like this early every morning?"

"Sure," said the fly.

Bheema was happy. Now he would have no problem in getting up early every morning!



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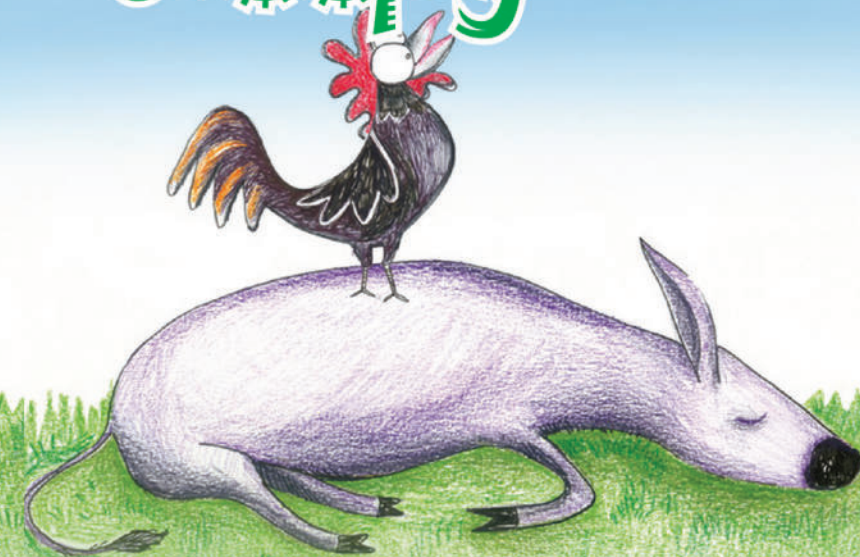
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Bheema the sleepy



Once, a rich man lived in a big house.
There was a big room in the house.
The man kept many birds in this room.
There was a big fat cat that lived in the house.
One day, the man said to his wife,
'Our birds are all sick. I don't know why.'



The cat heard what the man said.
He put on the clothes of a doctor and
went to the room where the birds
were kept.
He stood outside the door and said,
"I'm a bird doctor.
I heard you were sick.
Open the door.
Let me check you."

"We're sick" said a bird.
"But we are not foolish.
We'll get better without your help,
Doctor Cat!
Thank you very much."

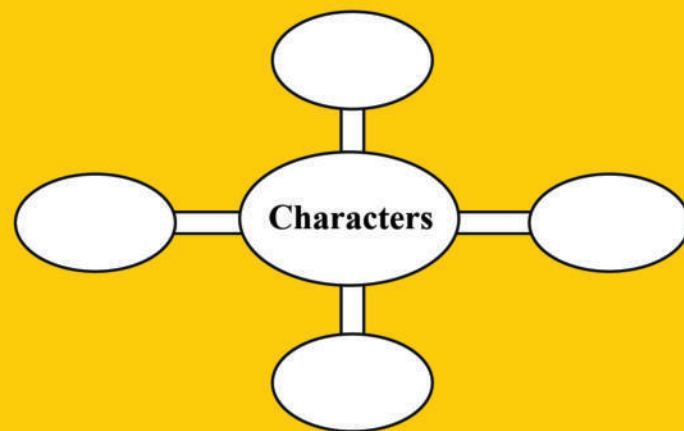




Let's do.

Identify the characters in the story and complete the following word web.

Cat, Bird, Donkey, Dog, Man, Woman and Baby

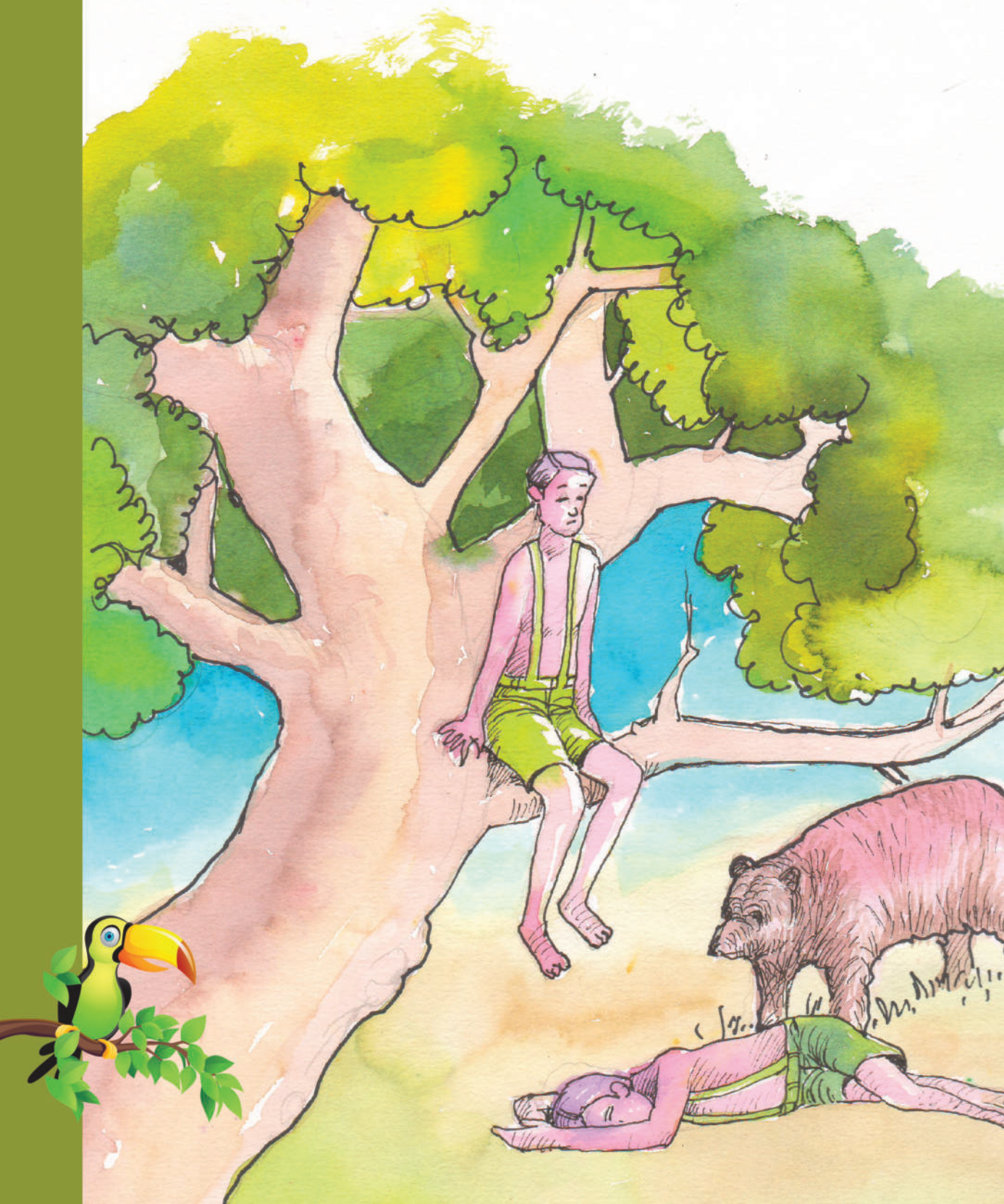


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"There may be wild animals here. What shall we do if we meet one?" asked Hari. "If a wild animal comes," said Raghu, "I will not run away. I will stand by you, and we can drive it away."

"Yes," said Hari, "If we stick to each other, we can drive it away."

By and by they met a bear.

As soon as he saw the bear, Raghu ran away and climbed up a tree. Hari could not run fast. He lay down and did not move.

The bear came along, and sniffed at the man who lay on the ground.

The bear thought he was dead; and so after sniffing around him it went away. Bears do not attack a dead person.

When the bear was gone, Raghu came down the tree and went to his companion.



"The bear seemed to be talking to you," he said to Hari. "What did it say to you?"

**"It told me", said Hari,
"not to trust everyone who
says that he would
stick to me, in danger."**

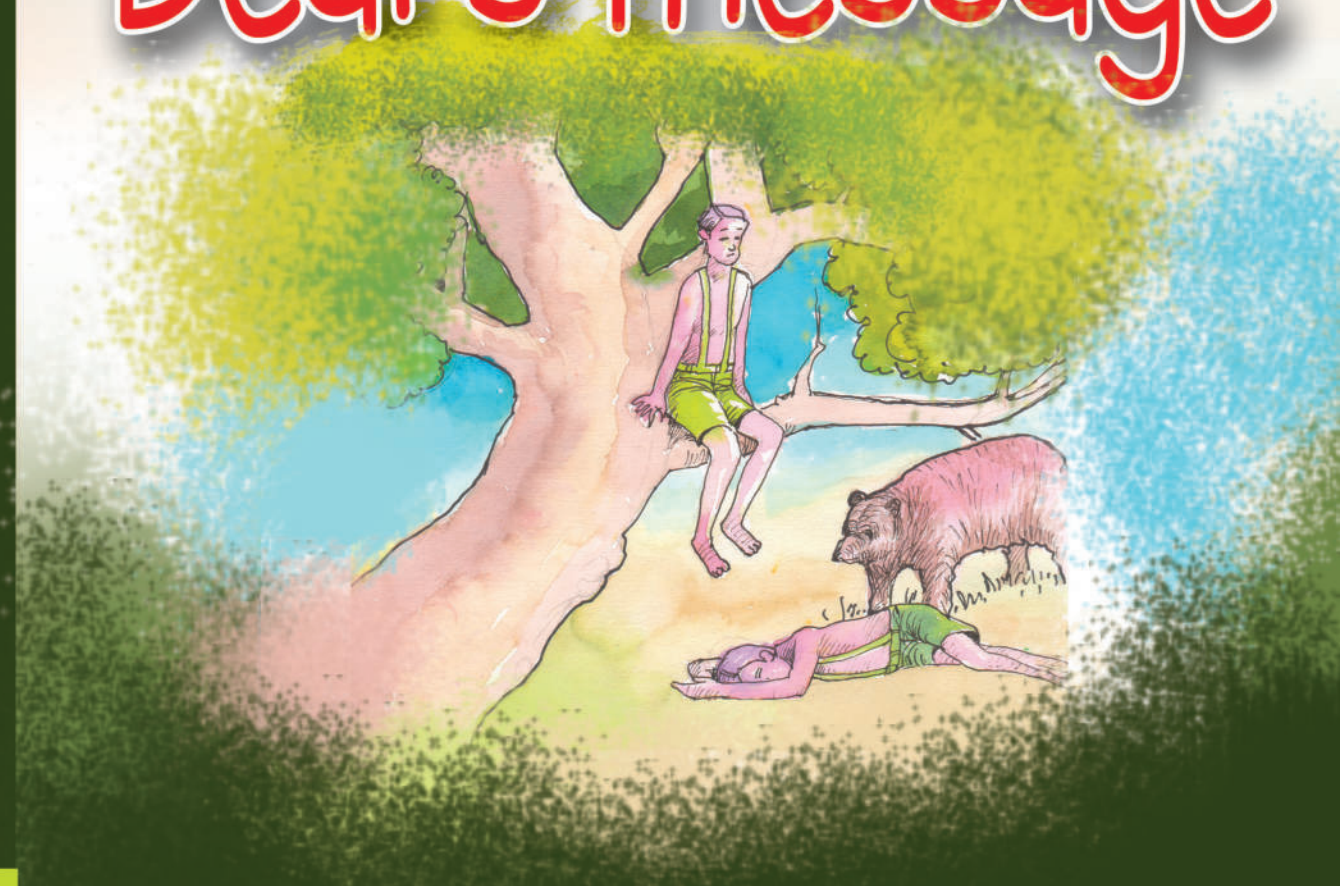
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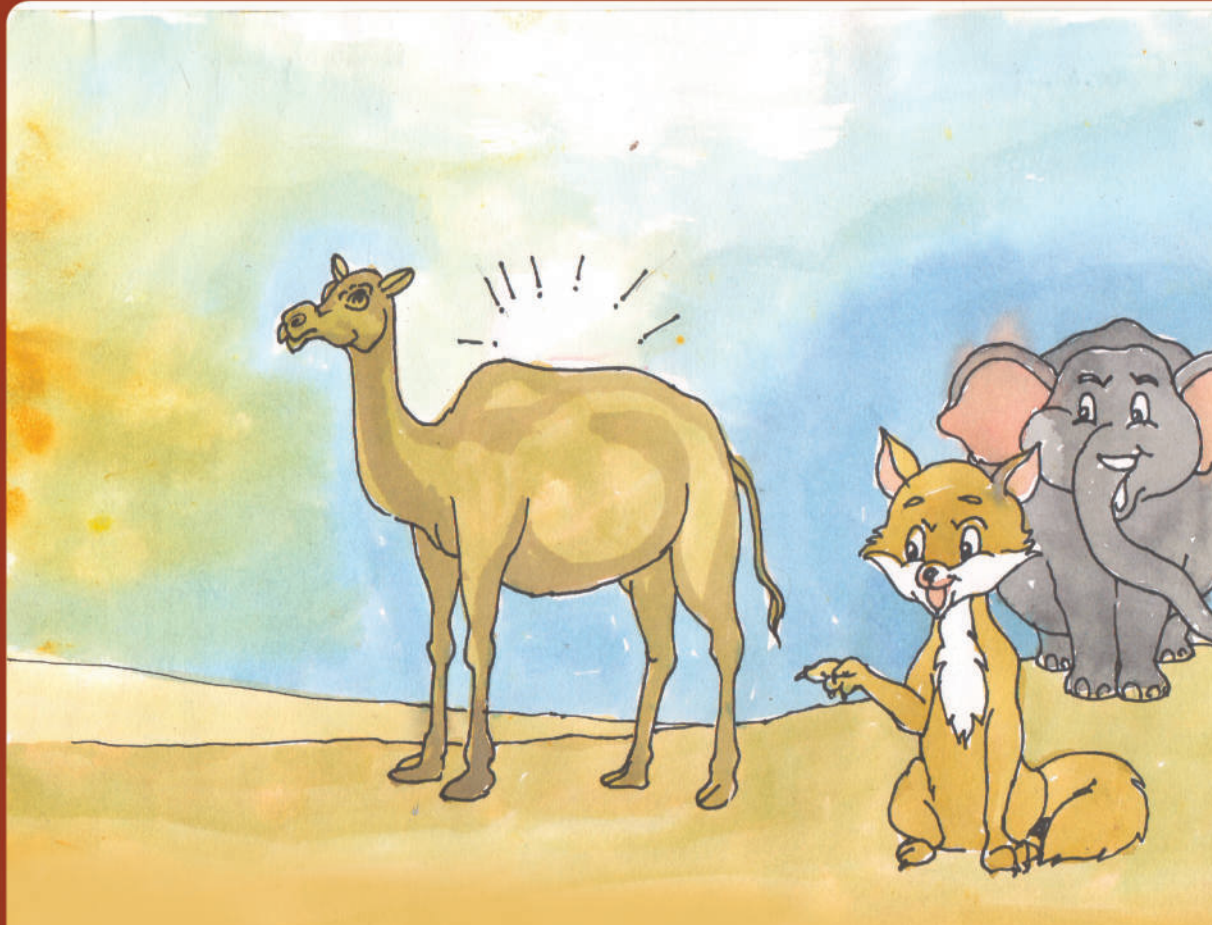
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Bear's message



**Once, two men, Hari and Raghu
were going through a forest.**



**Abu, the camel used to eat a lot.
So he was fat. And he had a big hump.
But one day, Abu stopped eating.
For days he ate nothing.
His hump became smaller and smaller.
Soon he had no hump.
That made Abu very sad.**

Mottu, the fox shouted, "Look! Abu has no hump!"

All the animals laughed.

A camel without hump looks funny.

Abu was sad.

"I know why Abu has no hump now.

He hasn't been eating!",
said Kalyani, the elephant.

"Don't forget that everything a camel
eats goes into his hump!"

Abu now knew why his hump had gone
away.

He began to eat once again.

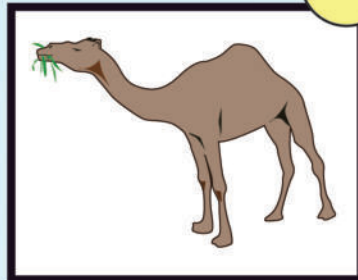
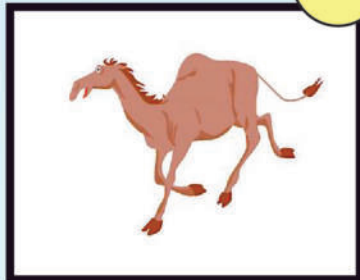
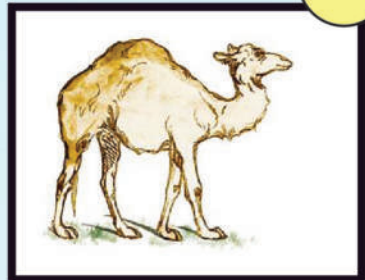
Slowly, his hump grew bigger.

It is so big now that it has
made some of his camel
friends unhappy!



Let's do.

1. Abu used to _____ a lot. (walk, eat)
2. Identify the picture of the camel
 - a. Walking
 - b. Eating
 - c. Crying
 - d. Smiling
 - e. Running



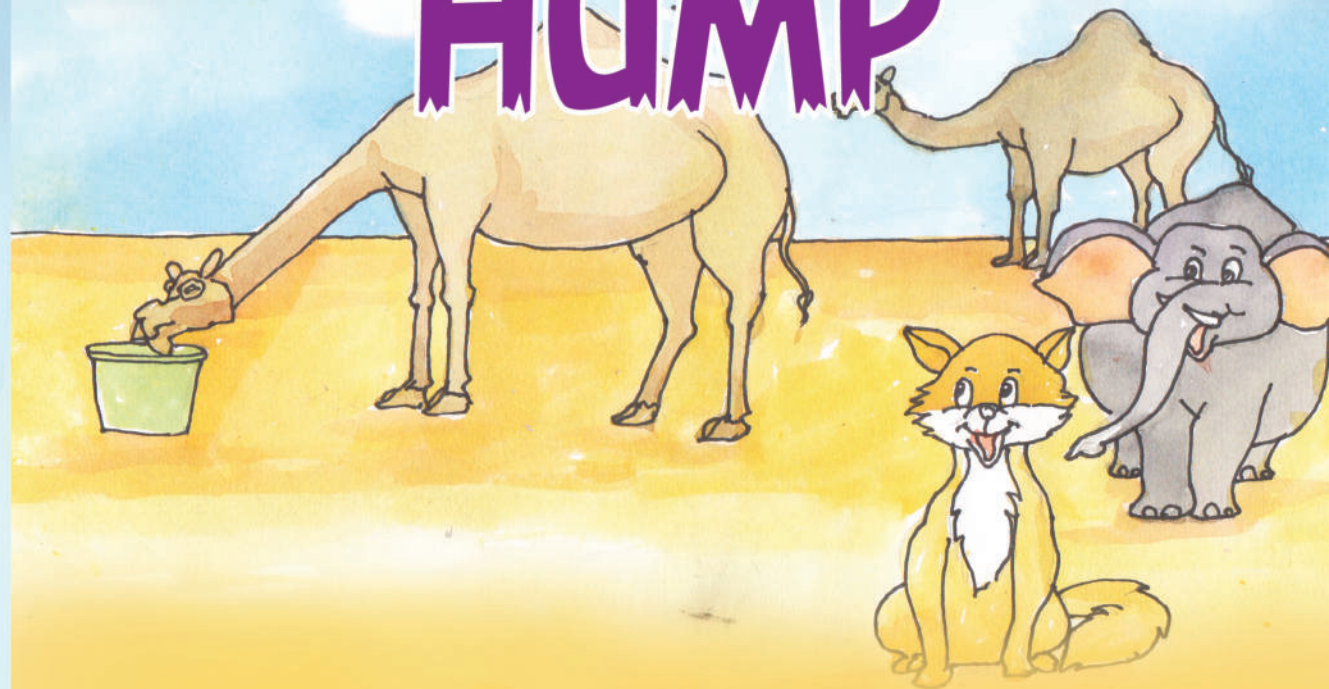
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THE MISSING HUMP



One day the jackal's wife was not feeling well. The jackal called the rabbit and said, "My wife has fever. She does not feel like eating anything. Now she says she could eat a crab."

The rabbit said, "Let us go and get a crab for her."

Both the friends set off to find a crab. The rabbit went in one direction and the jackal in another.

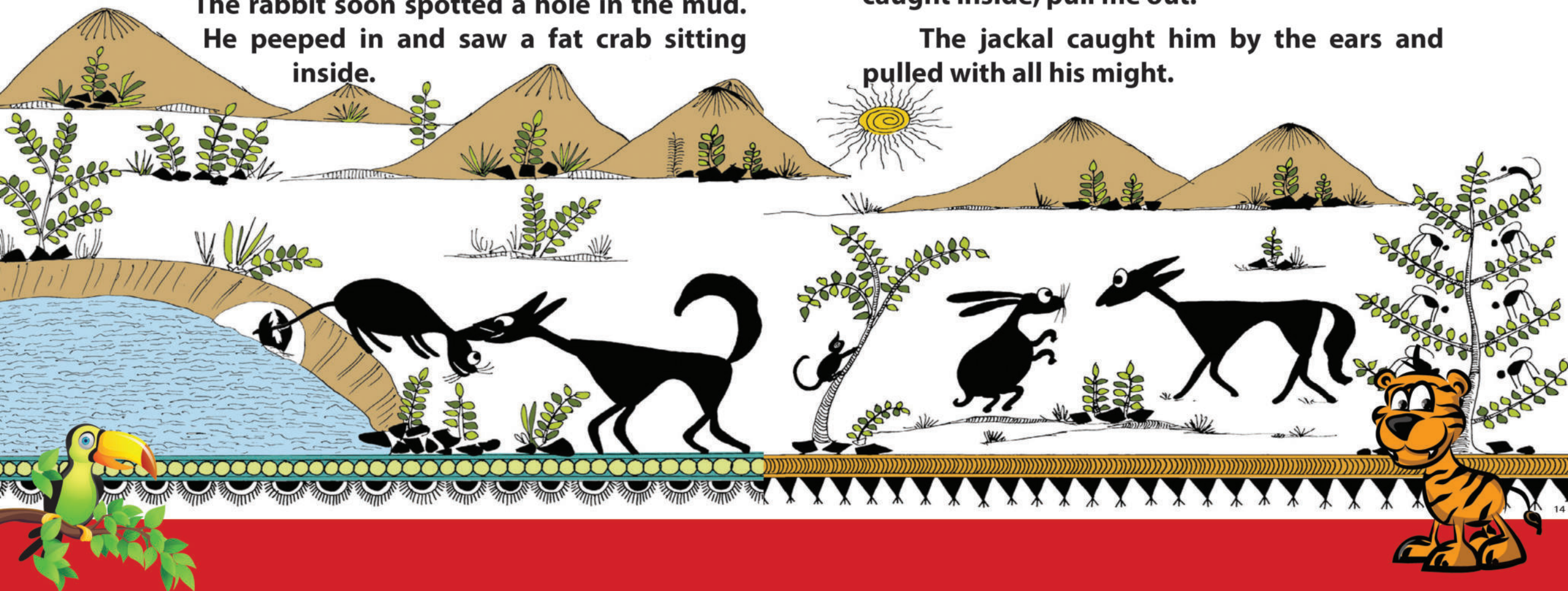
The rabbit soon spotted a hole in the mud. He peeped in and saw a fat crab sitting inside.

"This will be perfect", thought the rabbit.

He carefully put his hand in the hole which was quite deep. When his hand could not reach the crab, the rabbit put his tail into the hole.

The crab bit his tail hard and held it tight. The poor rabbit cried loudly. The jackal heard him and came running to him. The rabbit gasped, "Don't just look at me. My tail is caught inside, pull me out."

The jackal caught him by the ears and pulled with all his might.





The Rabbit's Long Ears



A jackal and a rabbit were the best of friends.

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Ma is busy.

She says, "Good morning. Get up! Go wash your face."

I wash my hands and face. I have a bath in a hurry.

I want to go soon. "Ma, hurry up."

"Yes! I am coming," Ma says to me.

"I have to boil the milk, then I will come."

I comb my hair and button my shirt.

Now I am ready. "Ma, hurry up."

Ma gives Didi her clothes.

She helps Didi get ready.

There is so much work in the morning.

But I am in a hurry. "Ma, I am getting late."

I pick up my water bottle and school bag.

I wear my chappals.

"Come on let us go. Ma, hurry up."

"Yes! I am coming. Let me comb your sister's hair. I need five minutes more and then we can go."

I want to go now.

I do not want to wait. I feel like crying.

Didi has gone to school and I am still here.





"I am almost done. I only have to fill water."
She always has something to do.
"Ma, please, please, hurry up."
"I am going. You better come with me." I hold
her hand and start pulling her.
"My dear, son, let me switch off the lights." Finally
we are out of the house. Mother locks the door.
She says, "Why are you so impatient, my Raja?"
I like it when she calls me 'my Raja'.
Now my mother is walking with me.
I like that!



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Ma! Hurry Up!



I wake up in the morning.
I rub my eyes.
I cannot see my mother.
"Ma! Ma! Hurry up!!"



We were both very happy.

We both love to read.

Should we go now?

Should we go later?

Should we go today?

Should we go tomorrow?

We decided to go right now.

Should we go to the big market? Should we go to the small shop? Should we go with somebody? Should we go alone? We decided to go to the small shop, just the two of us.

We like the small bookshop. It is small but it has many books. The man in the shop likes us. He always helps us.

Should I buy a book with a lot of pictures?

Should I buy a book with many stories?

Should I buy a thin book? I could not decide.

We do not know which book to buy. The man in the shop smiled at us. "Relax, come with me," he said. "These books are about animals. Those are about machines. Those over there are about wars. Take what you want."

I picked up some books. My brother picked up some books. I sat on the floor. He sat on the chair. And we read, and read and read.

It was very quiet. There was no sound. One hour passed. Two hours passed. Finally, we knew which books to buy.





Going to buy a book.

The man in the bookshop smiled at us.
I got a fat book with many stories.
My brother got a big book with many
pictures.

We ran home to our grandfather. We
climbed on his bed. He put his arms
around us and then we read, and read, and
read.



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READ BOOKS

One day, grandfather gave
my brother and me some money.
“Go and buy books,” he said.





**"Catch him!" said Mithun to the cat.
The cat looked at the mouse and ran
under the bed!**

**"Mouse!" screamed Mithun, running behind the cat.
"I will chase it out!" said Ma bravely.
She took out the broom and
poked here and there. "Mouse!" shouted Pa.**

**"I know what to do!" shouted Grandma jumping
down from the sofa.
She rolled up a newspaper and poked here and there.
"Mouse!" yelled Pa, climbing the window even higher.
"To your left!" Grandma looked at the mouse,
and fled under the bed.**

**"Mouse in the House!" shouted everyone
together. That woke baby
up. She sat up on her mat, rubbing her eyes
sleepily. What was that on
her pillow?**

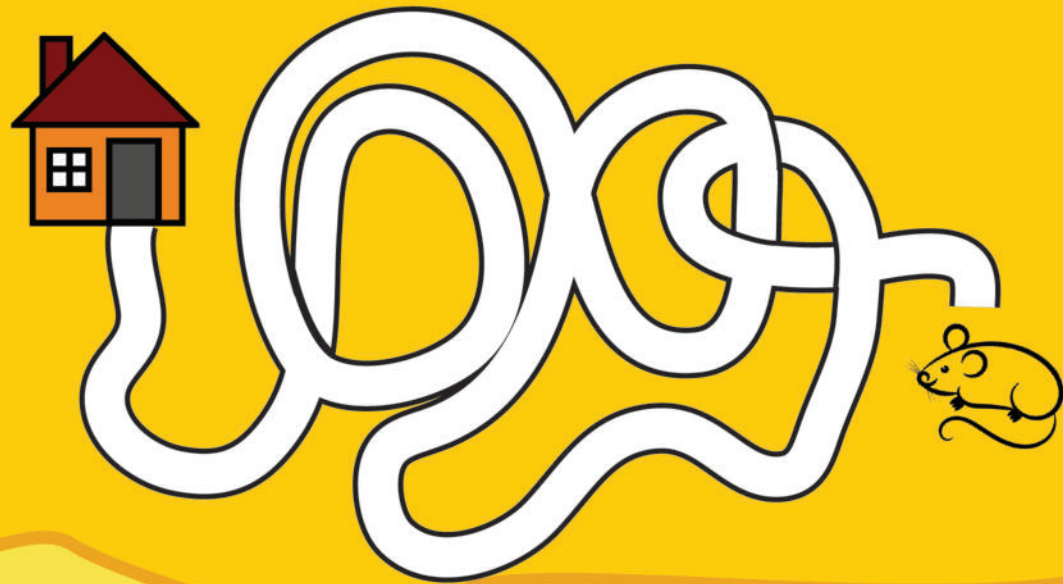
**It had two eyes, four feet, and a long tail.
"Mouse!" said baby, clapping happily. Baby
looked at the mouse, and
the mouse fled, with baby
right behind him!**

**Leaping up the sofa,
climbing the window,
jumping up the table, tumbling over the
cushions... running in between
the curtains, scurrying over the plates,
and out of the door!**





Let's do :
Help the mouse enter the house.



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Mouse in the house



"Mouse!" Grandma screamed,
jumping up the sofa.
The cushions fell on the floor.
"Where?" asked Pa, climbing up the window.
"There!" shouted Ma,
leaping up the table.
The plates fell with a crash.



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