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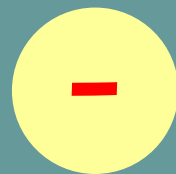
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Practice Book (no new letters)

# Alphabetti Book #5

## Sam The Seal

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### Acknowledgments

For my beautiful daughter, Alysa, who  
taught me grace.

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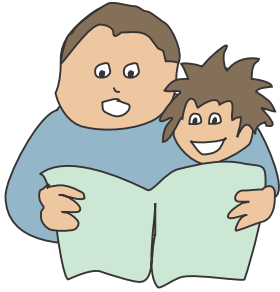
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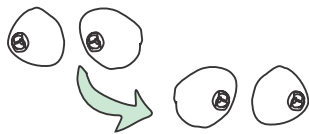
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## Quick Start Guide



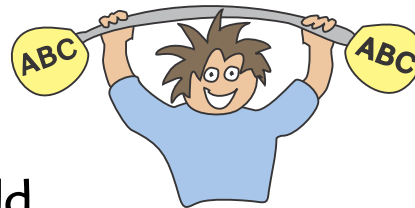
Read the book **WITH** your child. You read the “regular” text, and he/she reads the big, red words, sort of like reading the different parts in a play.

Help your child sound out the words as needed.

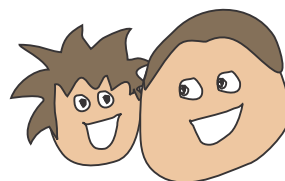


Read the book several times. This helps develop the eye muscles and left-to-right reading patterns.

Don't rush it. Body-builders don't train in a day – neither does a child.

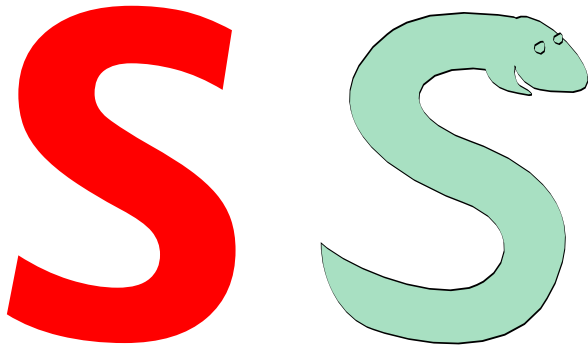


And most important of all, **HAVE FUN!**



# Lesson 1

Let's practice the letter 's' –



six silly socks

sing a sad song



# Lesson 1

Here are two words we can make with the letter 's' – can you read them?

sam

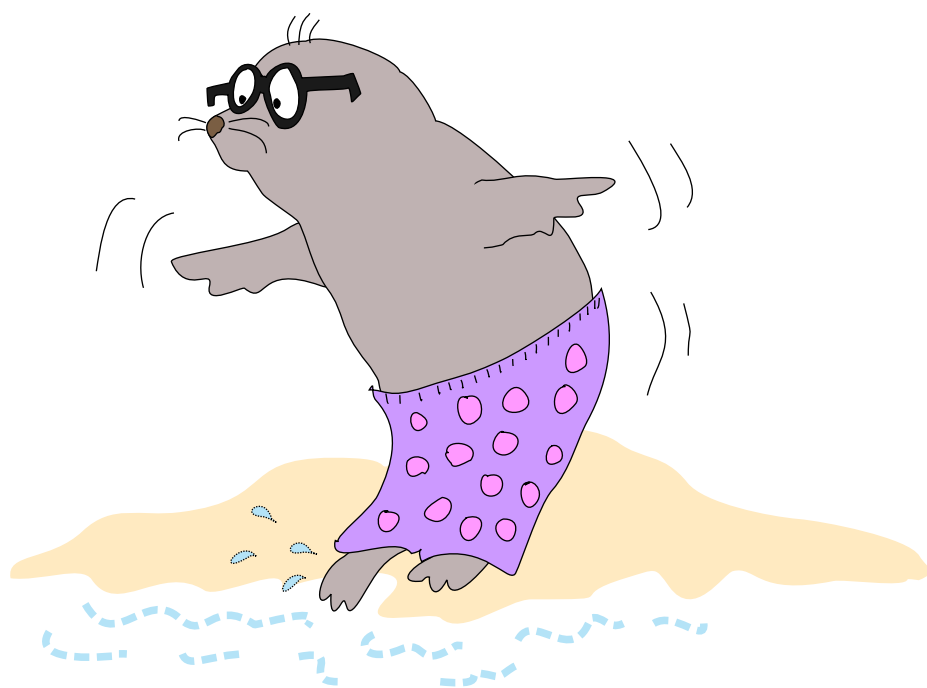
sat

Good! Let's start the story...



**sam** the seal

lived by the sea.



But he never went  
swimming, no siree.

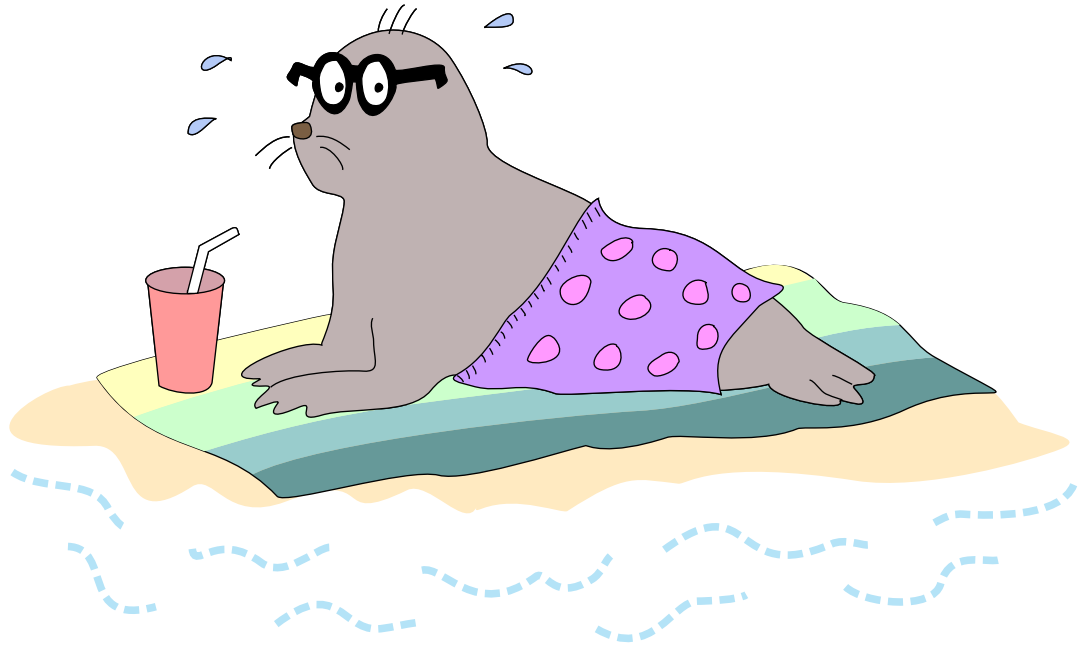
“No siree” is a silly way of saying, “No, sir.”



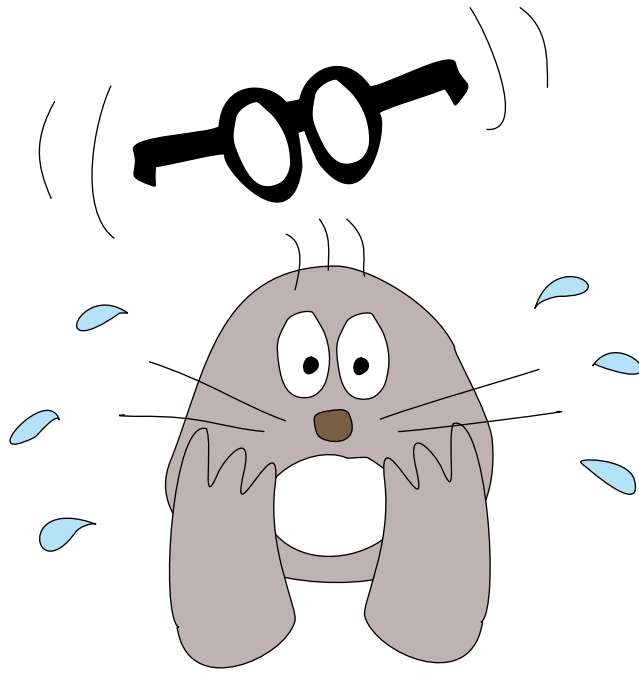


“Water is wet,” said  
**sam** with a sigh.

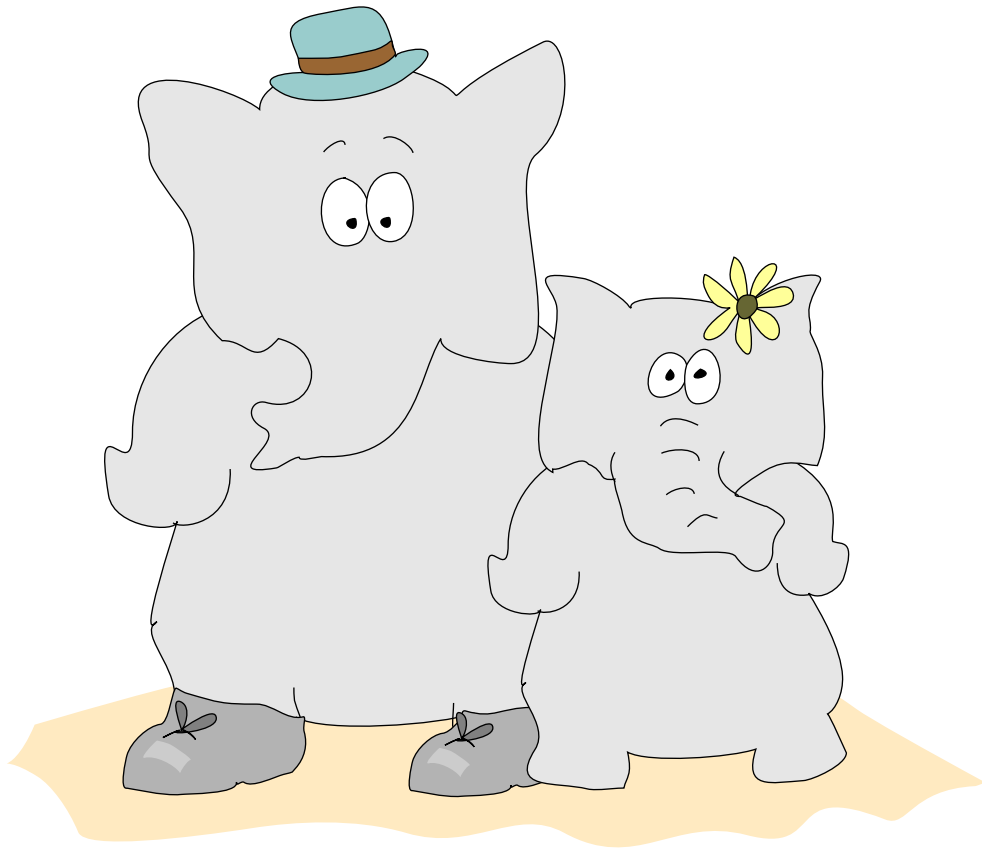
“I like myself better  
when I **am** dry.”



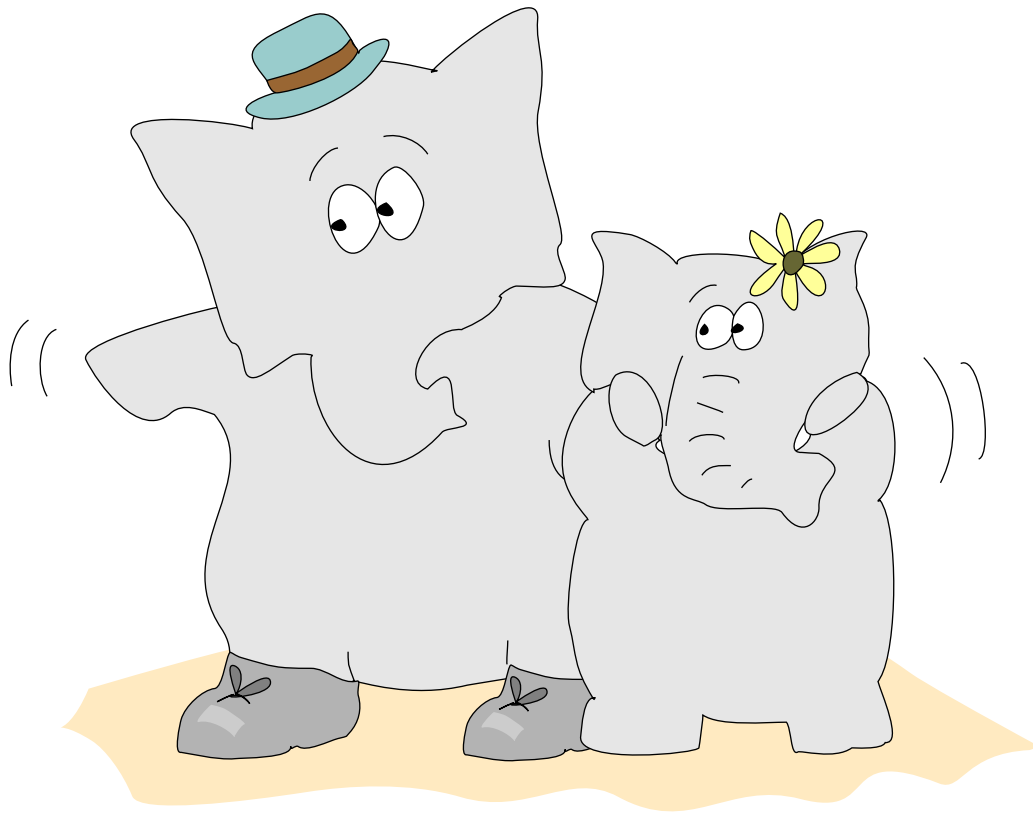
But **sam** had a  
secret: **sam** couldn't  
swim, so he **sat** in the  
sand and never went in.



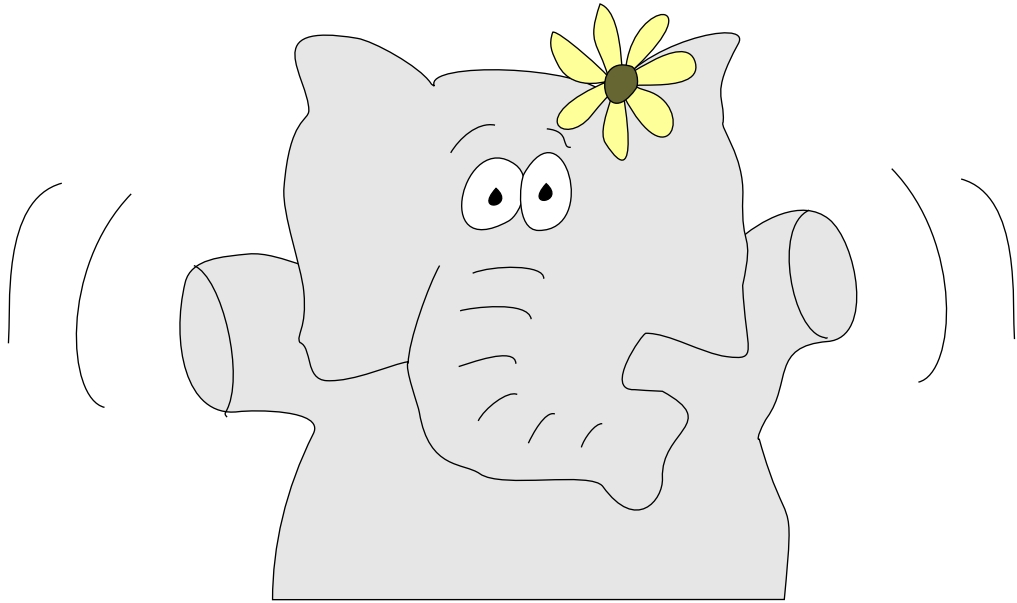
But there were two  
things more scary  
than water..



**Ed the Elephant  
and his daughter.**



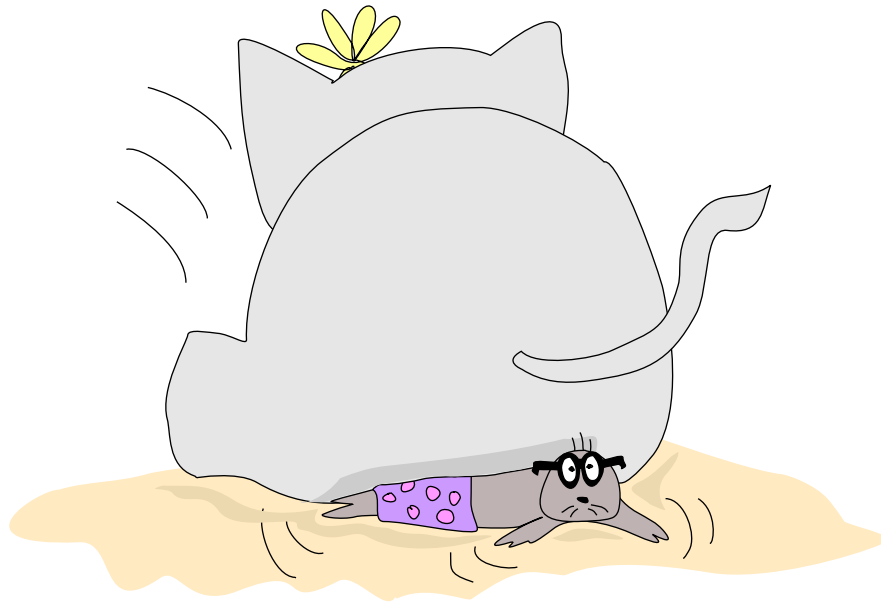
“Ella,” said Ed, “say  
hello to **sam**.”



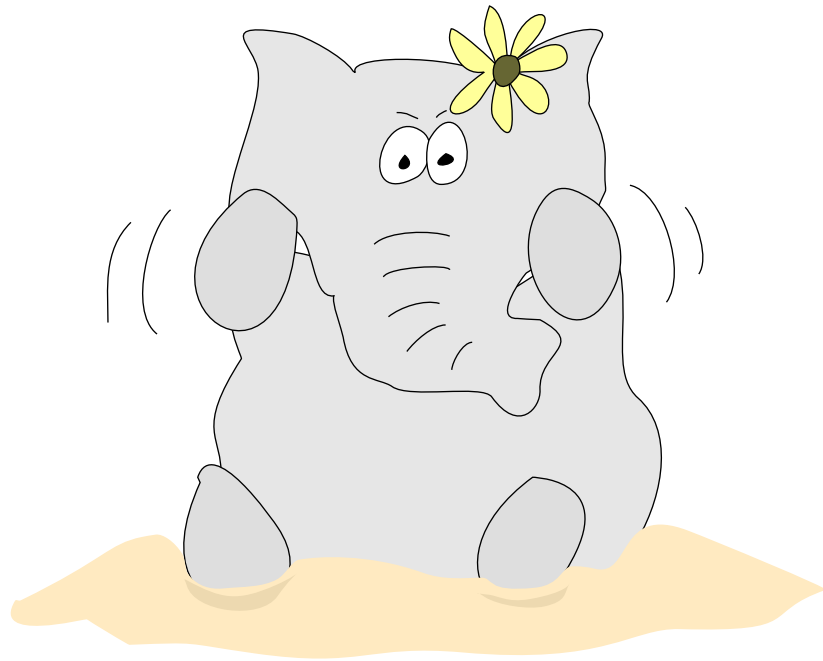
“Where?” she squealed.

“Oh, where is my

**sam?**”



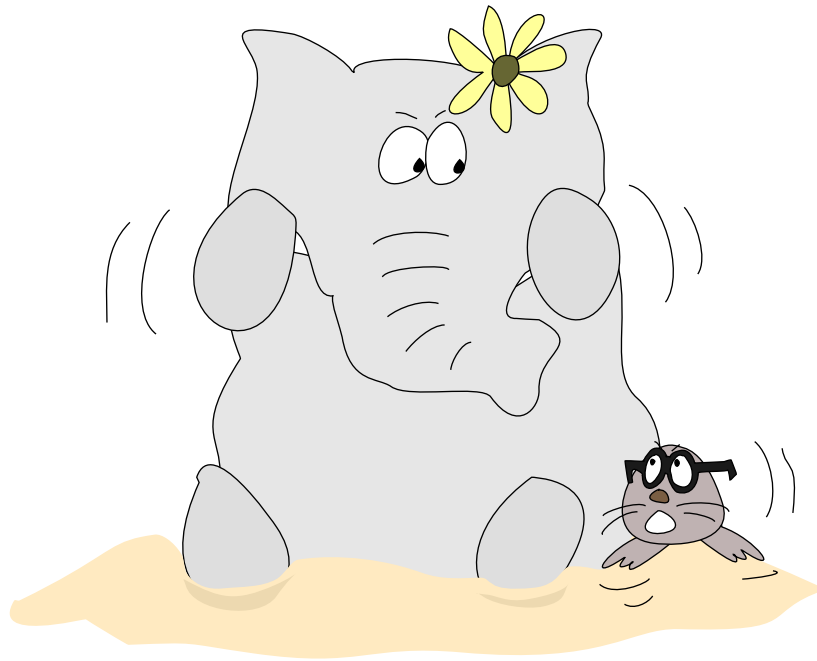
Then she **sat** on **sam**  
– by mistake of course –  
she must not have seen  
his pink-purple shorts.



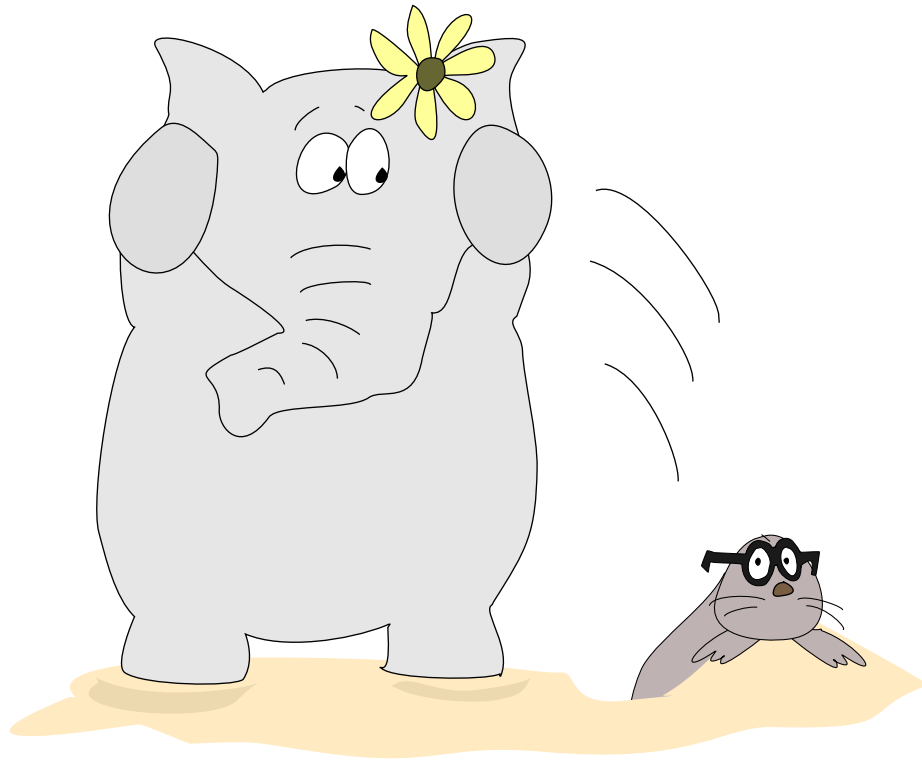
“**dad**, where did **sam**  
go?” Ella said with a whine.

“**sam** always runs off –  
well, maybe next time.”

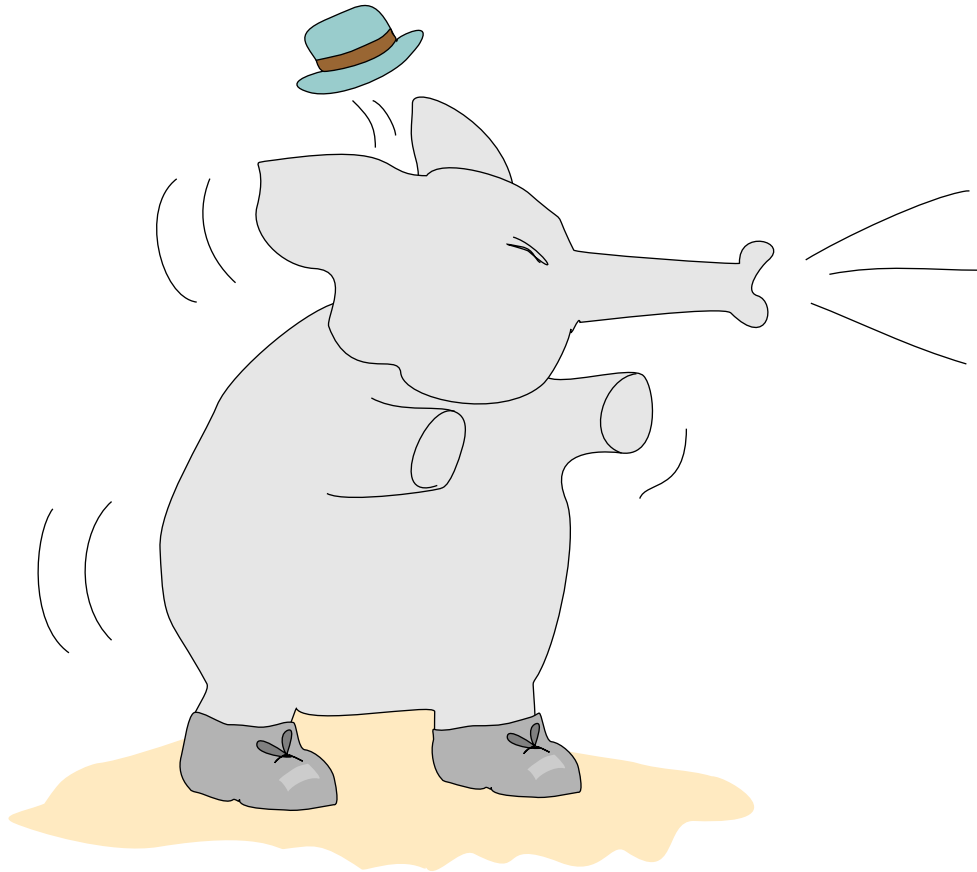




“I **am** here!” said  
**Sam**. “Get off!  
I **am** stuck!”



Lucky for **Sam**,  
Ella stood up.



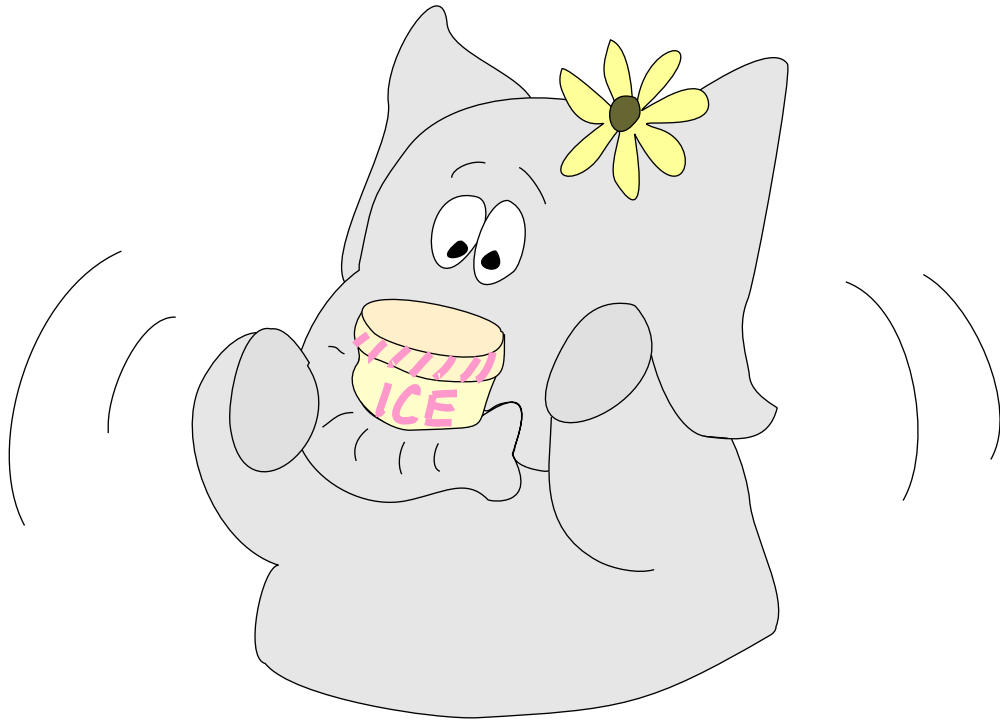
**“Achooo!” Ed sneezed  
through his snozzly snout.  
He did not know he should  
cover his mouth.**

Snozzly – silly way of saying “snuzzle,” which is a silly word for “nose” – especially a big nose.

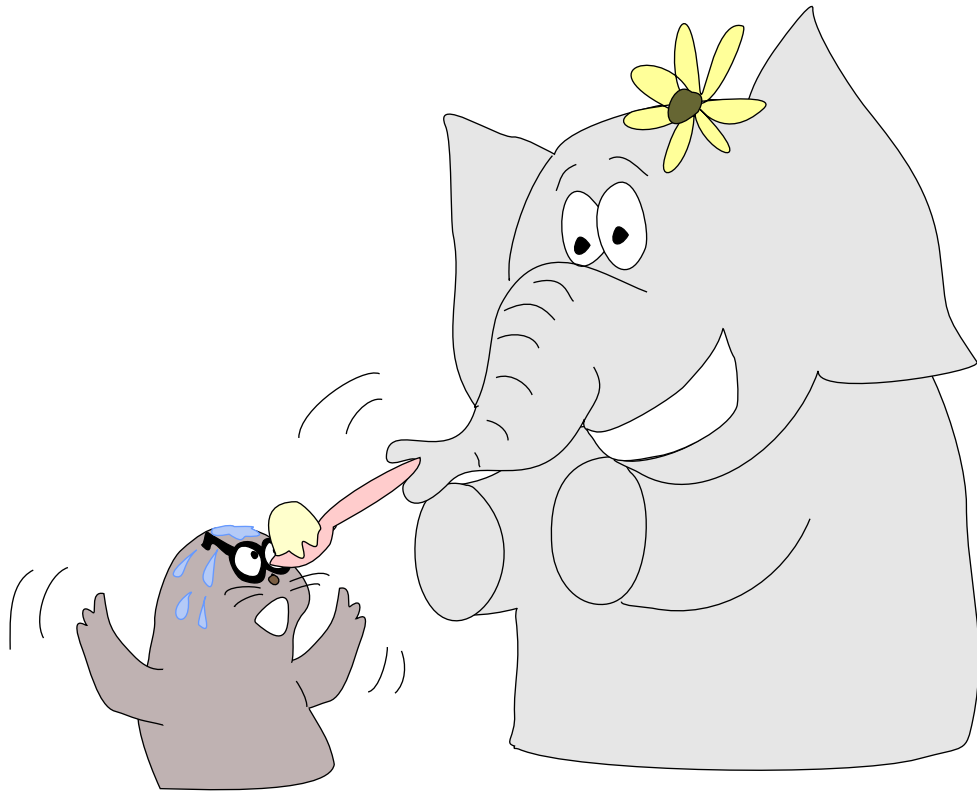


And **sam** got wet,  
which he did not like.

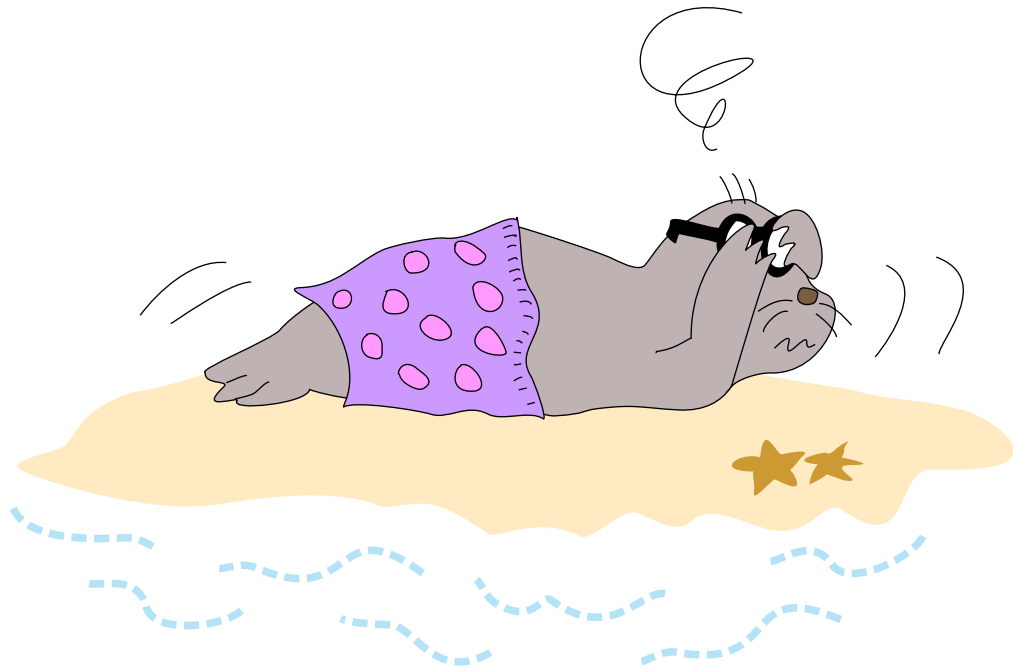
“**can** I please have a  
towel so that I **can** wipe...”



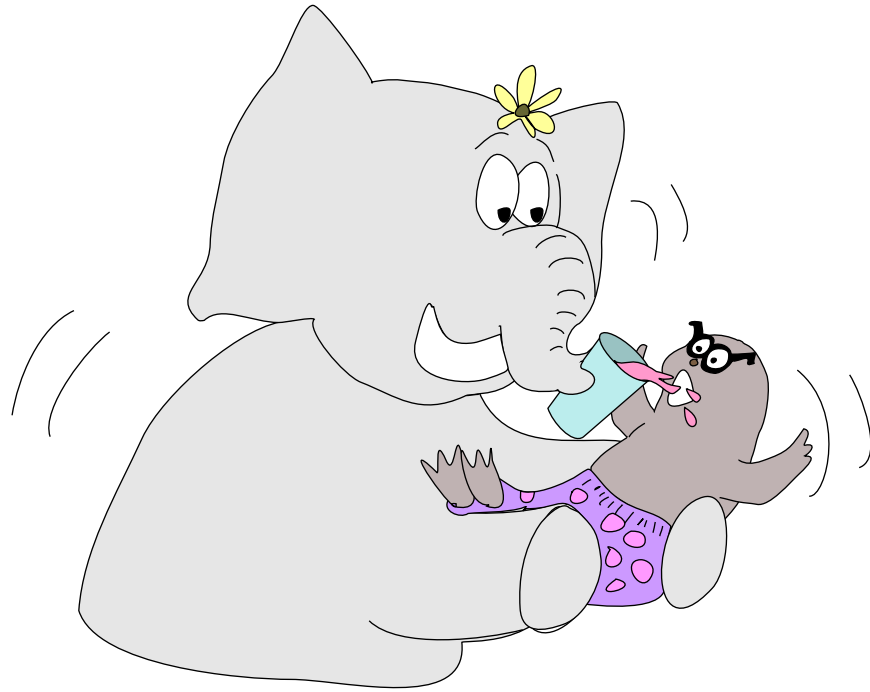
But his words were lost  
as Ella screamed,  
“**dad**, oh, **dad**,  
you bought ice cream!”



“**sam**,” said Ella, “you must have a bite...” and the spoon, by accident, smacked his eye.

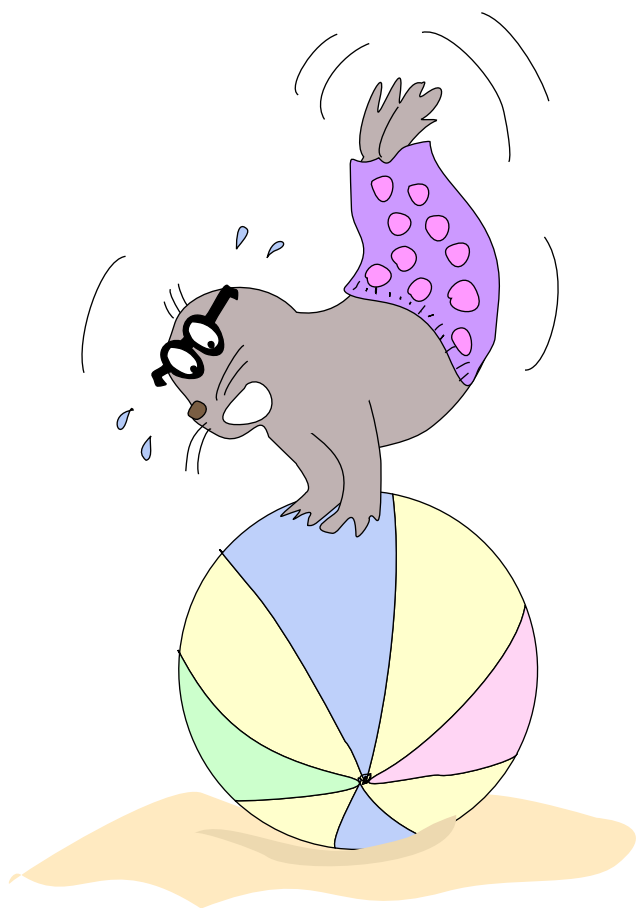


**sam** wiggled away  
and covered his face.  
How was he going to  
get out of this place?

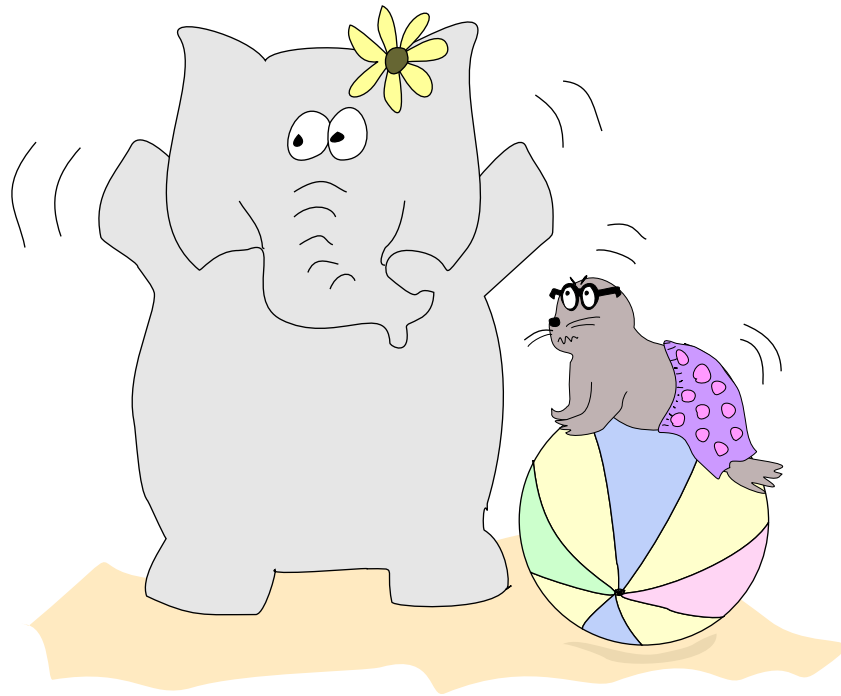


But before he could  
run, Ella picked him up.  
“**sam**,” she said, “have  
a drink from my cup.”

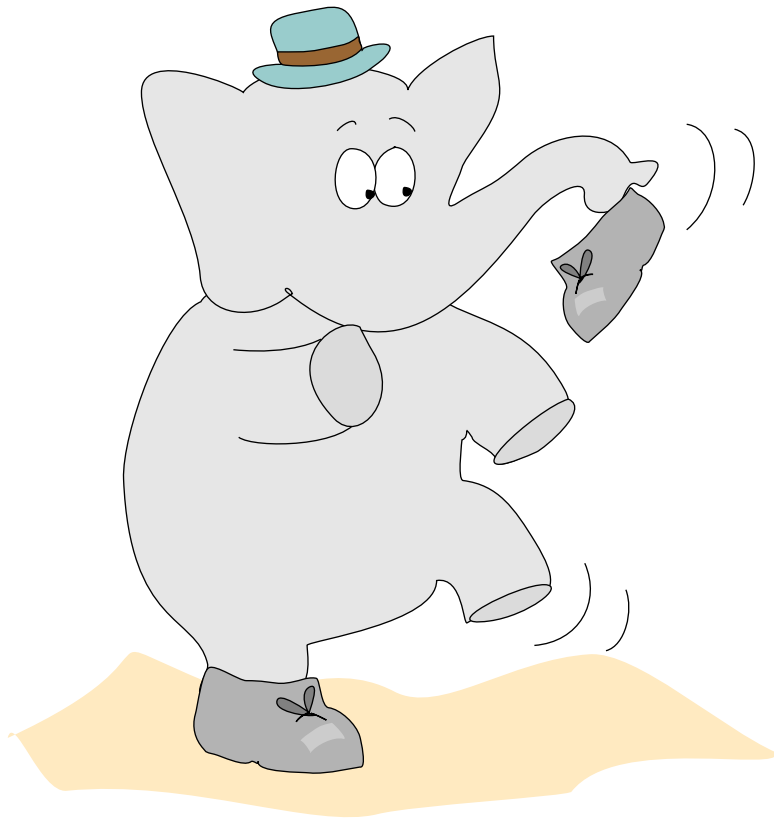




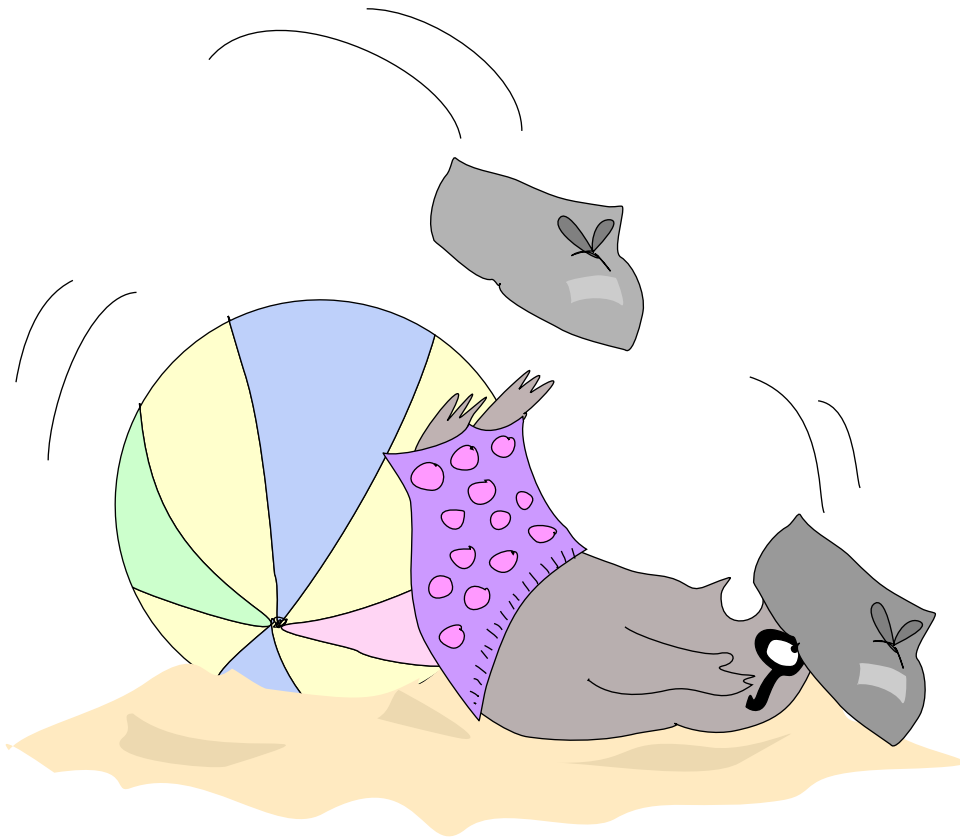
Then she put him  
down, on top of a ball.  
“Whoa!” said **sam**  
as he tried not to fall.



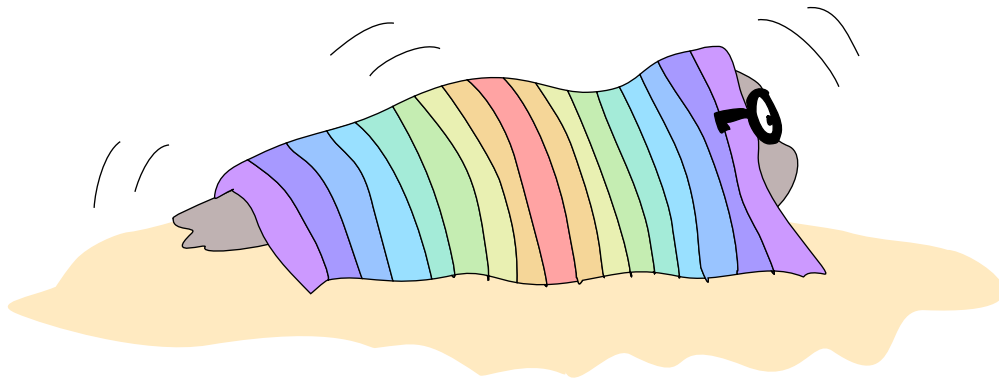
“Look, **dad**, isn’t  
**Sam** cute?”



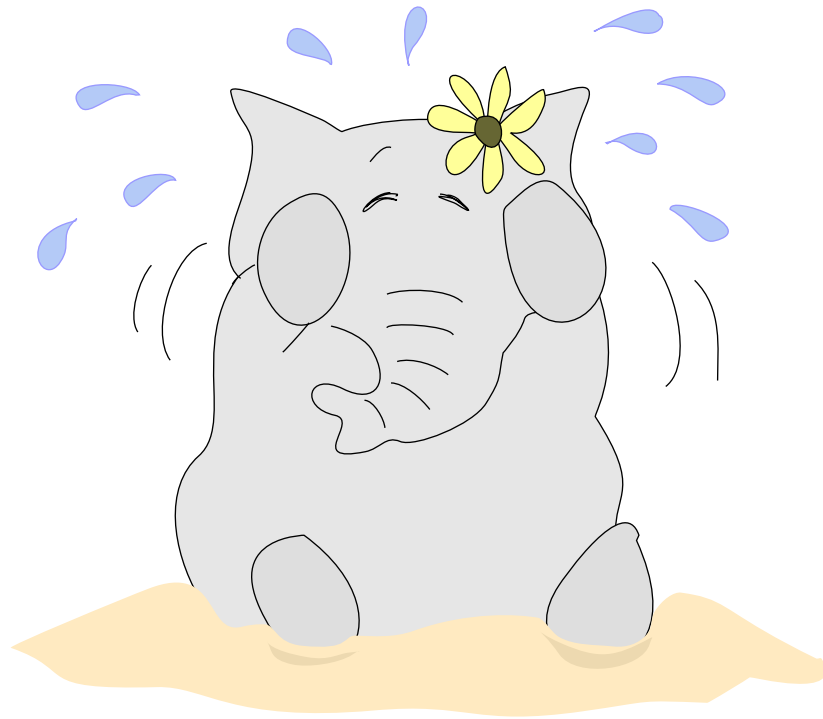
**But Ed was busy  
removing his boots.**



Bam! The boots  
landed on **sam**,  
knocking him over  
and into the sand.



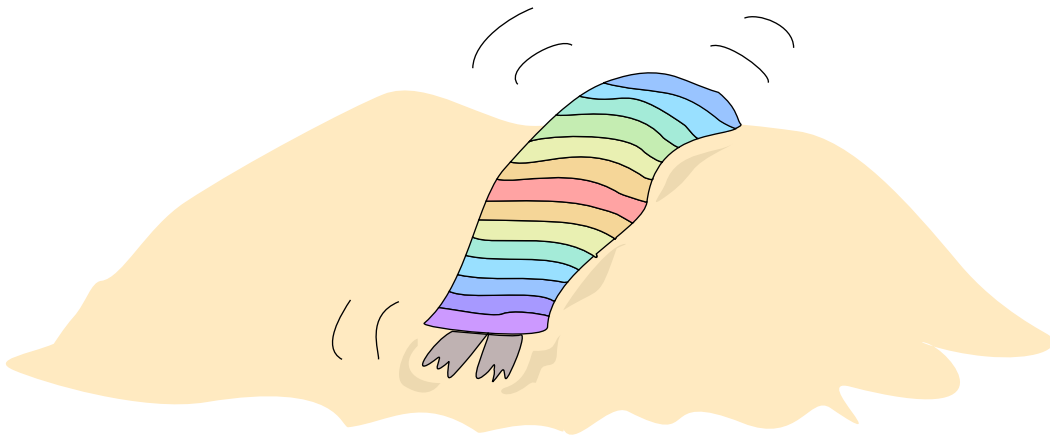
**sam** grabbed a towel  
and slipped underneath,  
hoping that Ella and Ed  
wouldn't see.



“**dad**, where is  
**sam**? He’s gone  
again. I thought,” said Ella,  
“that he was my friend.”

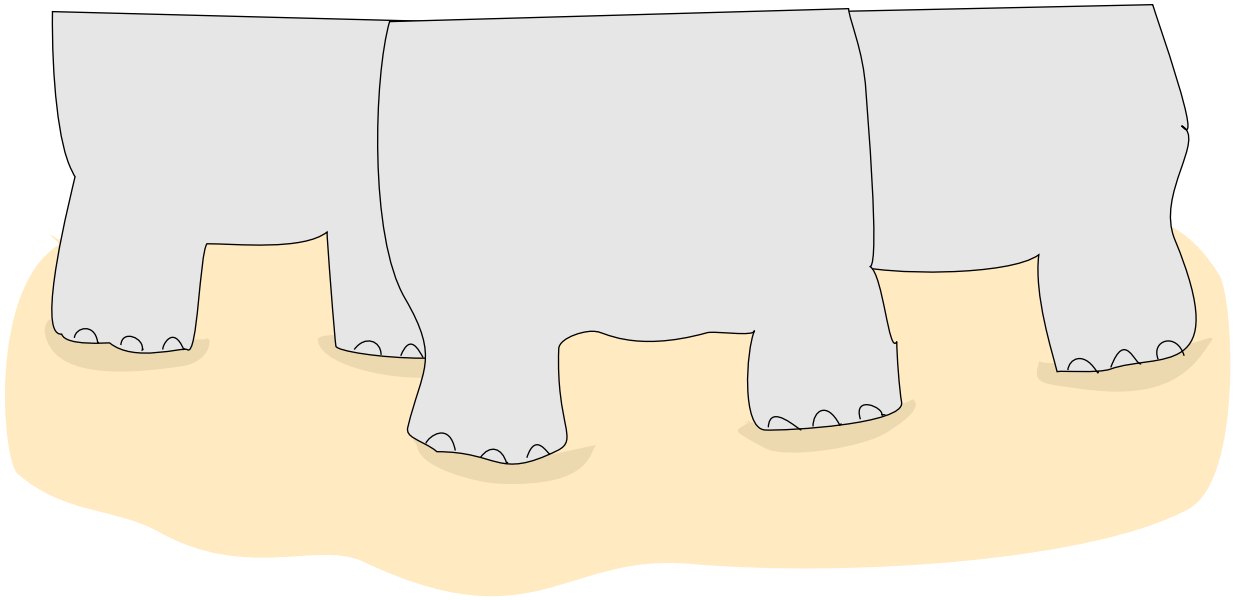


“No way!” thought  
**sam**, under the  
towel. “I have to go,  
and I have to go now.”

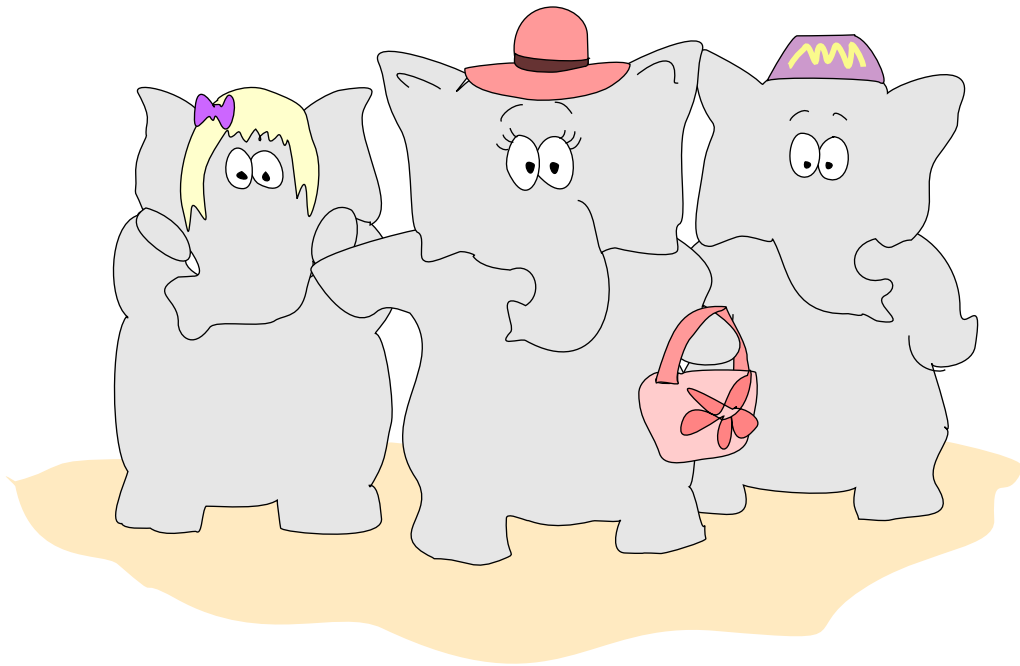


**sam** started  
to crawl... he was  
crawling away...

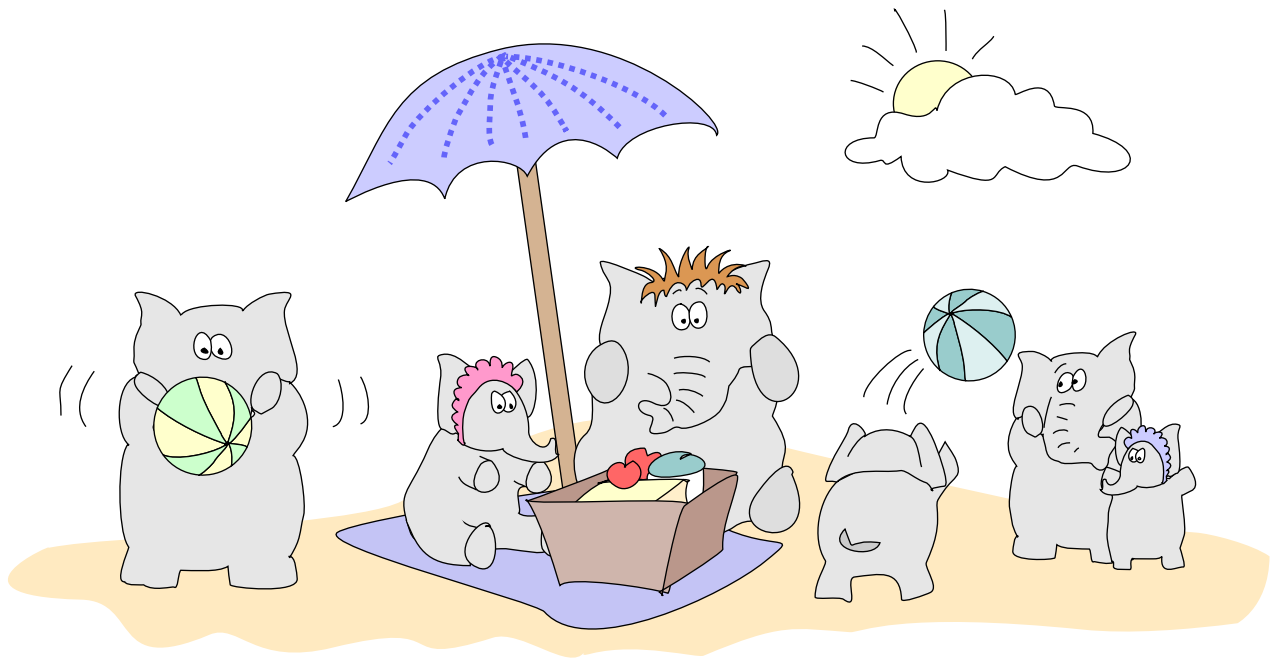




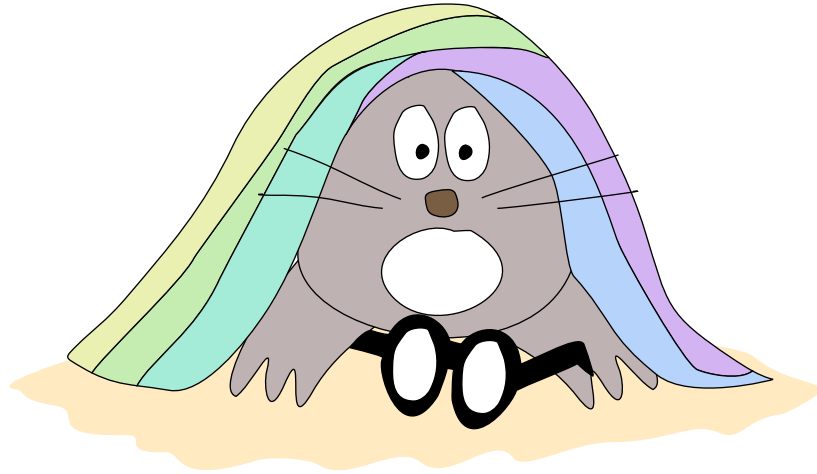
Until more  
elephants got  
in his way.



Edith and Ethel and  
Egbert too – all of the  
elephants from the zoo



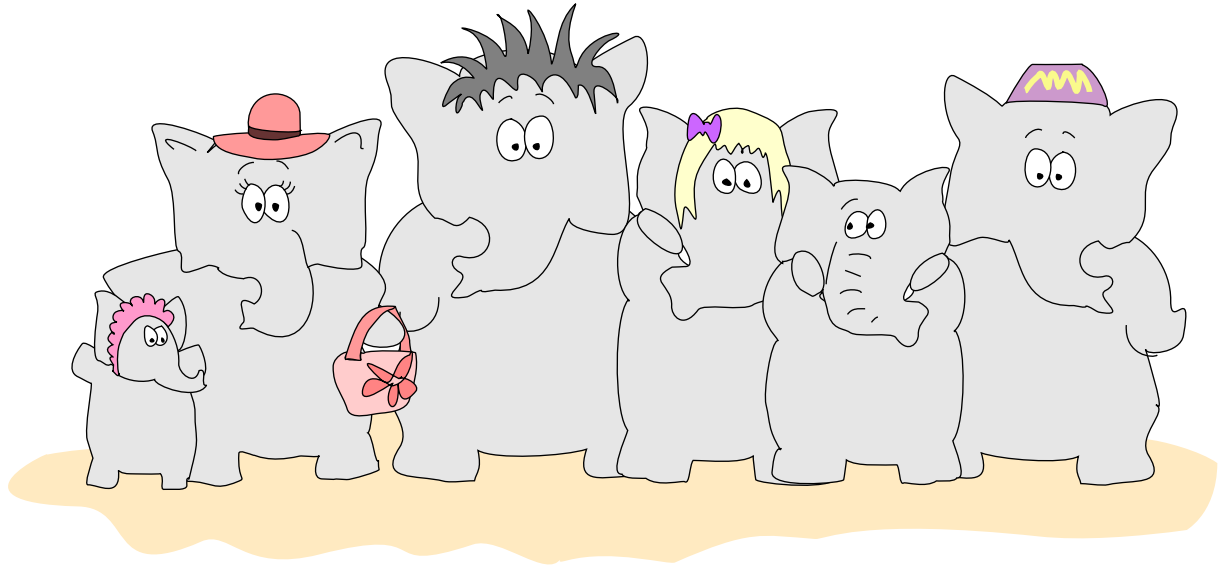
were having a picnic  
down by the sea, where  
the sun always shines  
and the air is free.



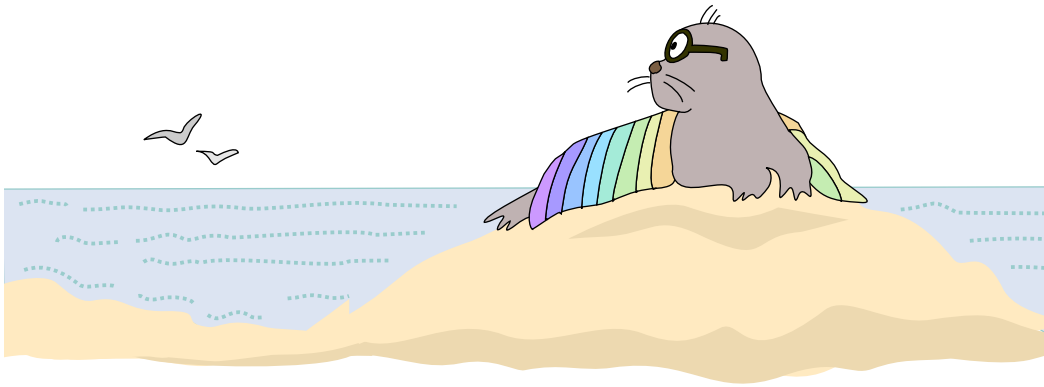
“Oh, no!” said **sam**.

There was nowhere

to go.



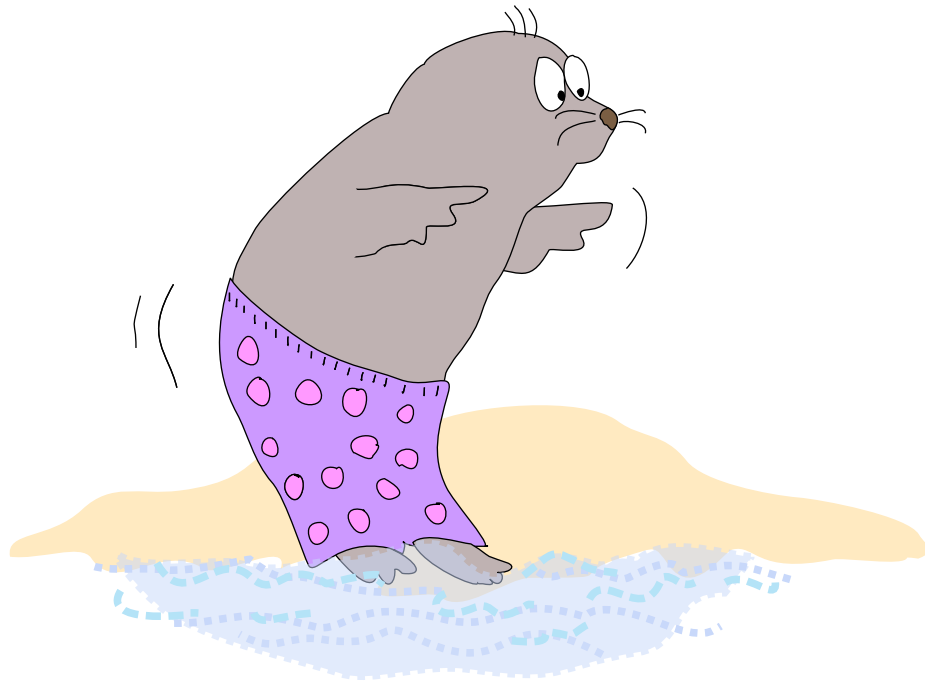
**Endless elephants  
all in a row.**



But over his shoulder  
was the sea. No  
elephants there...  
elephant-free.



**sam** took off  
the towel and his  
glasses too.



He stepped in  
the water – what  
else could he do?





“Oh, my!” said **sam**.

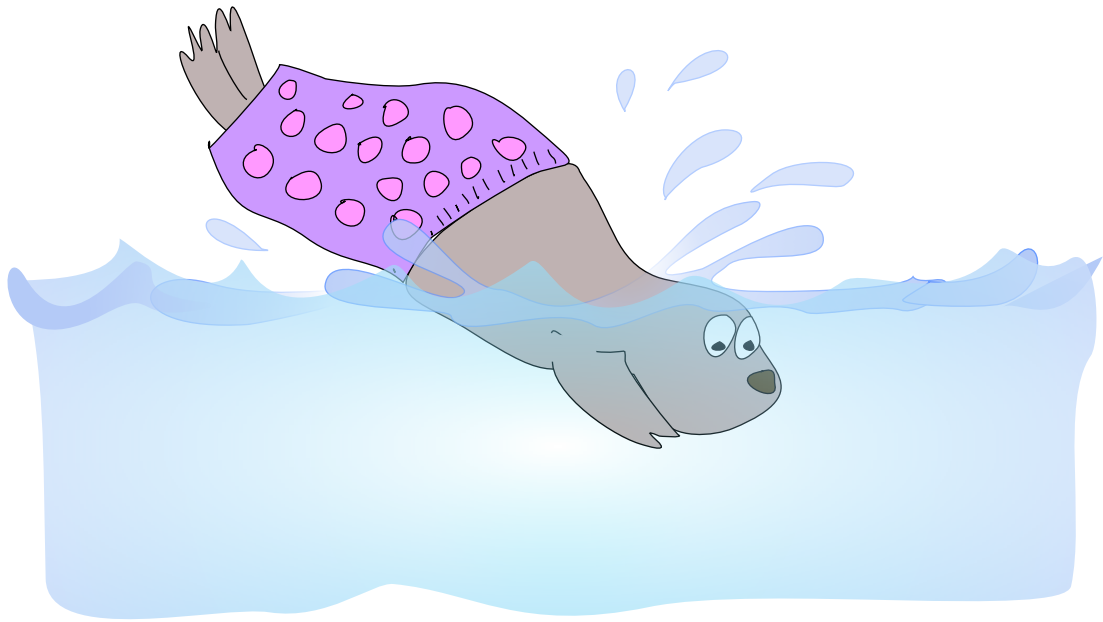
“This water is wet –

**am** I ready to swim?”



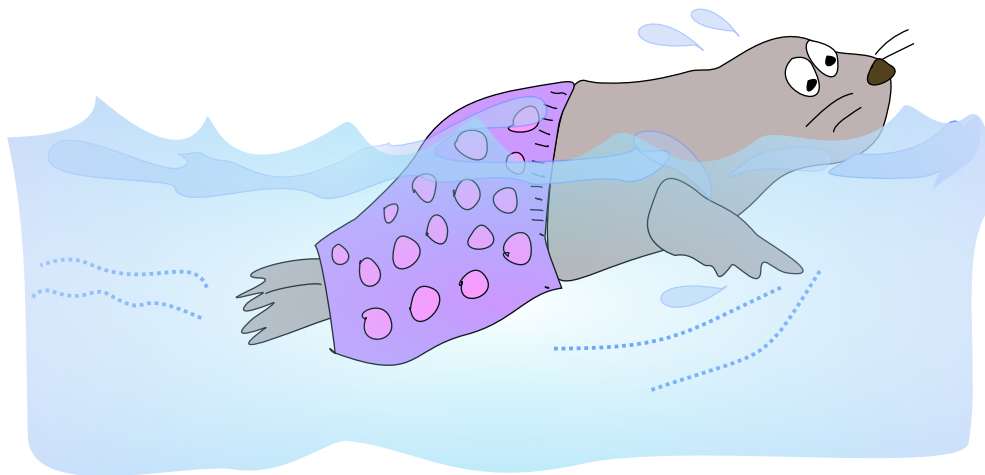
His heart said,

“Yes.”

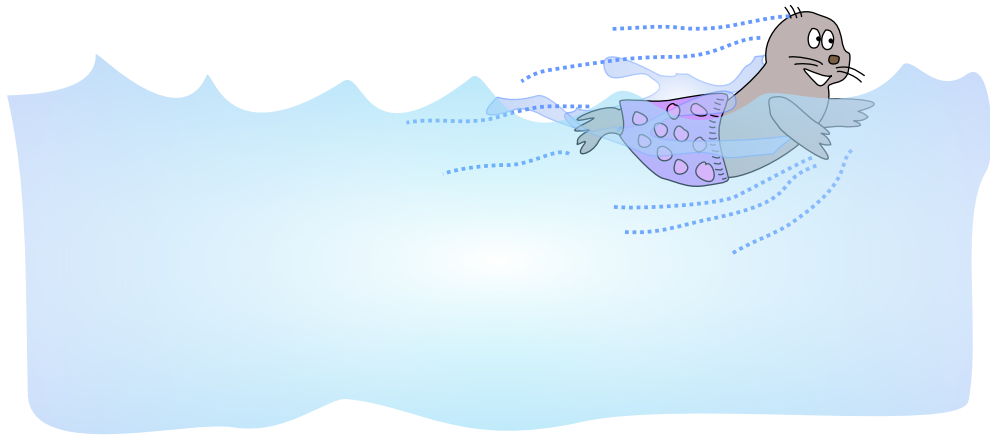


“Then goodbye  
to elephants!”

**sam** dove in.

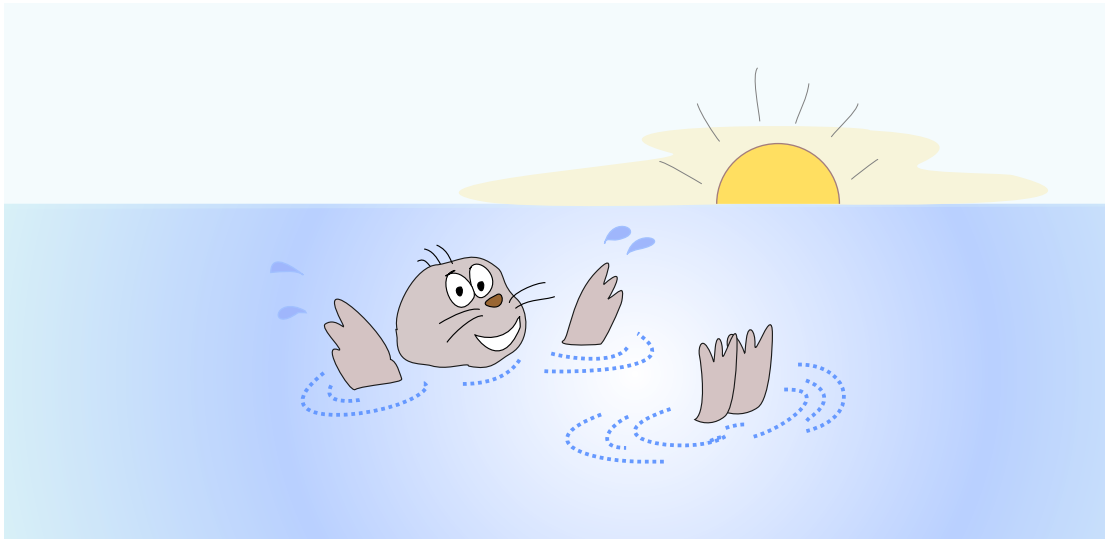


And that is when  
**sam** started  
to swim.



He swam, and he  
swum – he was  
swimming away...

And now...



If you go to the  
ocean, you go to the  
sea, **sam** will be  
swimming, oh, yes, siree.

THE END