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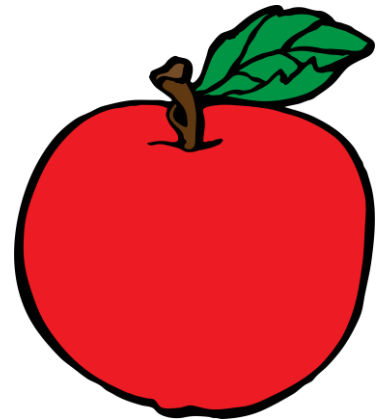
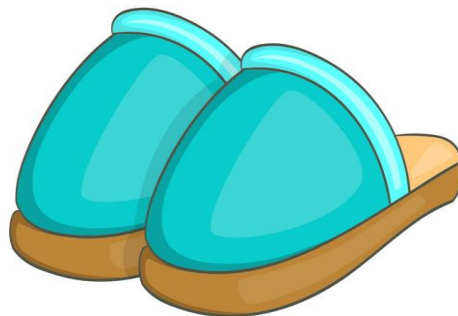
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When the grumpy boy woke up, he was really grumpy. "I'm going to be grumpy all day today," he thought to himself.



The grumpy boy got up out of bed, had a shower, shampooed his hair and put his slippers on. Then, he had some breakfast. He had some tomatoes and he still felt very grumpy.



Just as he had finished his **tomatoes**, there was a knock on his door. The **grumpy** boy opened the door and saw a **puppy** on his doorstep. “What do you want?” asked the **grumpy** boy. “I just wondered if you wanted to come and play?” said the **puppy**. “Definitely not, I’m far too **grumpy!**” said the **grumpy** boy.



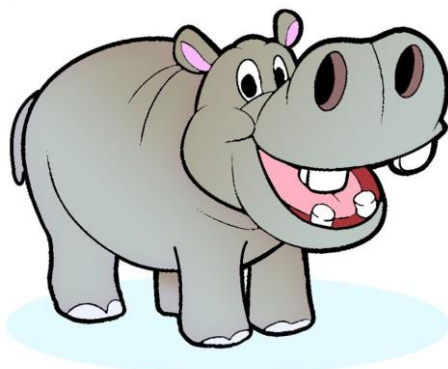
Just as the **grumpy** boy sat back down, there was another knock on his door. The **grumpy** boy opened the door and saw a lot of **people** on his doorstep.



“What do you want?” asked the **grumpy** boy. “We wondered if you wanted to come and sing with us in our choir?” said the **people**. “Definitely not, I’m far too **grumpy**!” said the **grumpy** boy.



The **grumpy** boy went back into his house and as soon as he sat down, there was another knock on the door. The **grumpy** boy opened the door and saw a **hippo** on his doorstep. “What do you want?” asked the **grumpy** boy. “I just wondered if you wanted to come to the shops with me?” asked the **hippo**. “Definitely not, I’m far too **grumpy**!” said the **grumpy** boy.



“Why is your face so smiley?” he said to the hippo. “Because I’m happy!” said the hippo. “Well, I’m not happy, I’m grumpy!” said the grumpy boy and he closed the door.



As the grumpy boy sat down, he wondered what it would be like to be happy. “Being happy is probably better than being grumpy,” he thought to himself.



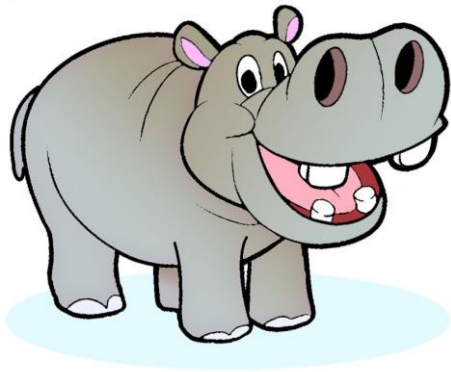
Then, the **grumpy** boy tried to smile. “This is a bit strange,” he thought. But, the more that he tried to smile, the better at smiling he got. “I quite like smiling now. It makes me feel **happy**,” he thought to himself.



Then, the boy started to feel very **happy**. Maybe I will go and find **hippo** and go to the shops with him,” he thought.



He found **hippo** on the way to the shops and said sorry for being so **grumpy**.  
“Wow, your face is so **happy** now. It’s almost as **happy** as mine,” said the **hippo**.



“I do have lots to be **happy** about,” said the boy and from then on, he wasn’t **grumpy** any more.



The end.