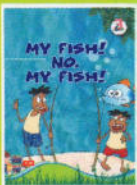
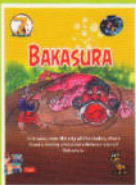


READING CARDS



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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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Ammu was fed up to hear it many times.

**Whenever she asked for anything,
her father would say,**

“We will buy it when we’ve money.”

**“Where will we get money from?”,
she asked her friend Kunjatta.**

She had an idea.

“Let’s sow a coin.

It will sprout like a plant and on it,



there will be money, like fruits”.

“We sowed a coin and watered it daily.

It didn’t sprout.”

Ammu said to her father.

A sudden burst of laughter was the reply.

They took out the coin from the soil.

Now they understood the fact.

They had no money.

Ammu didn’t complain any more.

Let's do

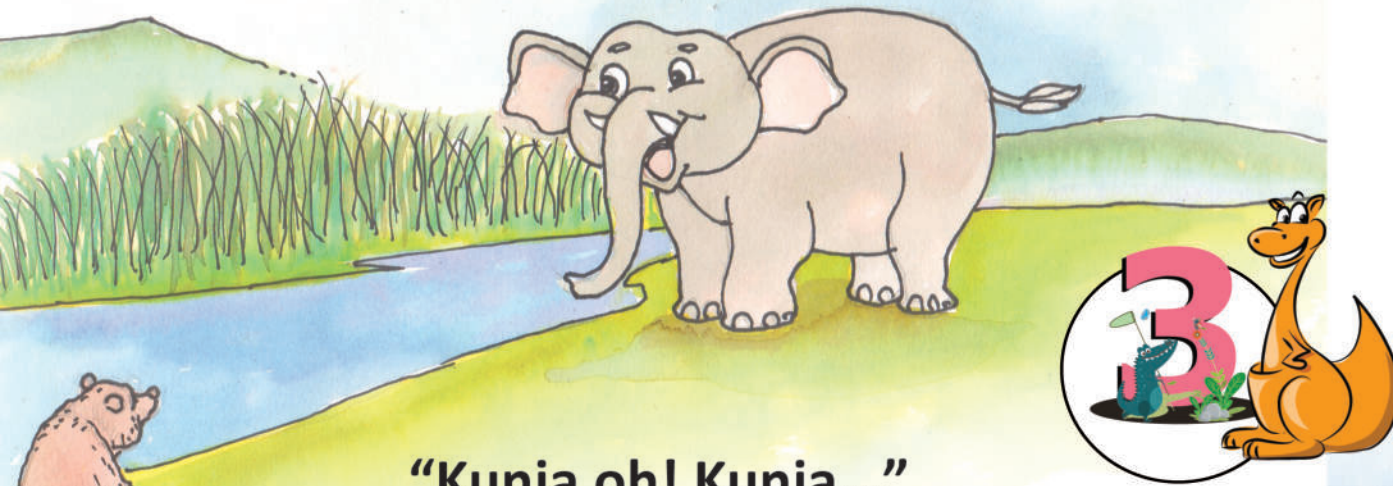
1. Pick out the answers from the brackets.
 - (a) Appu and Kunjatta were
(friends, enemies)
 - (b) Whose idea was to sow the coin?
(Appu's, Kunjatta's)
2. Imagine and draw a money tree and show it to your teacher.



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WILL A COIN SPROUT?





"Kunja oh! Kunja..."

Kittu, the elephant called out.

Kunjan bear came out.

"What happened Kittu?", Kunjan asked.

"I want sugarcane".

Kunjan bear was shocked.

**He thought, the sugarcane field is on the
otherside of the river.**

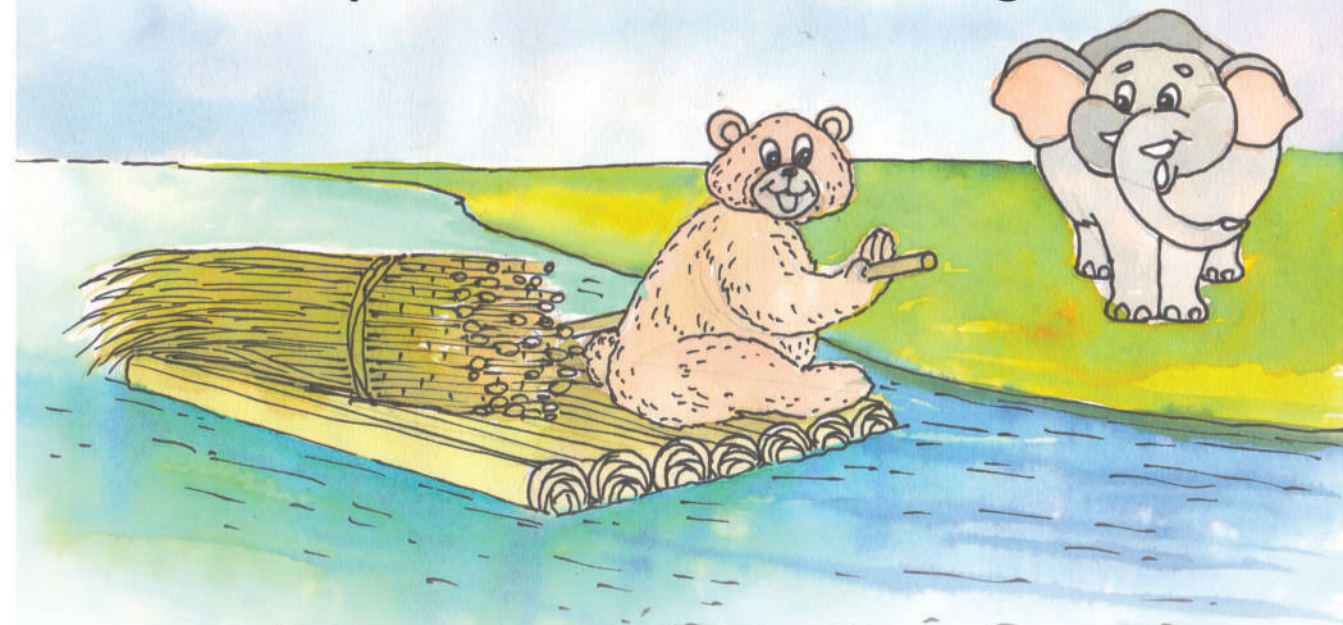
We've to cross the river to get it.

There is heavy flow in the river.



**Kittu was waiting and shaking his trunk.
Kunjan felt pity.**

**"Poor one. He likes it. He is my close
friend. Let me try". He thought.
He made a boat with plantain trunks.
He rowed to the other side of the river.
Kittu elephant waited there for sugarcane.**

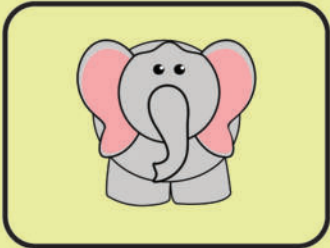


**"Why is he late?", he thought.
At last Kunjan came with a bundle of
sugarcane. Kittu ate the sugarcane.
His stomach was full.
Kunjan was happy to watch Kittu eating
the sugarcane.
"Thank you Kunja". Kittu elephant said.**

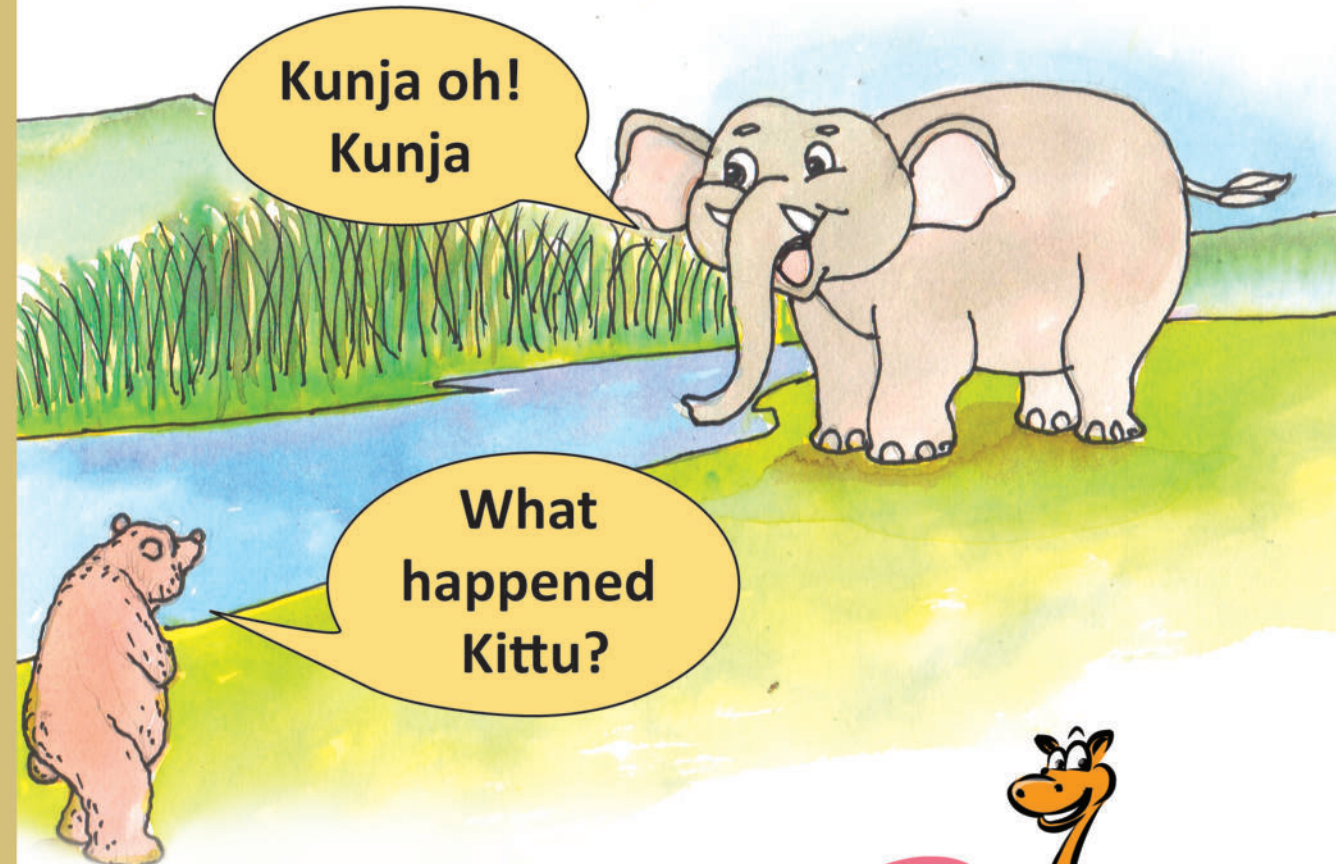
Let's do

Match the words with pictures.

1. Kittu
2. Kunjan
3. Sugarcane
4. River
5. Boat



THE SWEET SUGARCANE



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Kithu was late.
He ran to school.
Suddenly it began to rain.
He kept the slate over his head.
Tip... Tip... Tip... the rain fell.
His homework on the slate was
washed away.
He was upset.
He reached school.

The teacher
entered the class.
Kithu began to cry.
Teacher asked,
“What happened,
my dear?”
Kithu was silent.



Tears rolled down his cheeks.
He held the slate close to his heart.
“Please give me your slate, let me see.”
Kithu slowly gave his slate to her.
She dried the slate and drew a beautiful
picture on it.
It was the picture of rain.
Kithu looked at it and smiled.
All his friends burst into laughter.





Let's do

Choose the correct option.

1. Kithu was going to
 - a. market
 - b. school
 - c. playground

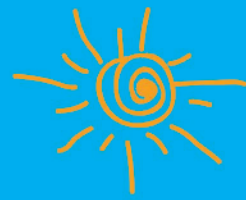
2. The teacher drew the picture of
 - a. sun
 - b. mountain
 - c. rain

3. Draw the picture of a rainy day in your notebook.

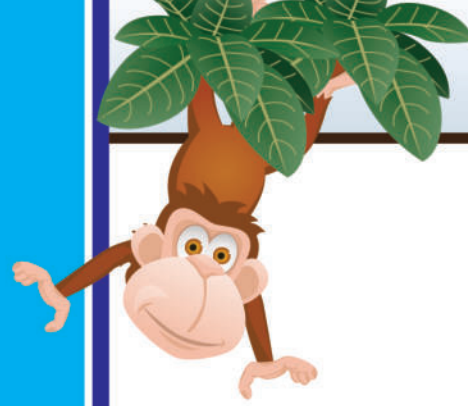


THE RAIN

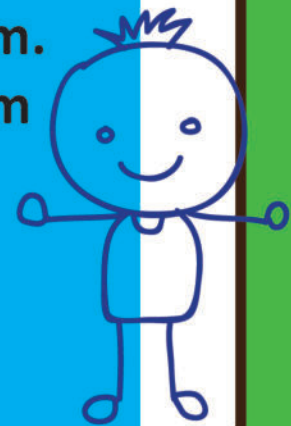
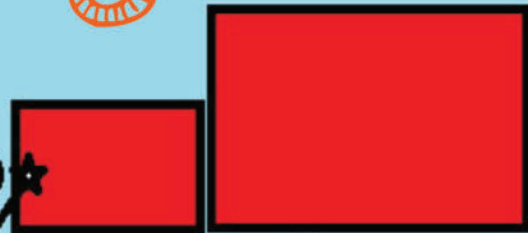
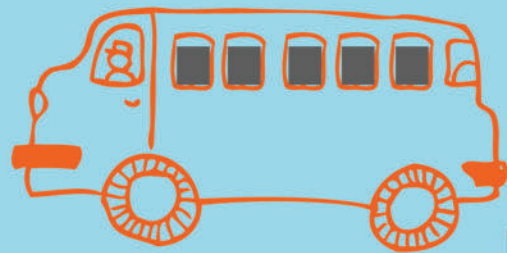




They parked the car under the tree.
Mom and dad sat near a lake to relax.
A fox came and started scratching
the window of the car.
Mom and dad saw the fox.
They were scared.



Then a forest man came from
the forest.
He gave the fox some food.
The fox ate the food and went away.
Mom and dad said thanks
to the forest man.
They returned home.
The little baby was waiting for them.
They hugged the baby and told him
the story.





Let's do

Where is the tail of the fox?



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MOM AND DAD'S PICNIC DAY

Mom and Dad went
for a picnic in the forest.
They reached the forest.





Lallu cat and Millu cat are sisters.
They had a close friend, Jillu dog.
One day, the Chithi crow came there.
She was very cunning.
She thought, "I will make the cats and
the dog enemies".
"Ha! Ha! Ha!"
She told the cats,
"Never speak to Jillu. He is wicked. He
might attack you."
The cats became scared.
They did not speak to Jillu.



Jillu was sad.
One day Chithi told Jillu,
"Don't speak to the cats. They may
attack you."
"Why did she say so?" thought Jillu.
"There is something wrong in it."
He talked to the cats about all that
happened.
"Never come here again." The cats
and the dog told her.
When Chithi knew that
her game had failed,
she flew away.

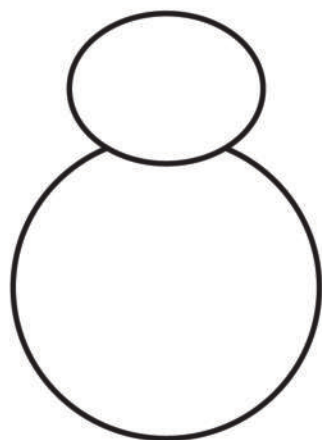




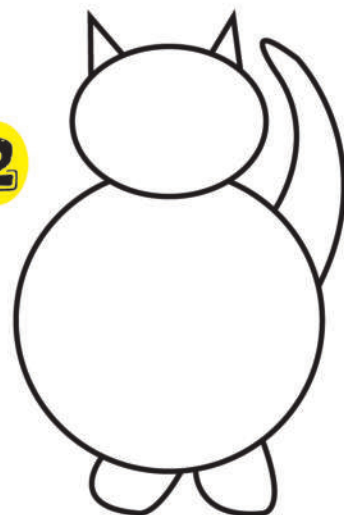
Let's do

1. Draw the pictures in your notebook and colour them.

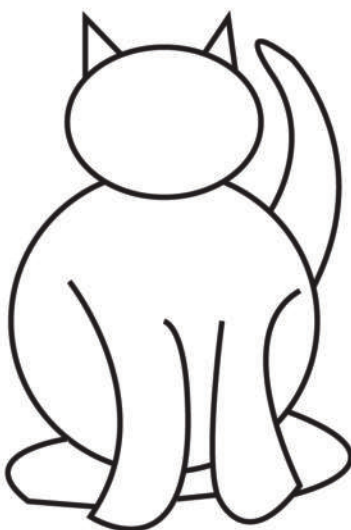
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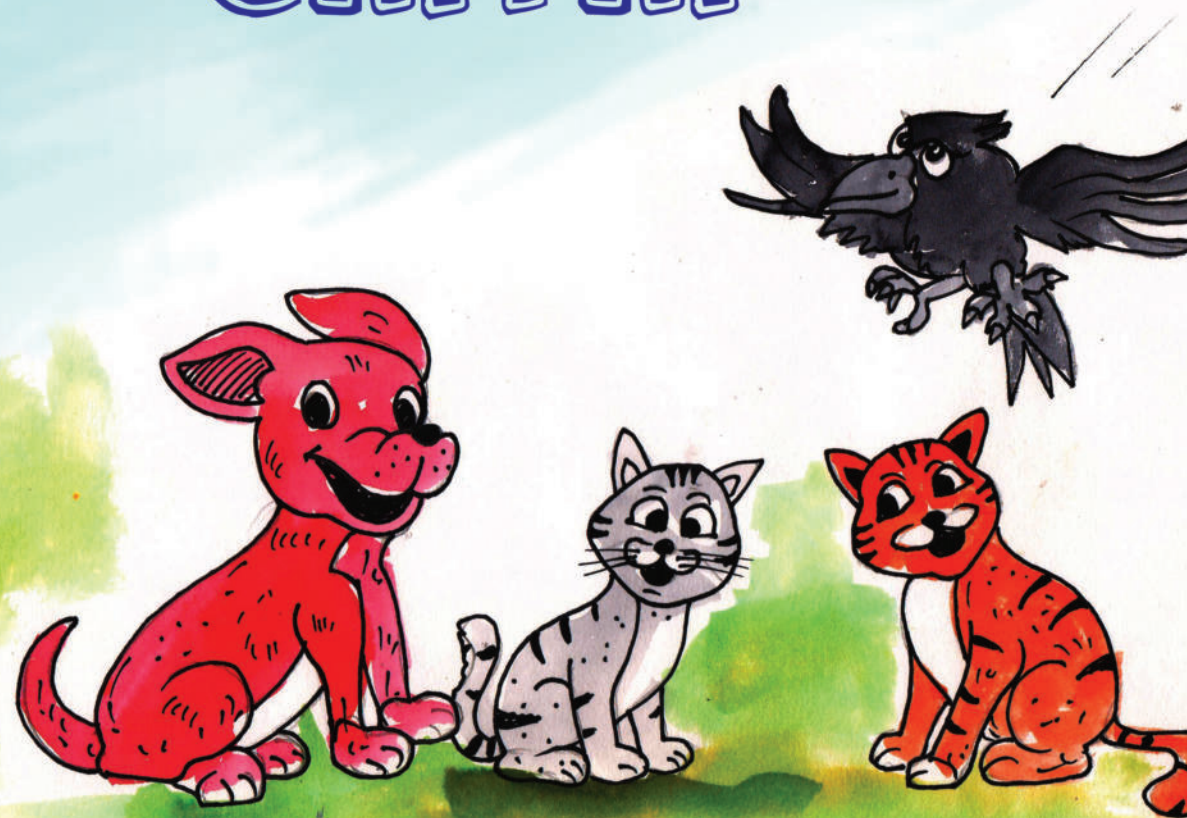
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THOUGHTS OF CHITHI



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The mother cat said.
"Go and touch that hill.
Who comes back first will win.
One, two, three..." the kittens started.
Chakki held her breath tight.
She ran as fast as she could.



"I will win with my intelligence",
Mikki thought.
She hid behind a big stone.



Mikki saw Chakki nearing her.
Mikki jumped out
and took over Chakki.
She touched her mother.
"I won, I won", Mikki shouted.
"No..... Chakki has won the game.



"I won't accept you as the winner",
Mom said.
Mikki felt ashamed of her act.

Let's do

Choose the correct option.

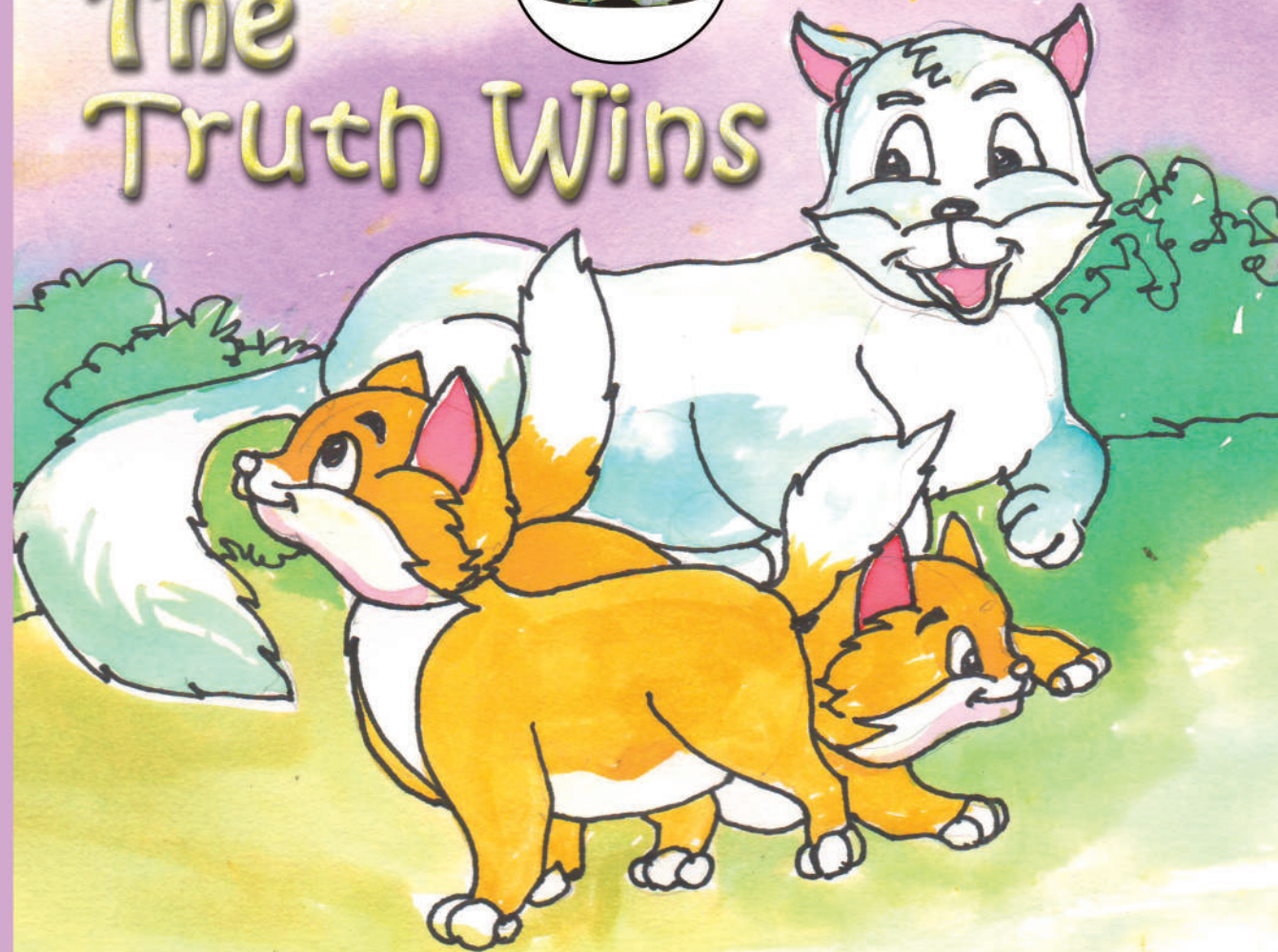
- (1) Mother cat and her kittens were....
(playing, dancing, laughing)
- (2) Chakki and Mikki were
(hens, dogs, kittens)
- (3) felt ashamed.
(Chakki, Mikki, Mother)
- (4) Mikki hid behind a
(tree, bush, stone)



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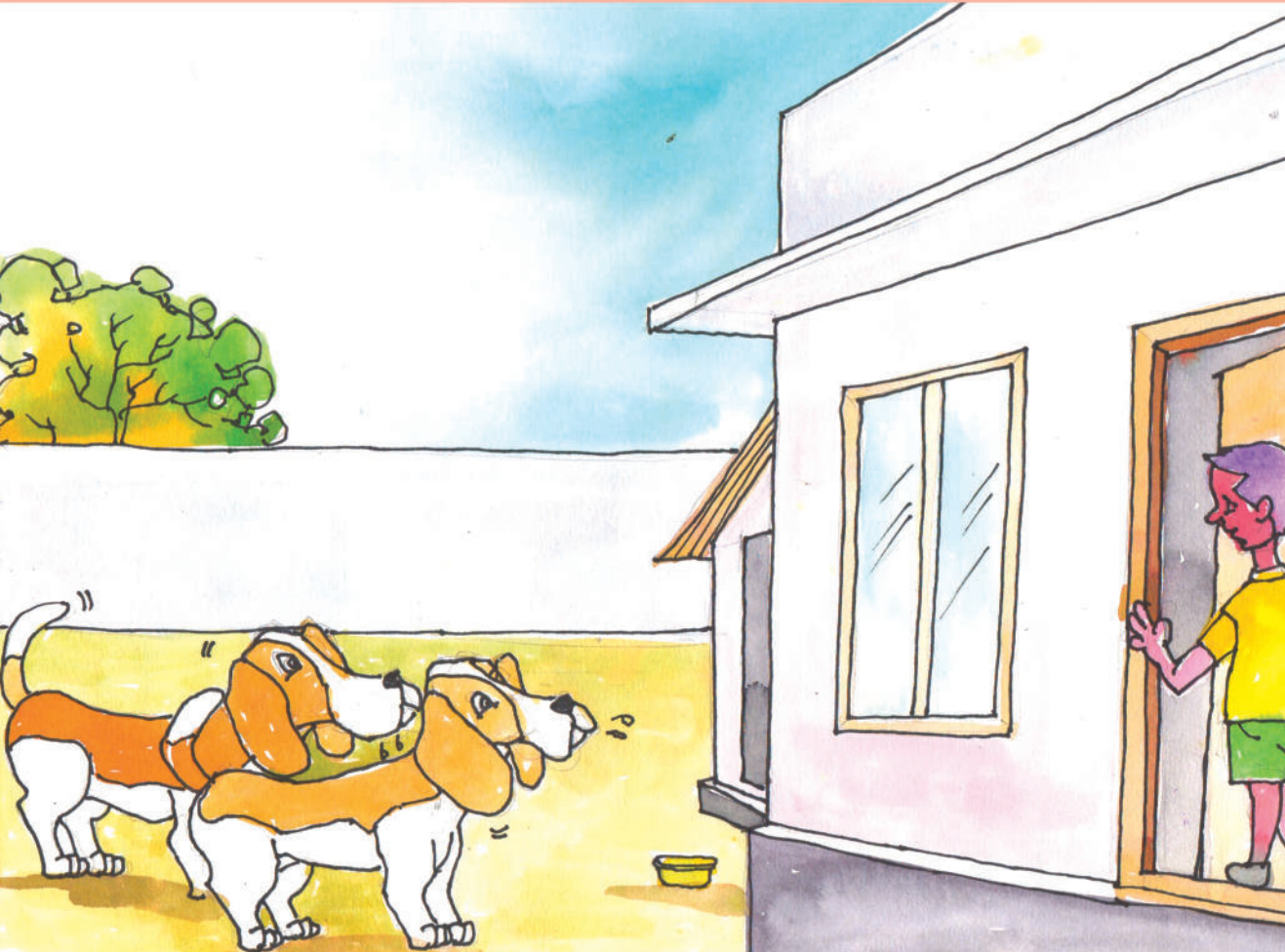
The Truth Wins



The mother cat and her kittens
started playing early in the morning.

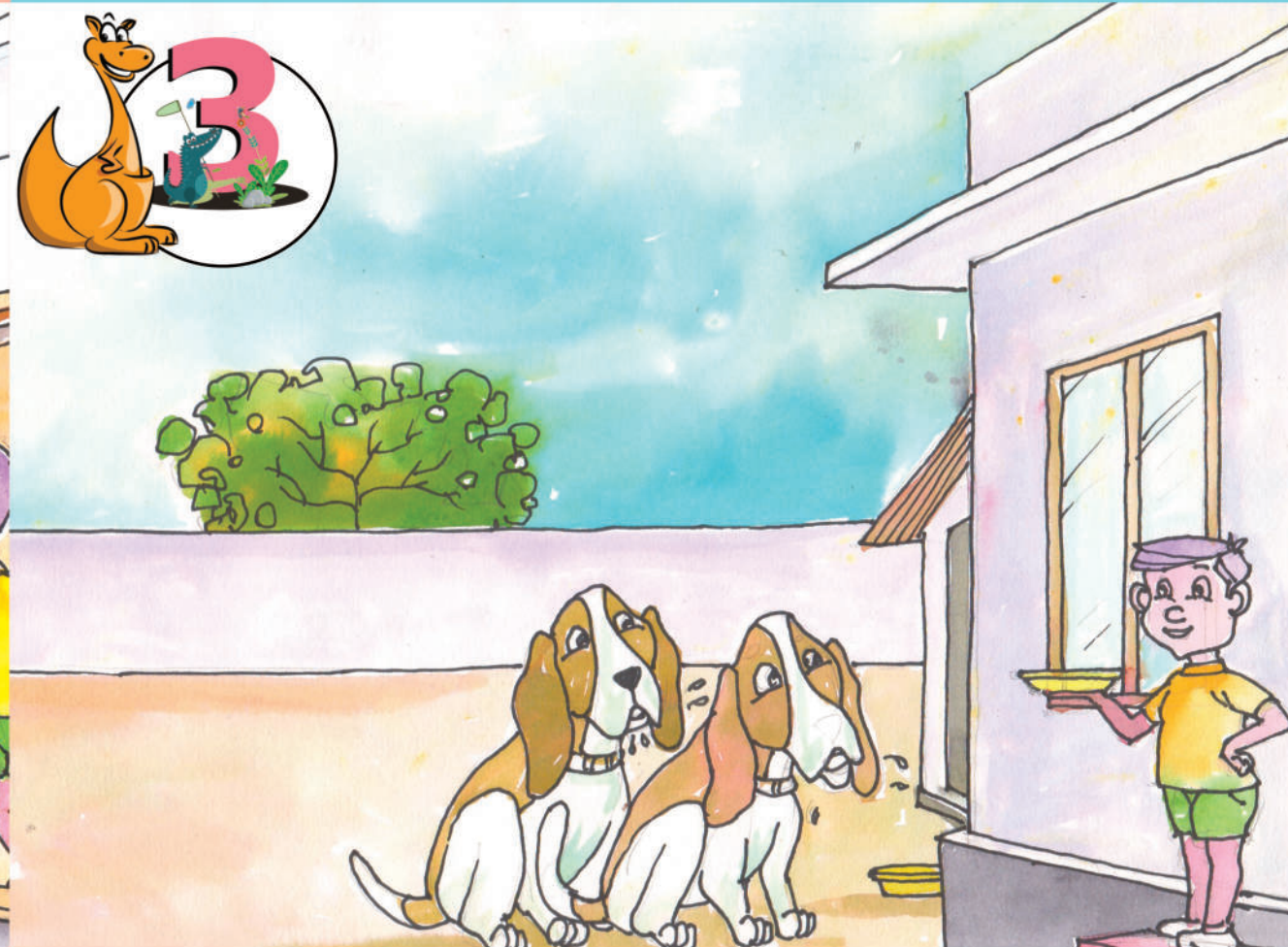


Appunni reached home. Rang the bell.
Nim, Nim, Nim.
“Nobody is here?
Where are my friends?
Where are Kittu and Kesu?”



Bow..bow... bow...
He saw both of them quarrelling.
They saw him and ran towards him.
“Bow... bow... bow... we are hungry.”
“Oho, go away both of you.

You are always quarrelling.
I won't give you anything.” He said.
They felt sad.
Appunni went inside.
“He may come back with the stick.” They thought.



Appunni came out and called. “Kittu ... Kesu..”
They came to him wagging the tails.
“Hai milk!”
They had the milk and licked Appunni.
“We should never quarrel.” They said to each other.

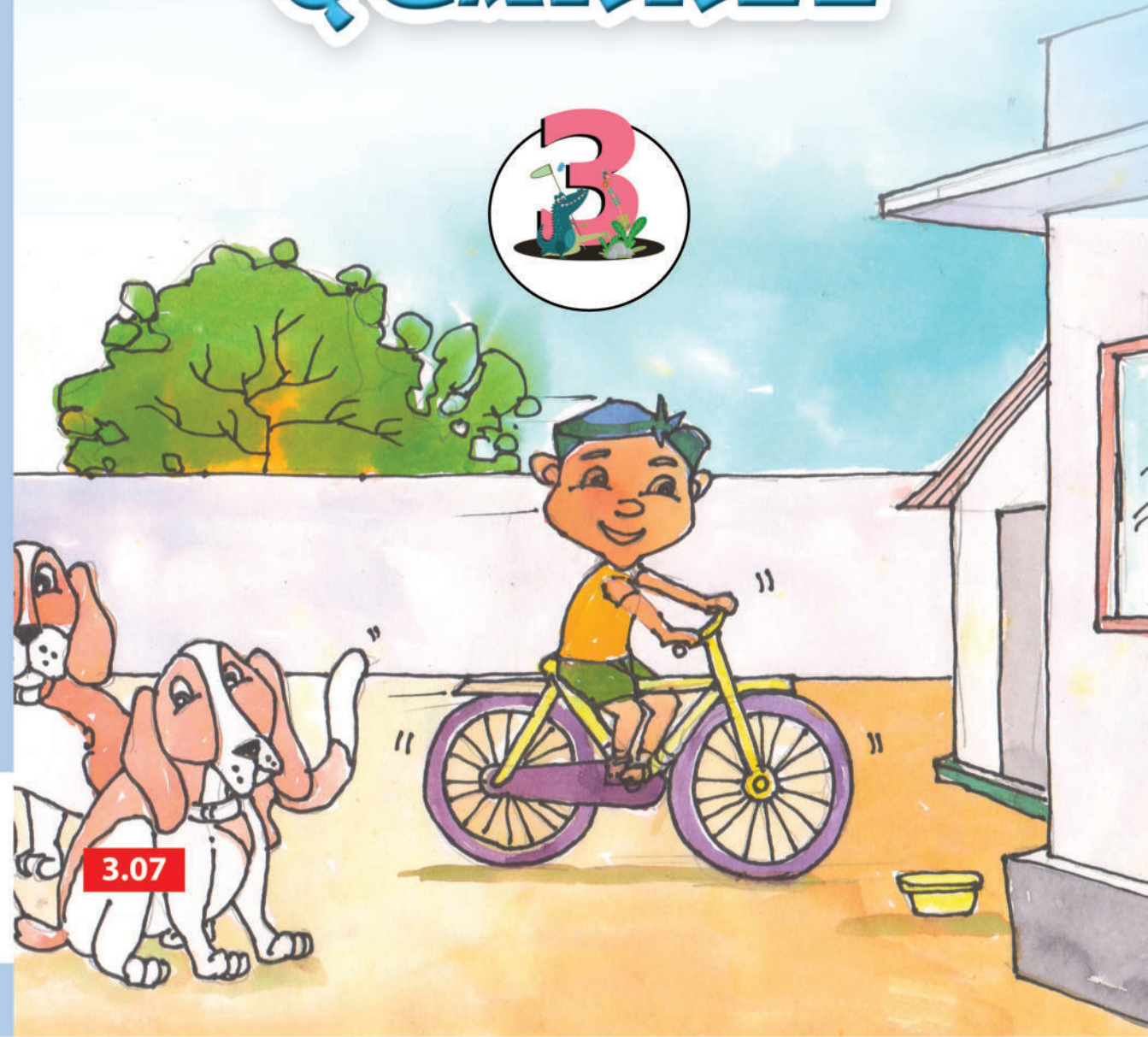
Let's do

Can you write the conversation between Appunni and his pets? Write four exchanges.



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WE WON'T QUARREL

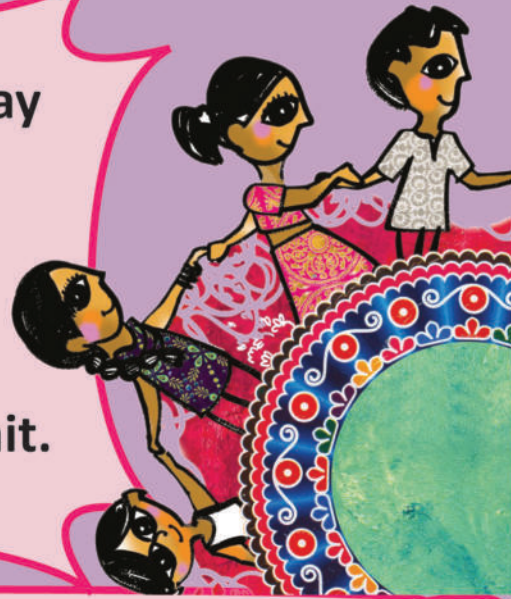


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I asked grandfather, "May I go out to play with my friends?"

"Not now, son. May be after your sleep."

But I did not want to wait.



I asked Ma, "May I wear these new clothes?"

"Not now, son, you can wear them when we go out." But I did not want to wait.

I asked Papa, "May I open that nice looking box?"

"Not now, not now. You must wait."

But I did not want to wait any more.



Why do big people always say,
"Not now, not now?"
That night, I went to sleep feeling angry.



The next day, I woke up early and went to the kitchen. Grandmother said, "You can eat these laddoos now."

Grandfather said, "We can play cricket now."
Ma said, "You can wear these clothes now."
Papa said, "You can open this box now."
And they all said,
"Happy birthday!"



Let's do

Complete the sentences from the story using the picture clues.

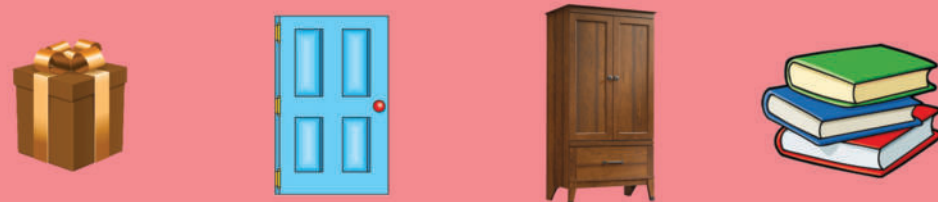
a) May I please have some



b) May I wear this new



c) May I open that nice looking



2. Draw a birthday cake in your note book and colour it.

NOT NOW, NOT NOW!



I asked grandmother,
“May I please have some
laddoos?”
“Not now, son, may be
tomorrow.”
But I did not want to wait till
tomorrow.



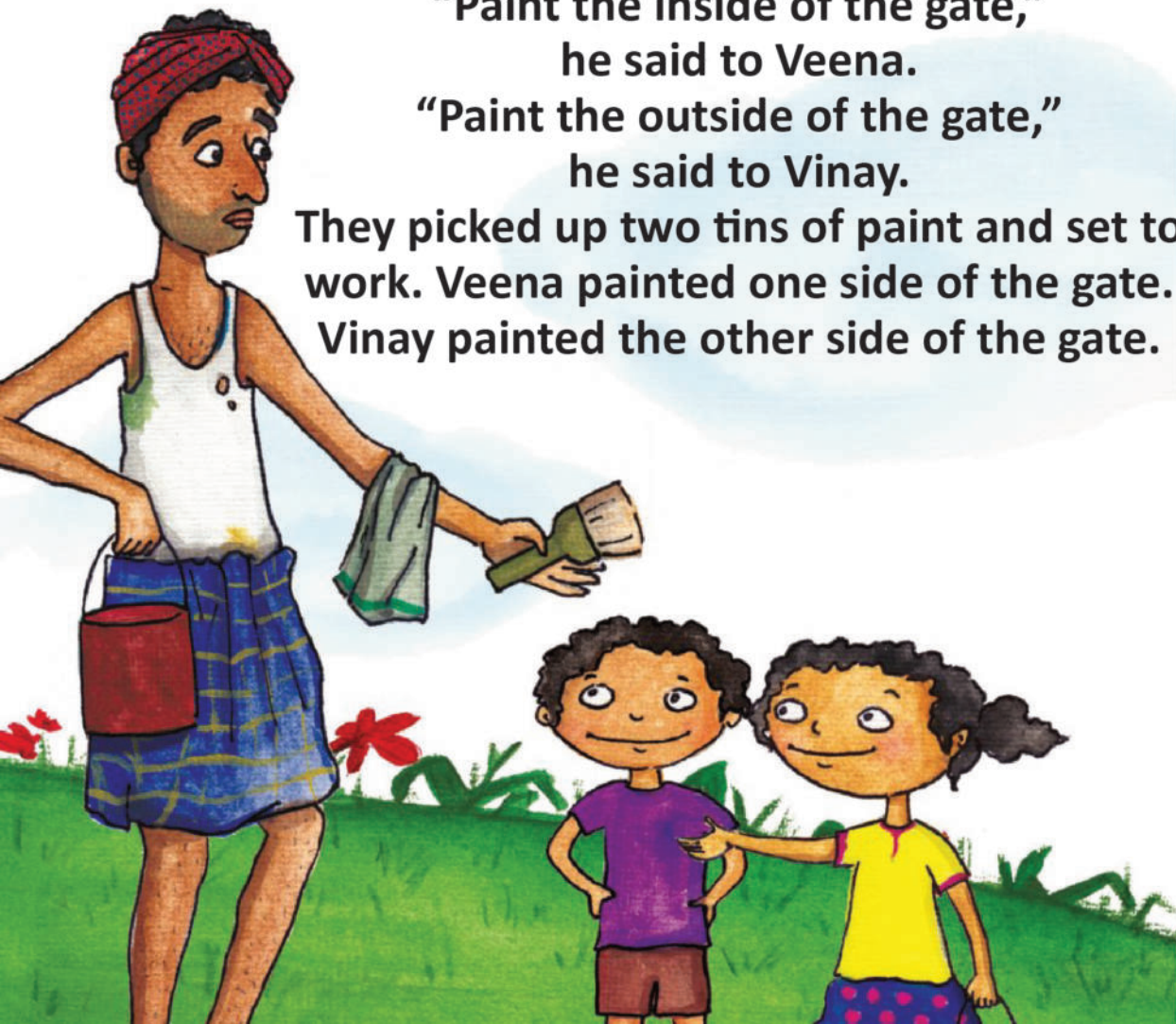
There was white paint, red paint, green paint, blue paint and yellow paint. The painters were busy. One painter was on a ladder. Another was hanging from the roof on a swing. "Can we help?", asked Veena and Vinay.

The painter gave each of them a brush.

"Paint the inside of the gate," he said to Veena.

"Paint the outside of the gate," he said to Vinay.

They picked up two tins of paint and set to work. Veena painted one side of the gate. Vinay painted the other side of the gate.



The paint fell on the ground.

The paint fell on the wall.

The paint fell on them.

At last they finished.

They wiped off the paint that had splashed on the wall and ground.

They wiped off the paint that had splashed on them.

"I love my red gate!", said Veena.

"I love my green gate!", said Vinay.

"Oh, you have made a two-coloured gate!", cried the Mother.





Let's do

1. Veena and Vijay were in the _____.
2. The painter gave each of them a _____.
3. The _____ fell on the ground.

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It was a holiday. Veena and Vinay were in the garden. There were tins of paint everywhere.





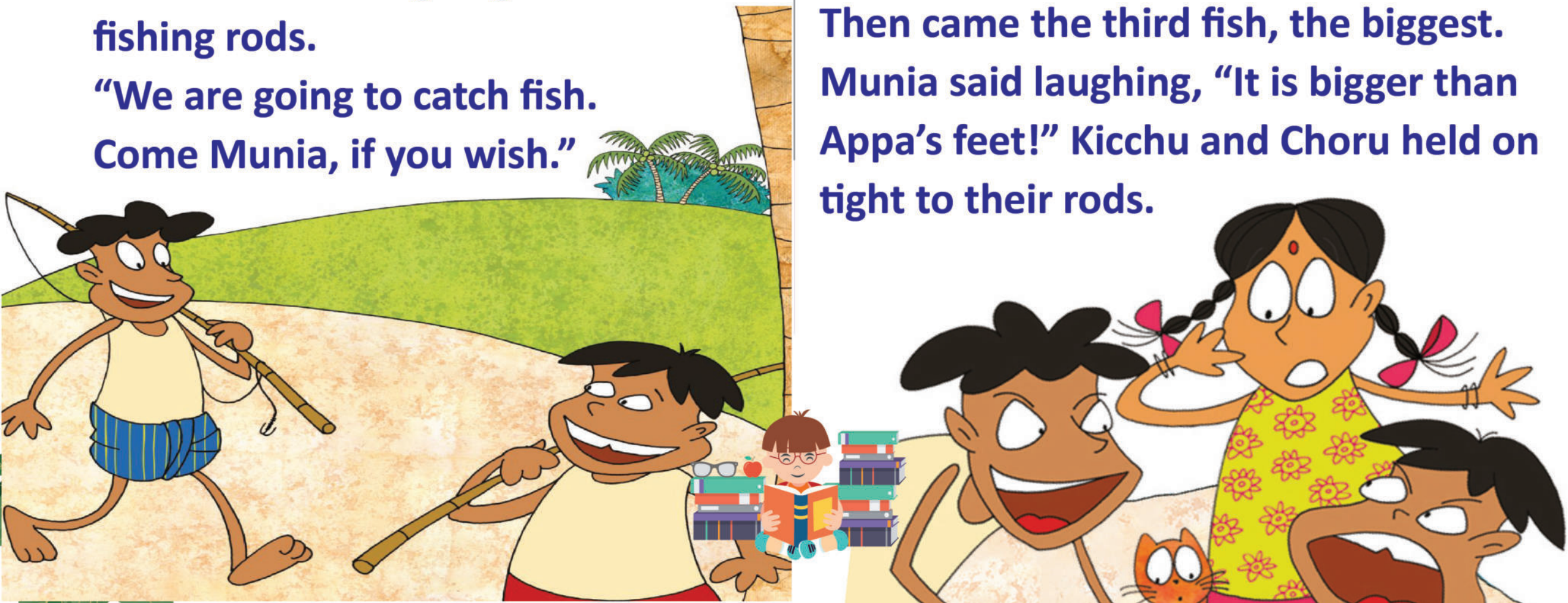
Kicchu woke up early one morning. "It is time to catch some fish," he said yawning.

He met Choru on the way to the pond. They were best friends. Munia saw them going with their fishing rods.

"We are going to catch fish. Come Munia, if you wish."

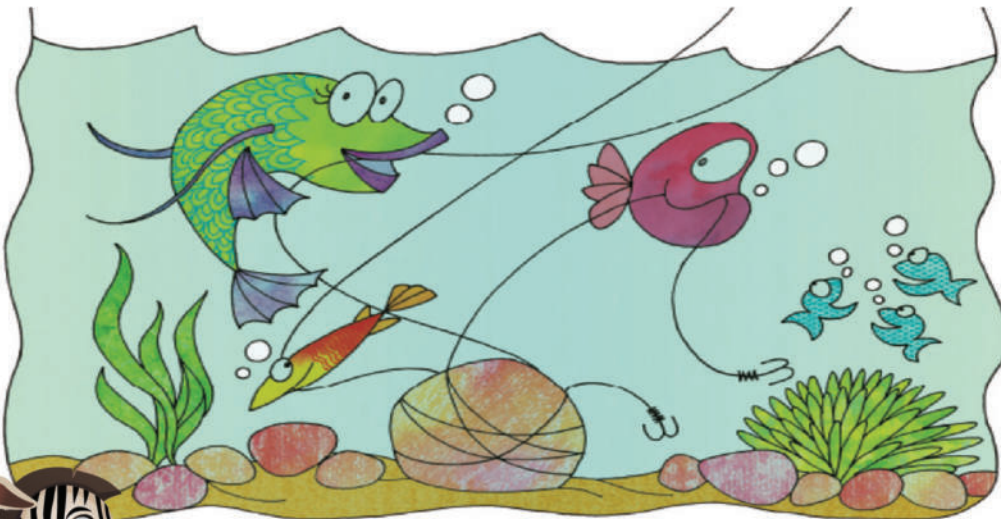
"Please don't do that," Munia said, "Without water, the fish will die."

They did not listen to Munia. They went to the pond. Kicchu and Choru sat waiting by the pond. Two fish swam across, one thin and another round. Then came the third fish, the biggest. Munia said laughing, "It is bigger than Appa's feet!" Kicchu and Choru held on tight to their rods.





Kicchu screamed, "MY FISH!"
Choru also screamed,
"NO... MY FISH!" Kicchu pulled hard...
Choru pulled harder...
PHAAATTT! Both the rods broke.
THUDDD! Kicchu fell to the ground.
SSSPPLAASH!
Choru fell into the water.
What happened?
The fish had tied up
both the strings!



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MY FISH! NO, MY FISH!



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