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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.

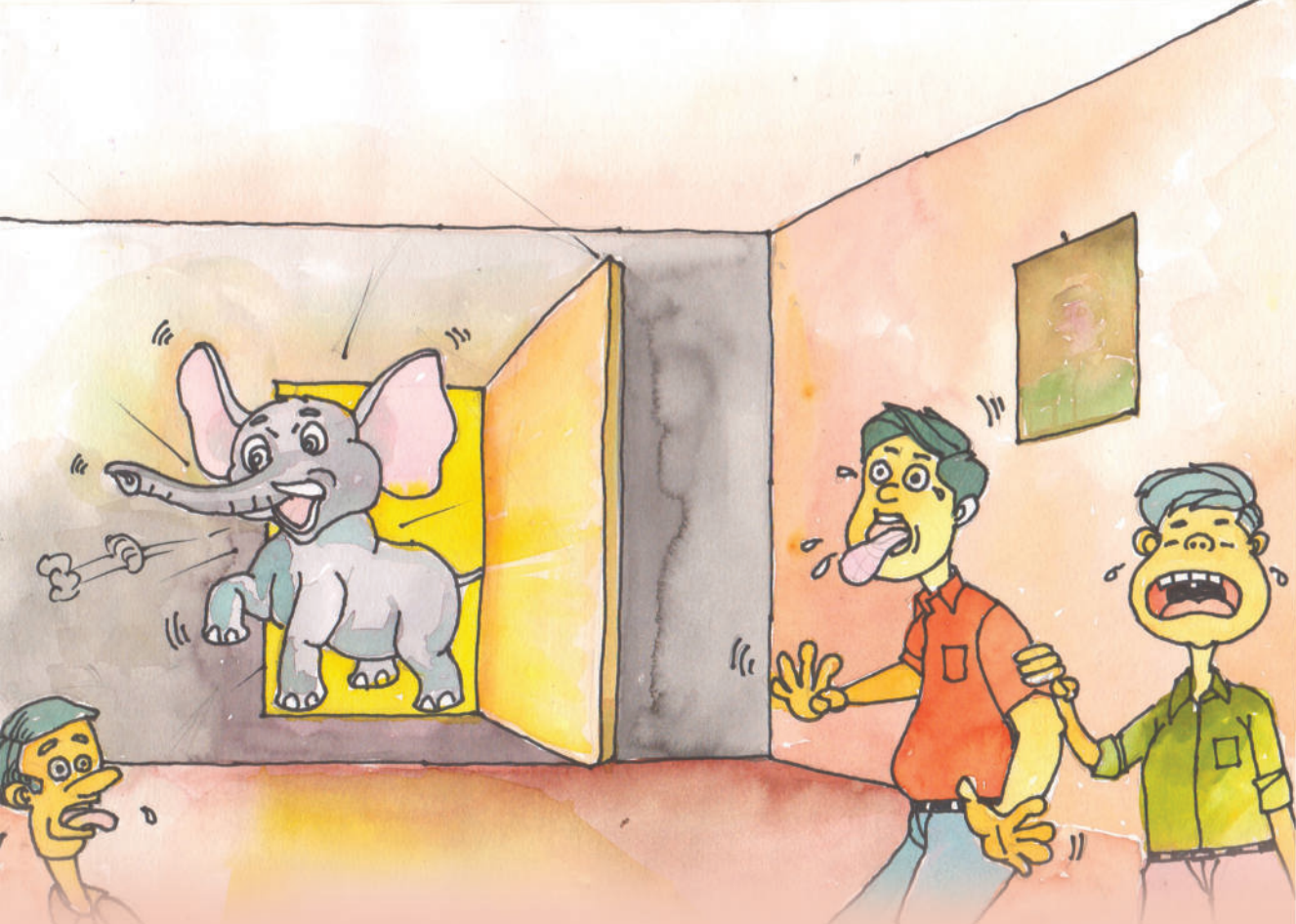
We have prepared ten reading cards for all classes from 1 to 7. Each reading card has four pages with pictures and print. Reading cards with pictures are great resources for exploring visual and written language, imagination, values, and deeper cross-curricular themes. Illustrations in the reading cards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

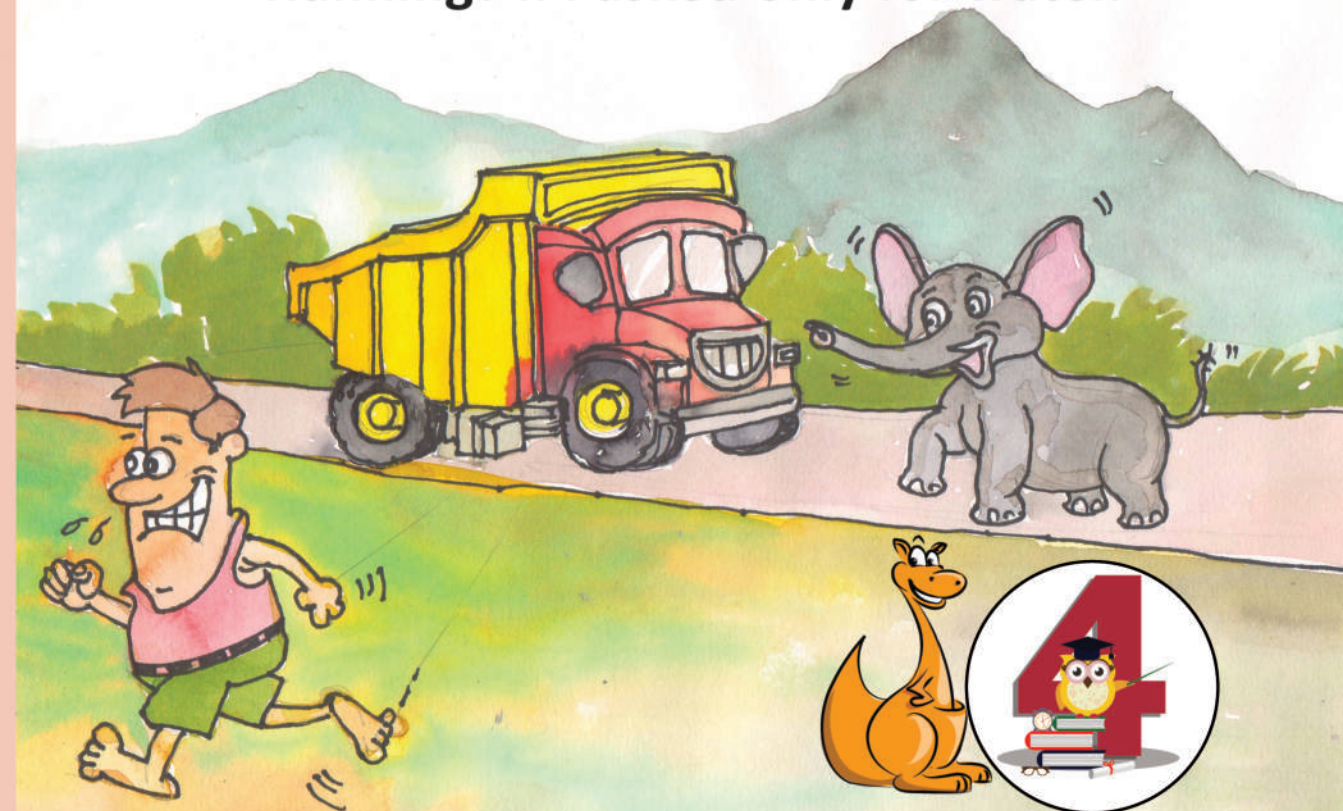
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Once there was a baby elephant.  
He lost his way.  
The elephant walked all alone.  
He was so hungry.  
He was very thirsty.  
He was sad.  
He saw a house.  
He kicked on the door.  
He went into the house.  
“Get me some water”, he asked.

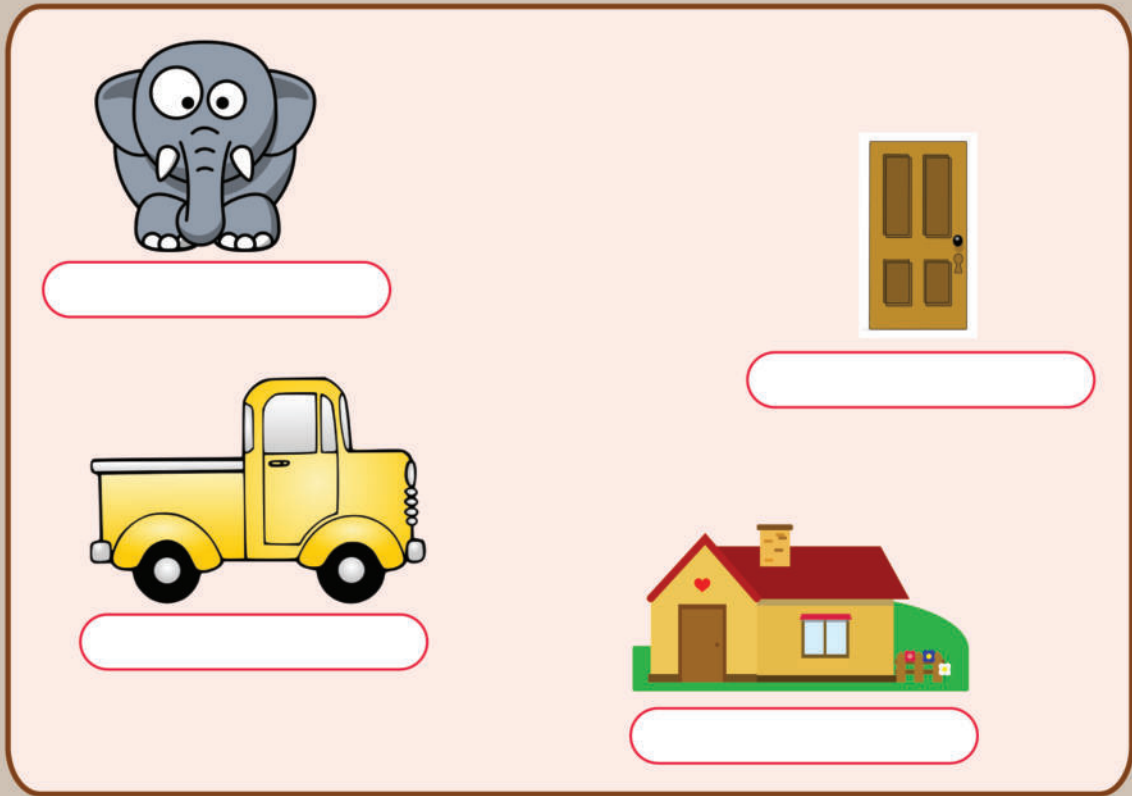
The people in the house cried loudly.  
The baby elephant was surprised.  
“Crying? .. I asked only water.”  
He walked from there.

“Oh! A lorry.”  
The baby elephant blocked the lorry.  
“Get me some water”, he asked.  
The driver got down and ran.  
The baby elephant was surprised.  
“Running? .. I asked only for water.”



Let's do

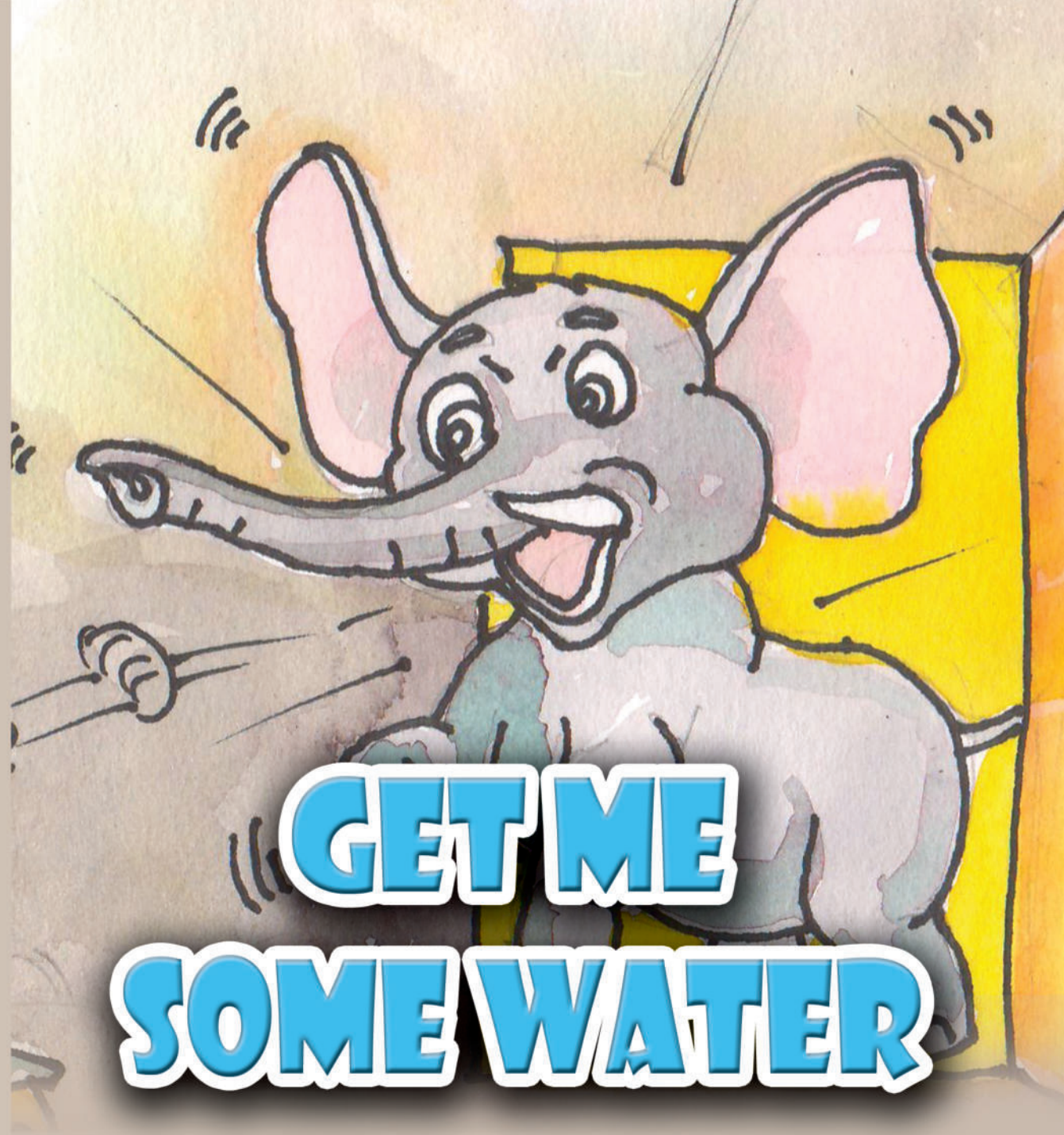
Draw the route map of the baby elephant.



A drawing activity box containing four icons: a baby elephant, a yellow truck, a brown door, and a yellow house with a red roof. Each icon has a white rounded rectangular box below it for labeling.



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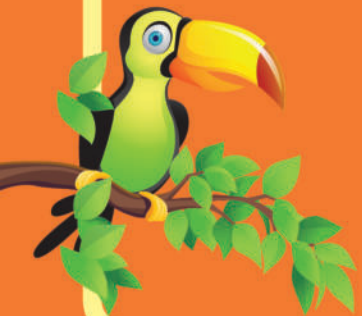
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• In February,  
I go to the park,  
I see a tree -  
A crooked, grey tree,  
It has no leaves.  
What an ugly tree!

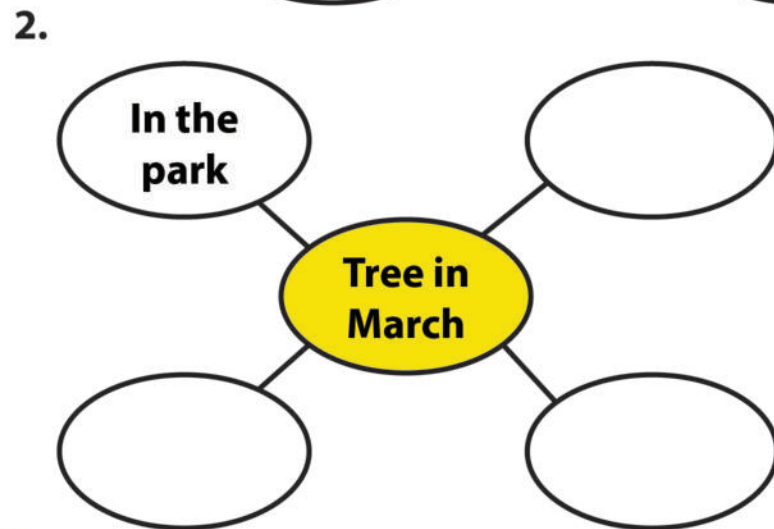
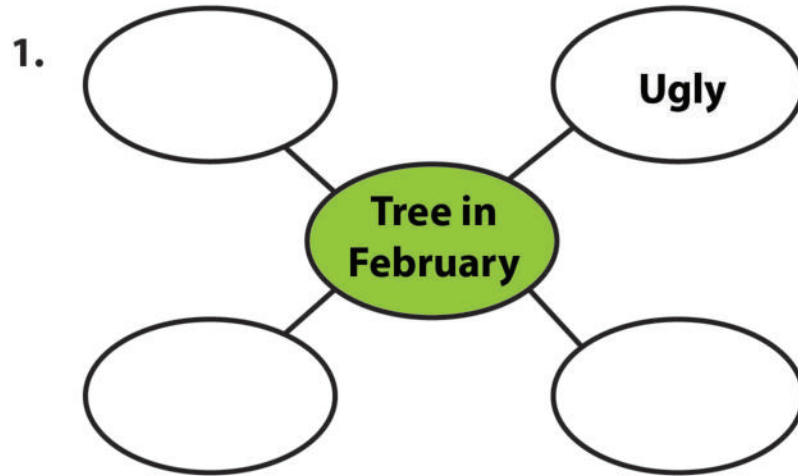
In March,  
I go to the park,  
The ugly tree,  
Is it on fire?  
No, it's covered with flowers -  
Yellow flowers.

It is a Kanikonna tree,  
The yellow flame of the forest.  
How beautiful it looks!

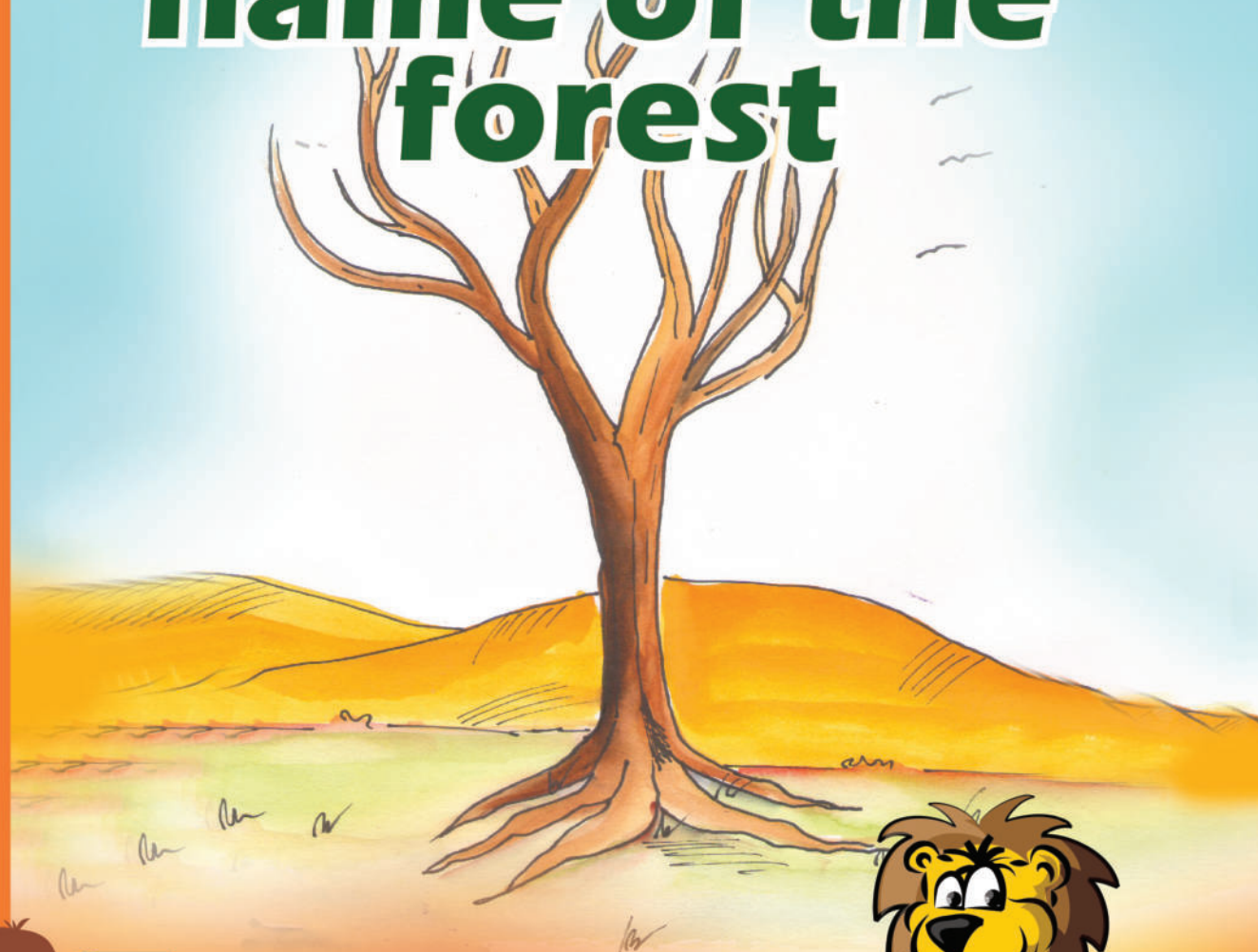


Let's do.

Complete the following word webs and write a few sentences about the tree.



# The yellow flame of the forest



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We are a family of four.  
I follow Chinku everywhere.  
I have to look after Chinku. You see,  
I am older than him.  
Sometimes Chinku is careless.  
It is my duty to guard the house.  
We do everything together. We work together.  
We play together.  
We even share Ma's scolding.  
When Chinku is at school I help Ma.  
I keep the crows away from the  
papads. Today Chinku will be my teacher.  
At last, I will learn something new.  
I am a good doggy. I do not scare away cats.  
Are you Chinku's friend?  
Then you are my friend too.



Let's do :

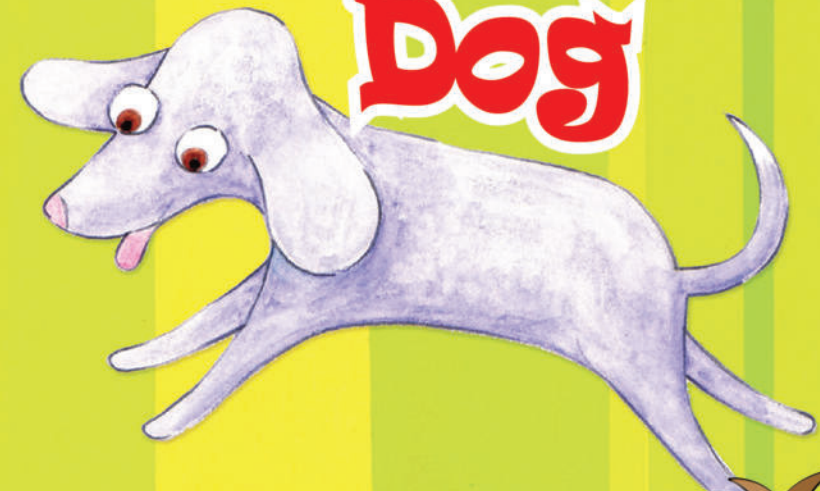
Read the following action sentences.  
Which of these activities would you like to do?

I like dancing.  
I like swimming.  
I like skipping.  
I like drawing.

I like cycling.  
I like climbing.



# The Naughty Dog



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4.03



Hai....!

What a beautiful rain....!

The duckling came out.

Won't it be nice to go to the field... to swim and play in the water?

"Will mom let me go and play in the field?", she asked herself.

"No, she won't."

"I am not going to ask her. I will go and come back fast." She thought as she walked to the field.

She's near the field.

"Hai, full of water. Strong flow too.

It will be nice to swim."

The duckling jumped into the water and swam for a long time.



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At last she got tired... her little wings got tired and tired.

She couldn't swim any more.

The flow became stronger and stronger. Her little wings grew weaker and weaker.

Suddenly she felt something touching her legs.

It was a log floating with the water. She lay holding on it for a long time.

It grew darker. She cried out:

"Mom..."

Suddenly something touched her and she turned.

"Oh Mom, are you here?"

She hugged her mother again and again and kissed her hundred times.





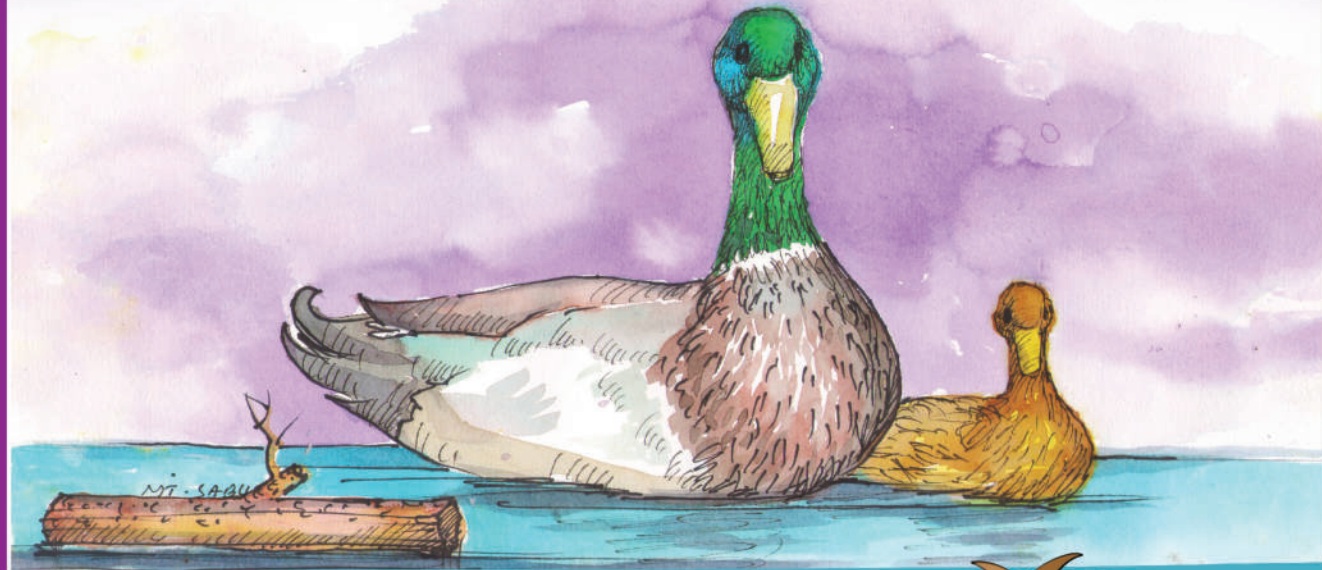


# Should we ask mom?



Let's do.

Who is hiding in the picture?  
Join the dots and find it.



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“Did someone scold you?” asked Arun. Shanti shook her head. She sat down and did not look up. She did not answer ‘Present!’ when Sona Miss called her name. Sona Miss called again, louder this time, Shanti raised her hand.

“Do you have a sore throat?” her teacher asked. Shanti shook her head. Her cheeks were red and it looked like she had a fever.

“Are you feeling okay?” Sona Miss asked. She just shook her head.



She did not look up.

“Why does Shanti look so sad?”

“Is your little brother okay?”

“Is your puppy okay?”

“Is your grandmother okay?”

Shanti kept nodding her head to each of her friends. But she did not look up.

Arun wanted to make her smile.



He had an idea! He took out something from his bag.

As he ran to

show it to Shanti, it slipped out of his hands. Shanti saw something flying towards her and she caught it.

It was a big, green, rubber frog!



Shanti's eyes flew open. She opened her mouth to laugh. Arun and her friends saw why she had not talked all day! Four of her front teeth had gone missing!

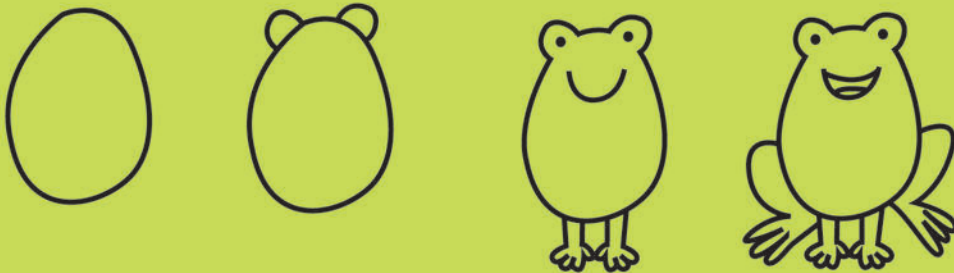
Let's do

Say Yes or No

1. Shanti and Arun were friends.
2. Arun wanted to make her cry.
3. Shanti did not smile because she had lost her teeth.

Draw a frog in your note book and colour it.

Easy Draw



# No smiles today



Shanti and Arun were good friends. They always had fun together. One day, Shanti came to the classroom slowly. She looked sad.



4.05



Jikku butterfly saw her.  
“Nice girl, she comes here every day.”  
Jikku thought.  
Jikku flew to her.  
She sat on Akku’s lap.  
They became good friends.



Mikku the frog was watching all these.  
He slowly jumped and went near to join them.

“Shall we play together?”, Mikku asked.

“Oh, sure”, Akku agreed.

Everyday they assembled in the garden.  
They played and danced together.

One day....

Akku was shocked.

There was no garden, no  
flowers and no plants.

“Who cut them all down?”

“Where is my garden?”,  
she cried and called out

“Jikku... Mikku....”

Akku waited for them for a  
long time.

But, never, never they met  
again...



Let's do

1. Who was .... ?

Akku was a .....

Jikku was a .....

Mikku was a .....

butterfly, Girl, frog, plants

2. Draw a garden in your book, colour it and show it to your teacher.



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# THE GARDEN



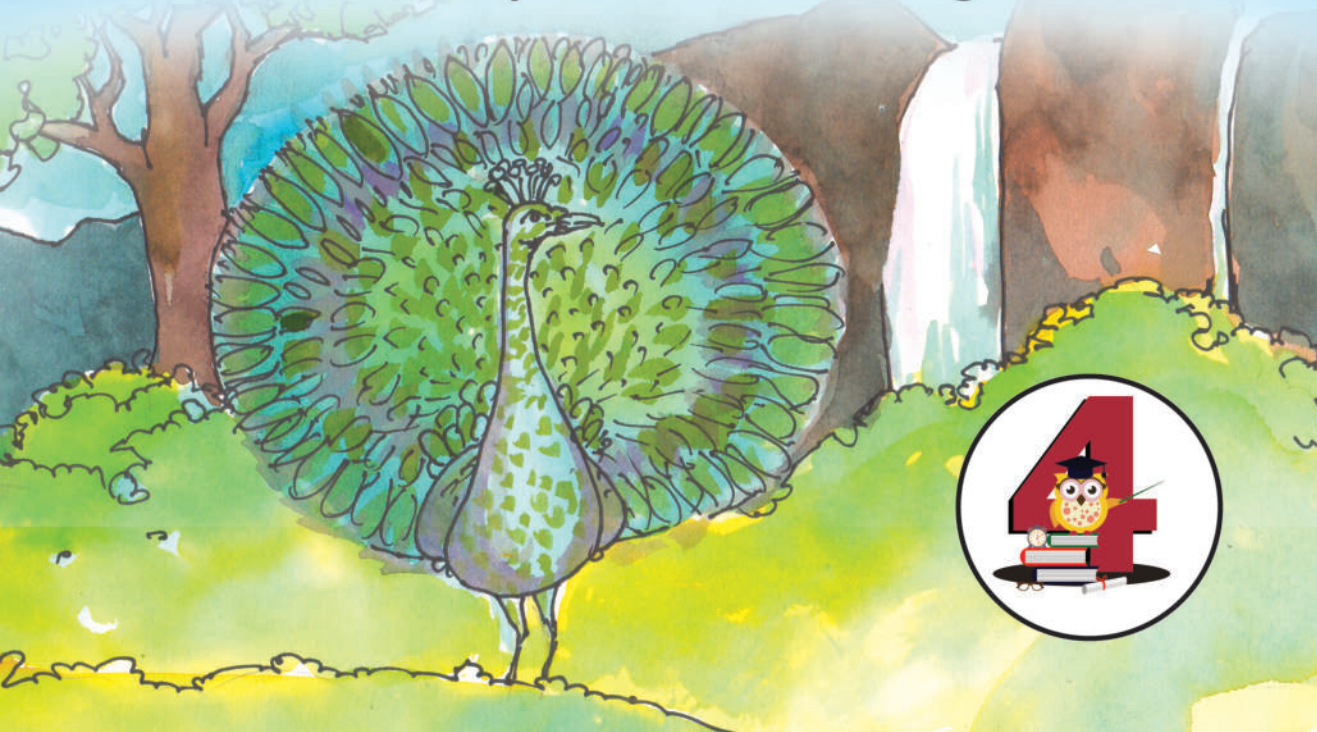
“Hai! What a lovely garden.”  
Akku liked the garden very  
much. She came to the  
garden everyday.



Kla kla kla kla  
"What is that noise ?"  
The peacocks peeped out.  
The noise of water  
rushing down from the  
hills. Water..... white as  
milk. The peacocks drank as  
much water as they wanted.  
"How cool it is!"

They spread their beautiful feathers  
and danced.  
Suddenly..... a sound .....

"What is that?... Hunters !"  
They were all frightened.  
The peacocks hid among the bushes.



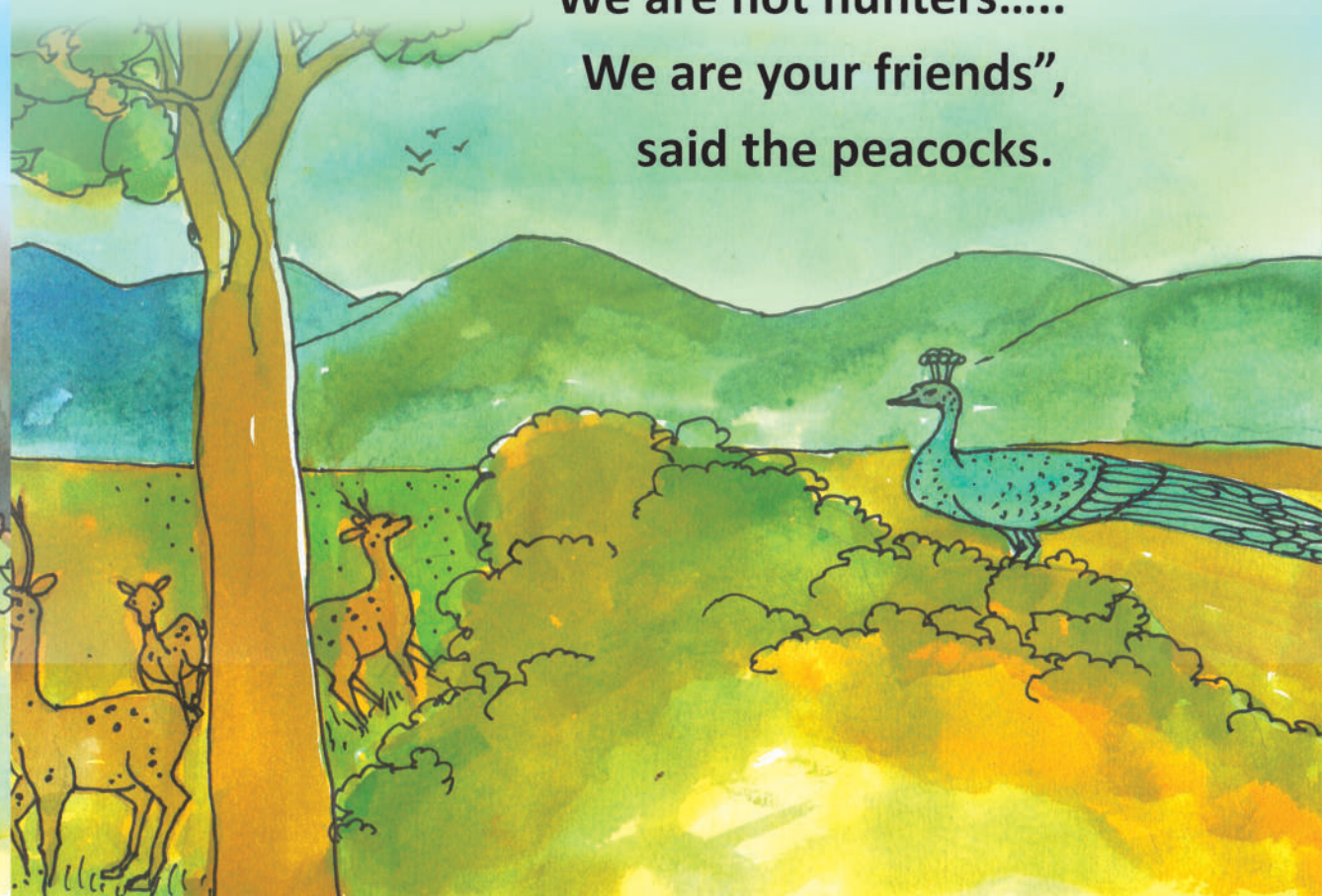
"Oh ..... nothing to worry,  
our friends, a herd of deer.  
The deer too drank water  
and jumped in joy.  
Suddenly... a sound ...  
"What is that?...Hunters!"  
The deer were frightened.  
They hid among the trees.



"What might that be?"

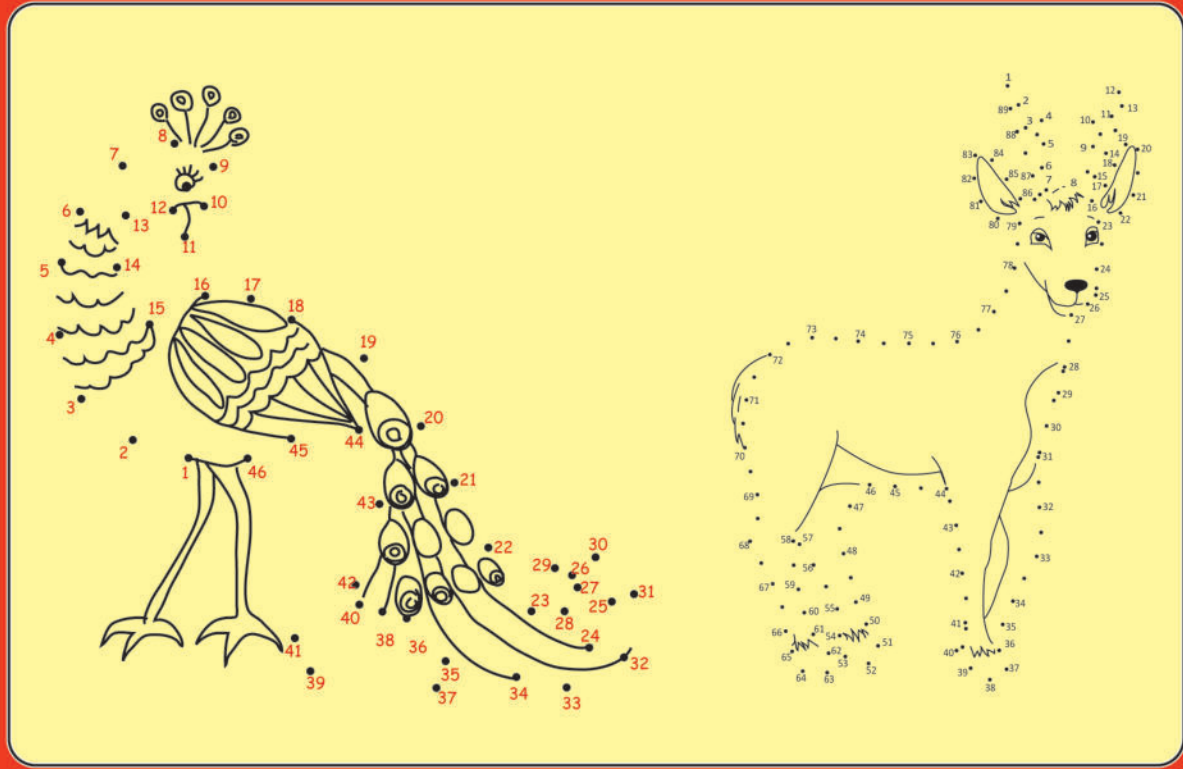
The deer looked at each other in fear.

"We are not hunters.....  
We are your friends",  
said the peacocks.



Let's do

Who are hiding in the pictures?



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4.07



Old Pappu sells caps.  
One day, he buys a donkey to carry his things.  
Now, this donkey is very lazy.  
She likes eating.  
But she doesn't like working.  
Pappu pulls at her rope.  
But she doesn't move.  
He then pushes her hard.  
She still doesn't move.

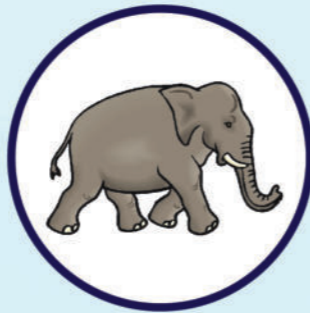
Just then a girl walks by.  
She has a basket full of carrots.  
Pappu buys a carrot and ties it to a stick.  
Then he holds out the carrot and walks.  
The donkey wants the carrot.  
She goes after the carrot.  
Pappu keeps it just in front of her.  
In this way both of them walk  
down the road.





Let's do.

1. Find out the characters in the story.




# A Lazy Donkey






When I am happy, she is happy too.




I am not happy.  
I go to sleep.




She comes out of the mirror  
in my sleep!



When I cry, she cries too.



And we have fun.  
We play and run.  
We shout and scream together.



But I cannot hear her  
voice. My friend lives  
inside the mirror.  
"Come out," I tell her,  
"we will play." She does  
not come out.



When I talk to her,  
she also talks to me.





In the morning, my friend will go  
back into the mirror.  
We will play again in my dreams!



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I have a friend.  
She lives in my house.

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"Why are you crying?" asked Fred the fat frog.

"Yes, why are you crying?" asked Fran the fancy fish.

"I'm very lonely," said Chris the crying crocodile.

"I have no friends at all."

"I tried to make friends with the men with nets," he said.

"But when I tried to say hello, they ran away!"



"And they came back with guns!"

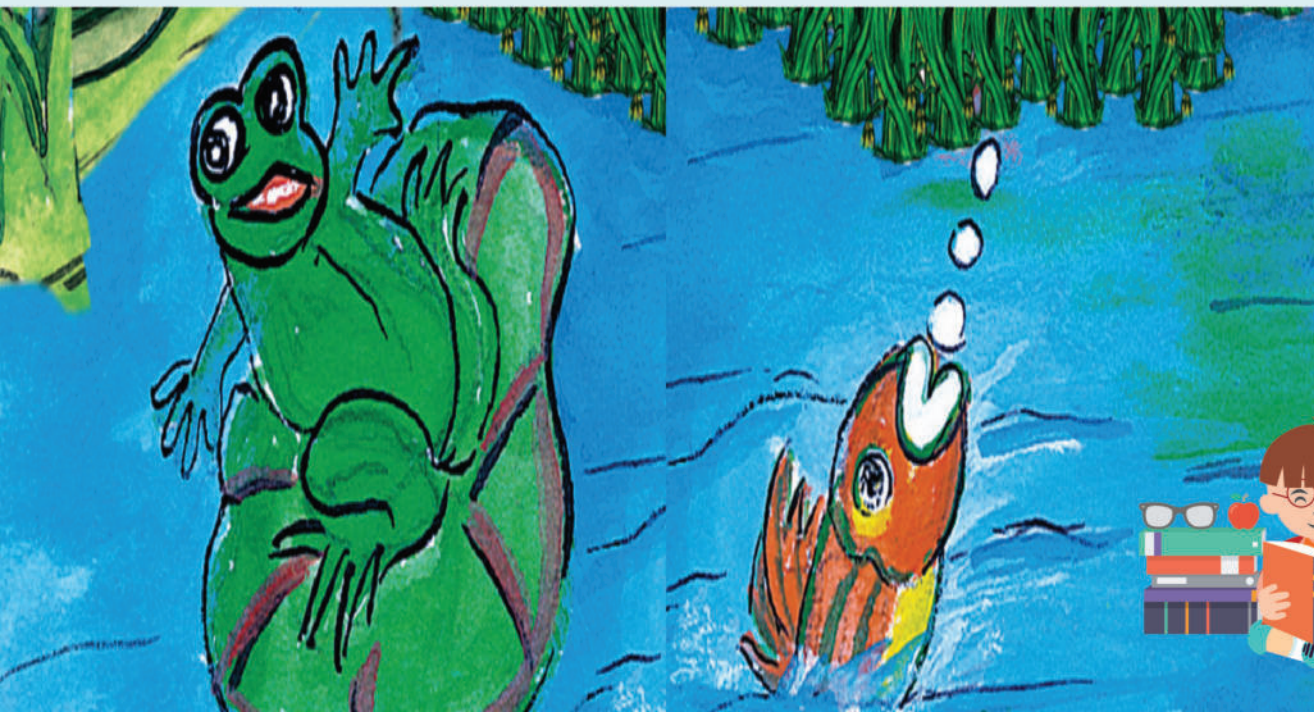
"It's ok," said Betty the butterfly.

"You can be my friend. Just promise not to eat me."

"I promise!" said Chris the crocodile.

But Betty the butterfly flew away.

So Chris the crying crocodile was even sadder than before.





But Betty the beautiful butterfly came back with all of her butterfly friends.

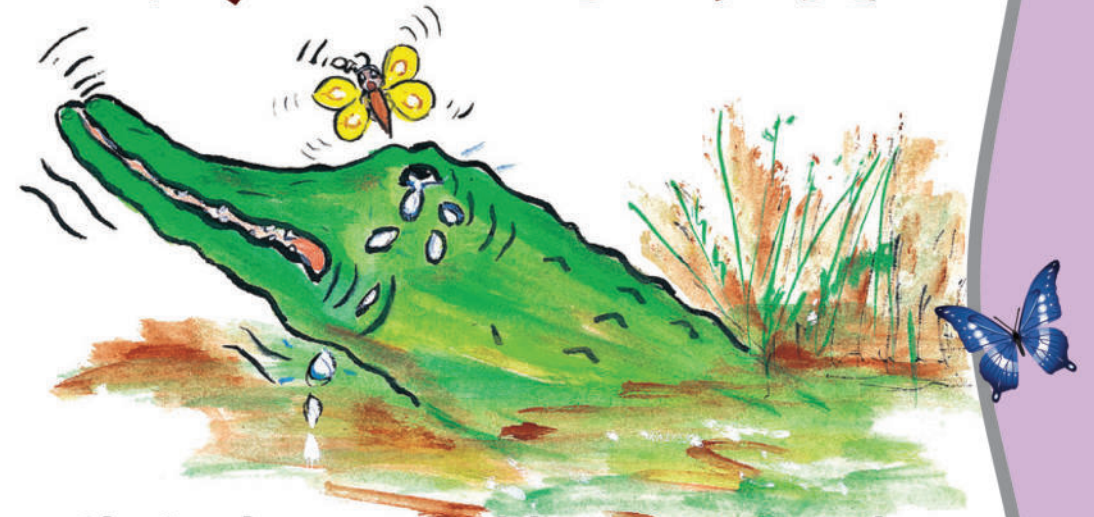
Now Chris the crying crocodile cried tears of happiness. He wasn't lonely anymore.



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# CHRIS THE CRYING CROCODILE



Chris the crocodile sat crying by the lake.

All of the other animals came to ask why he was sad.



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