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LEN THE LION

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Introducing the letter 'L'

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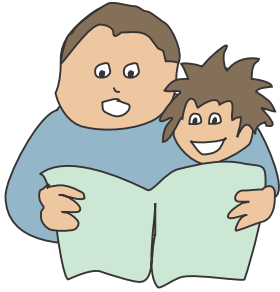
Read the book WITH your child. You read the "regular" text, and he/she reads the big, red words, sort of like reading the different parts in a play.

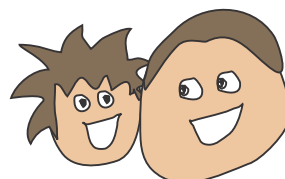Help your child sound out the words as needed.

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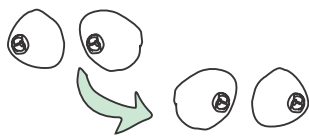
Read the book several times. This helps develop the eye muscles and left-to-right reading patterns.

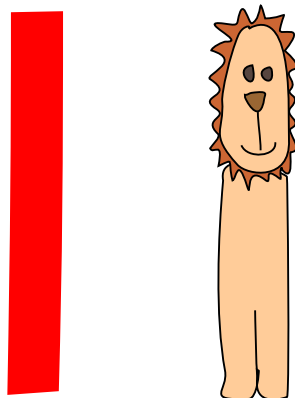Don't rush it. Body-builders don't train in a day — neither does a child.

ABC   ABC
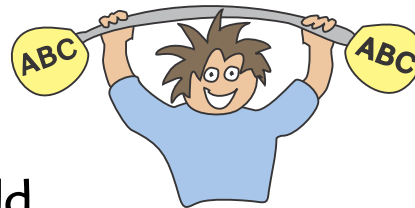
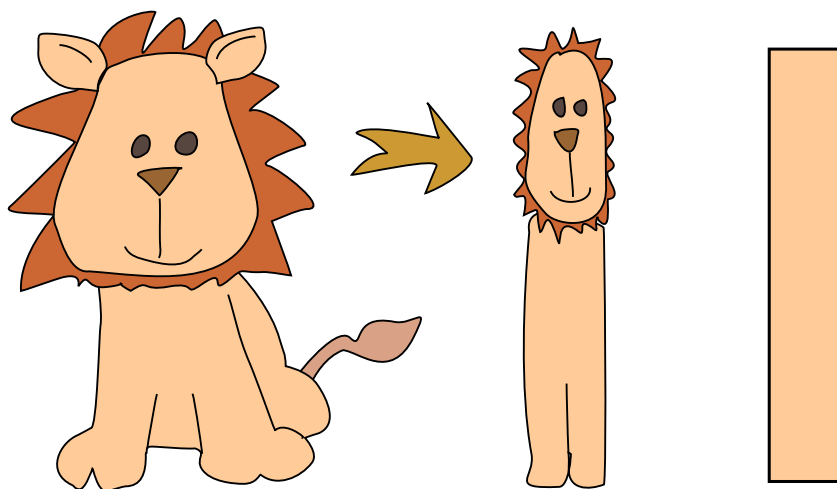And most important of all, HAVE FUN!
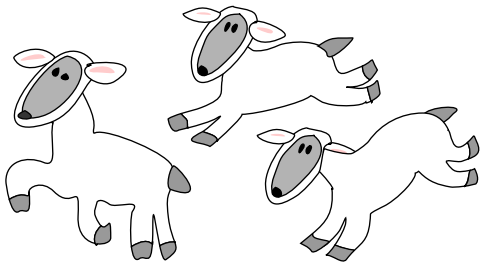
Lesson 1

This is the letter 'L' –

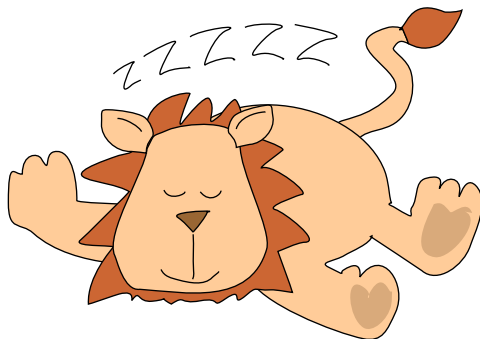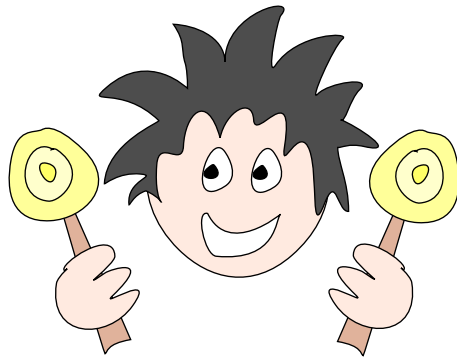The letter 'L' says "-leh- for lion."
Can you say "-leh- for lion"?

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We use the "-leh-" sound in lots of words, like:
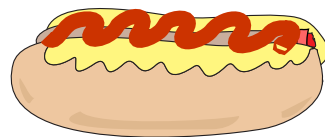
Little lambs
leap a lot.

Lovely lemon
lollipops.

I like lazy
lions.

Lesson 1

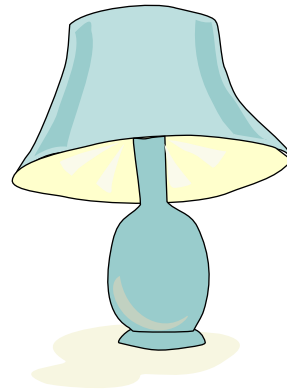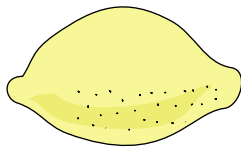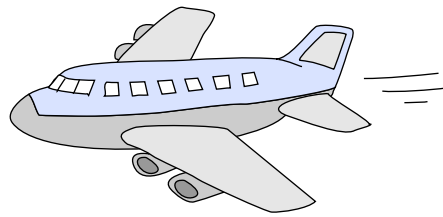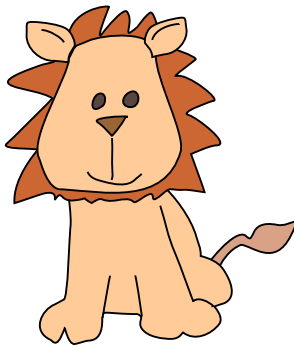Show me the pictures that start with the "-leh-" sound.
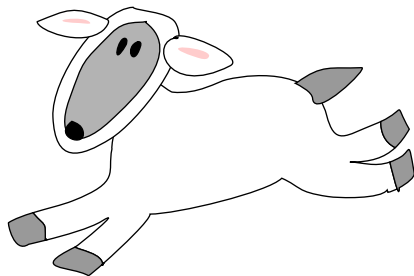
Answer: Lion, lamp. lamb, lemon.

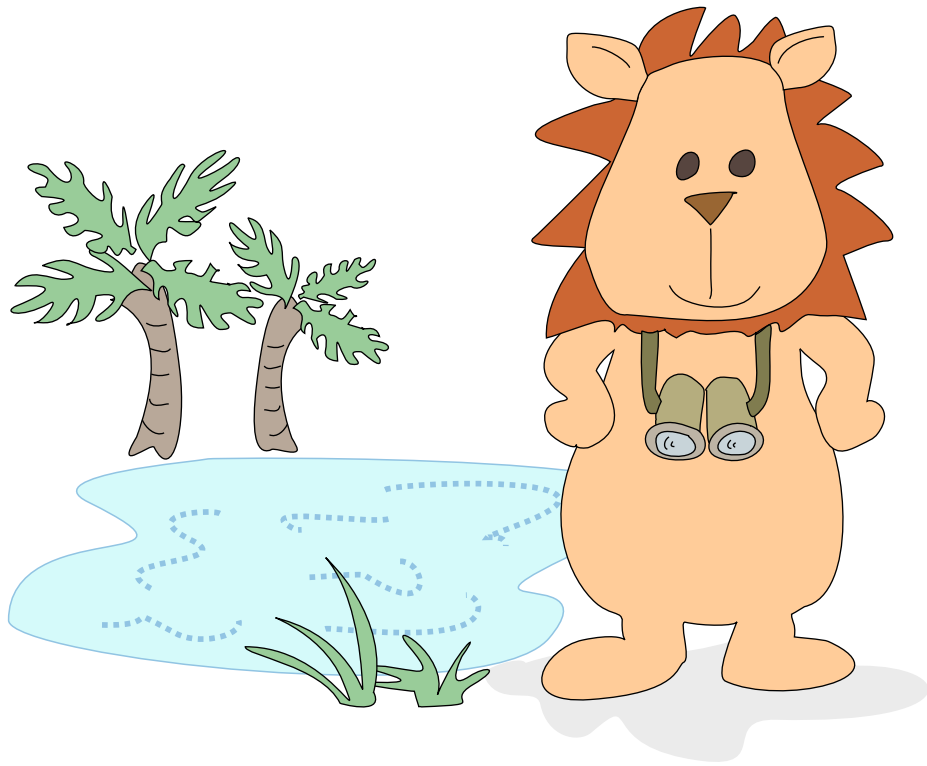Here are two words we can make with the letter 'e' – can you read them?

len

lan

(Len is a boy's name,
Lan is a girl's name.)
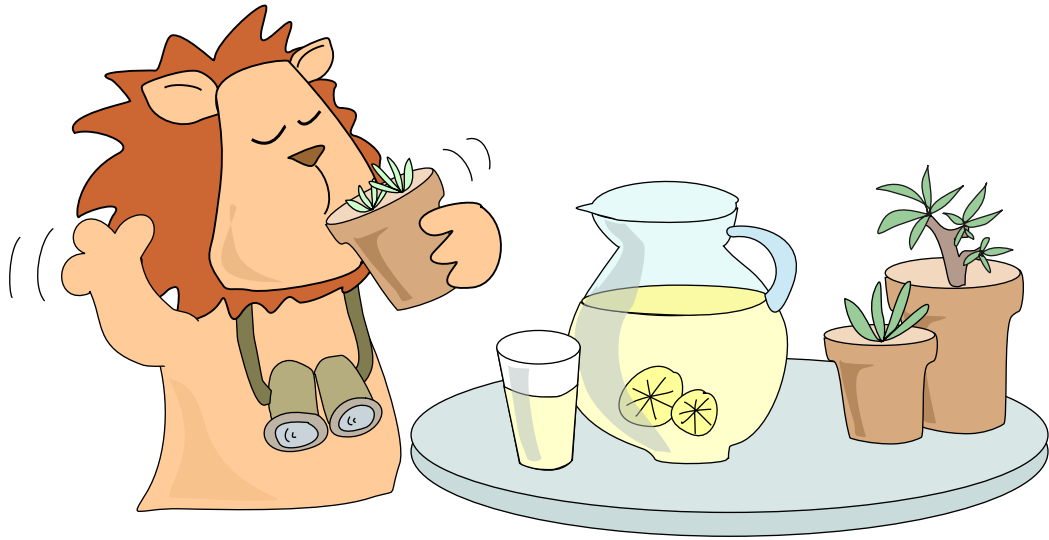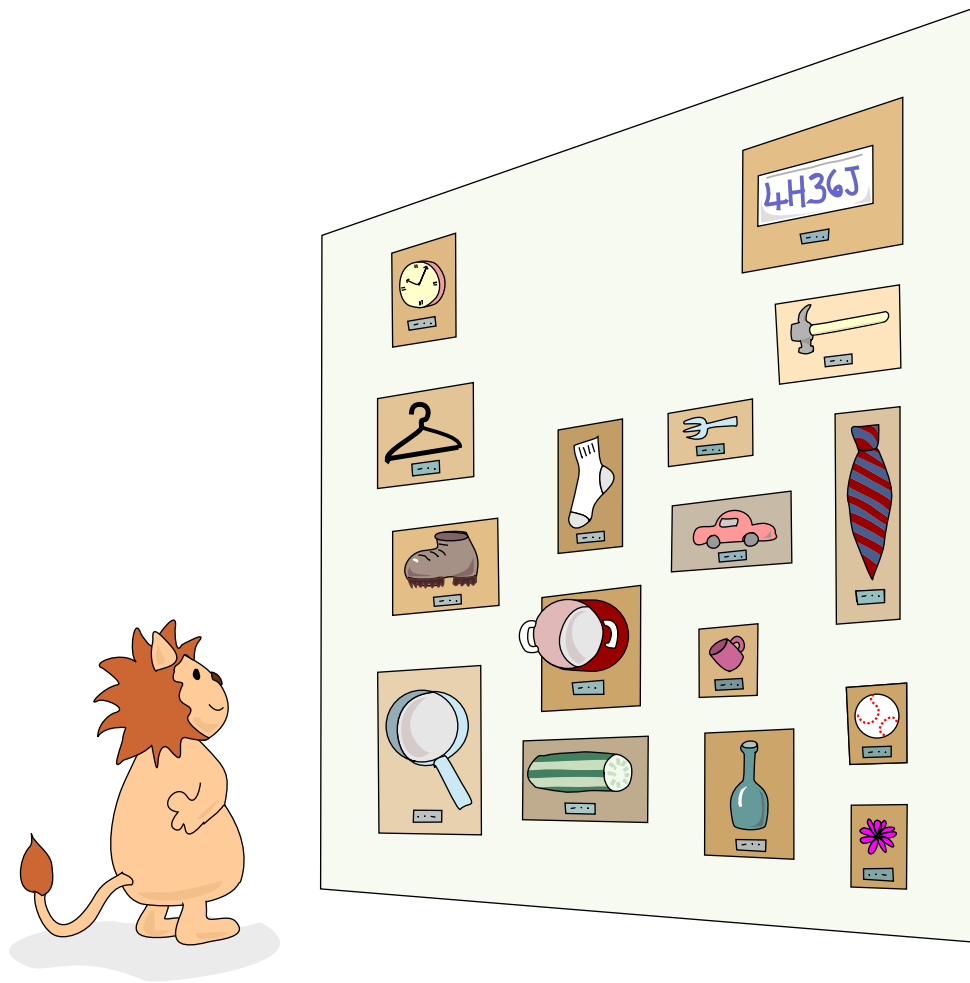
len the lion
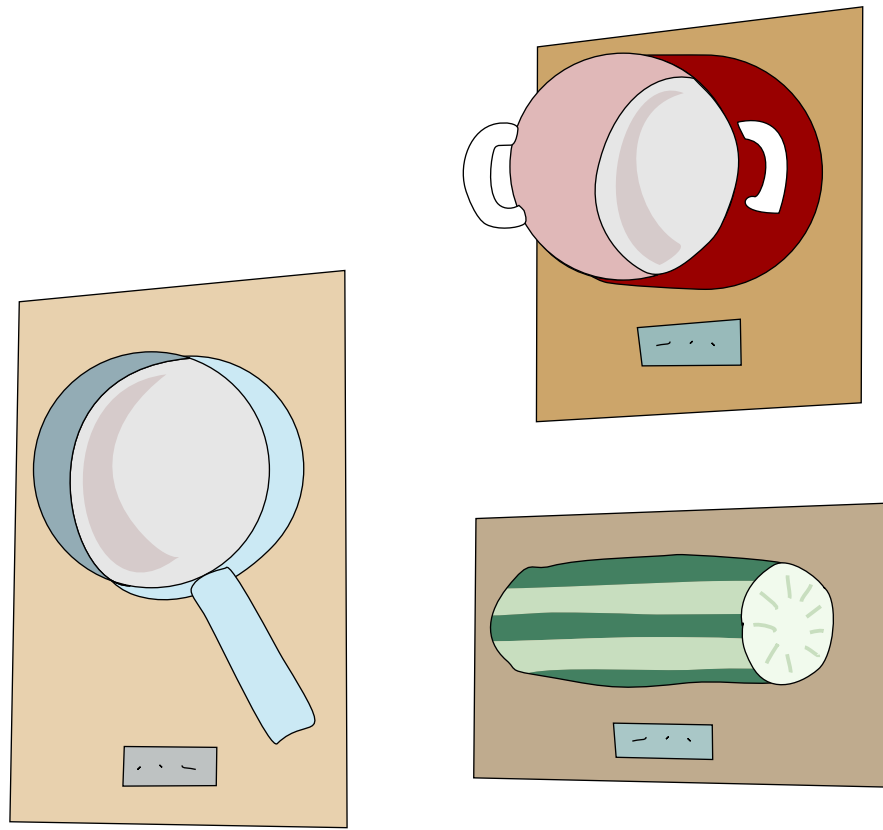
lived by a lake

with his little

son, Lonnie,
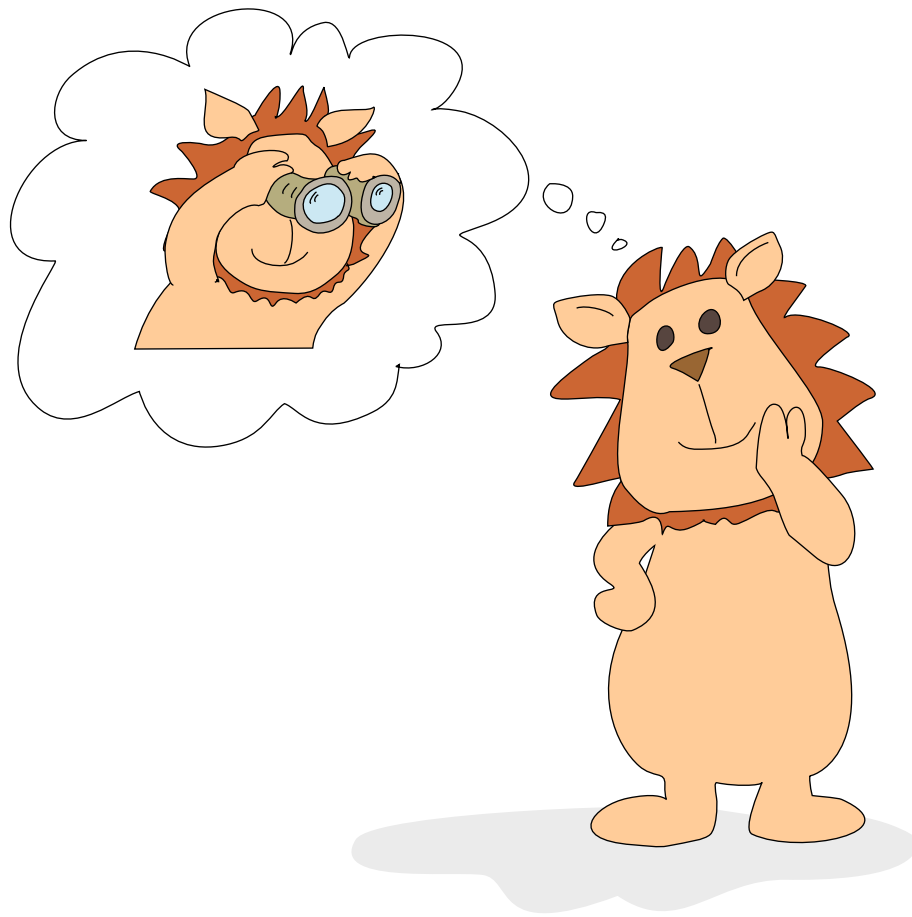
and a lot of

lemonade.

len liked to

look at his
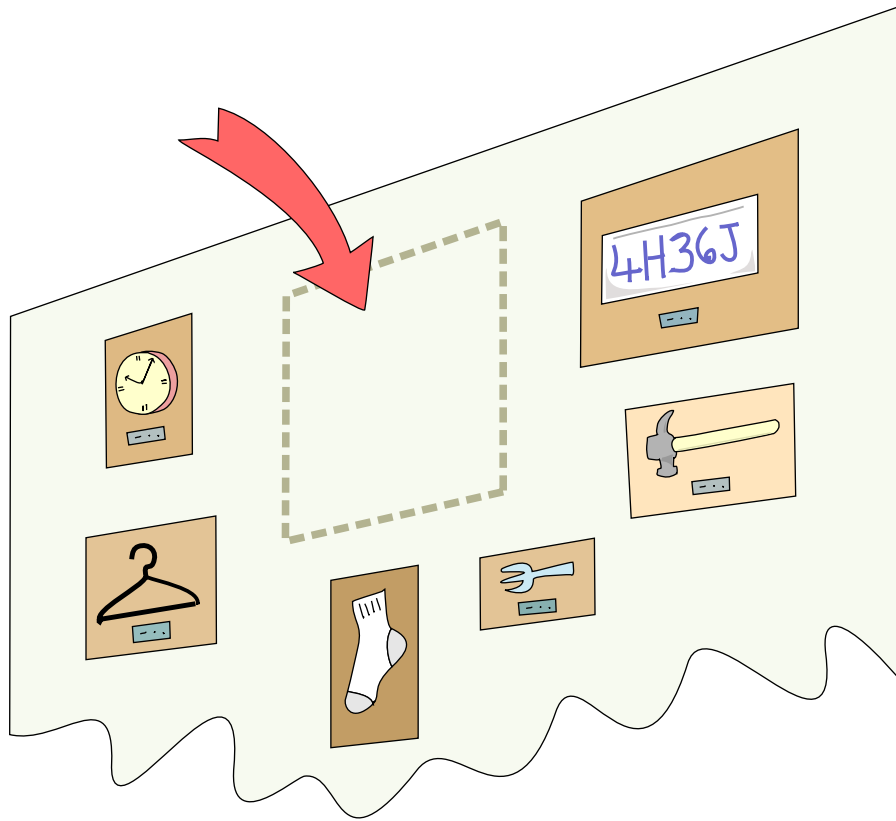
lovely, lovely wall –

at all his trophies,

big and small:
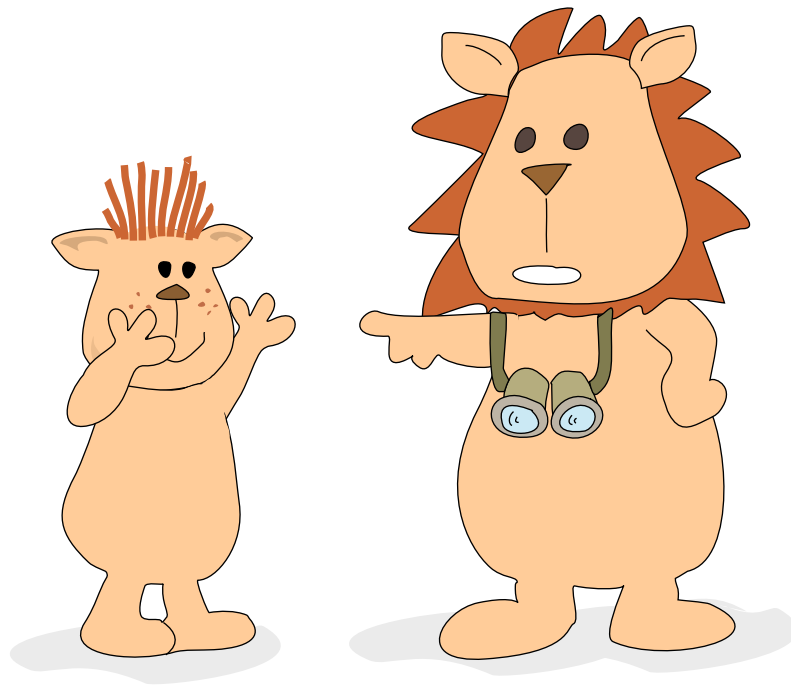
a pot, a pan and

half a cucumber.

"All because," said
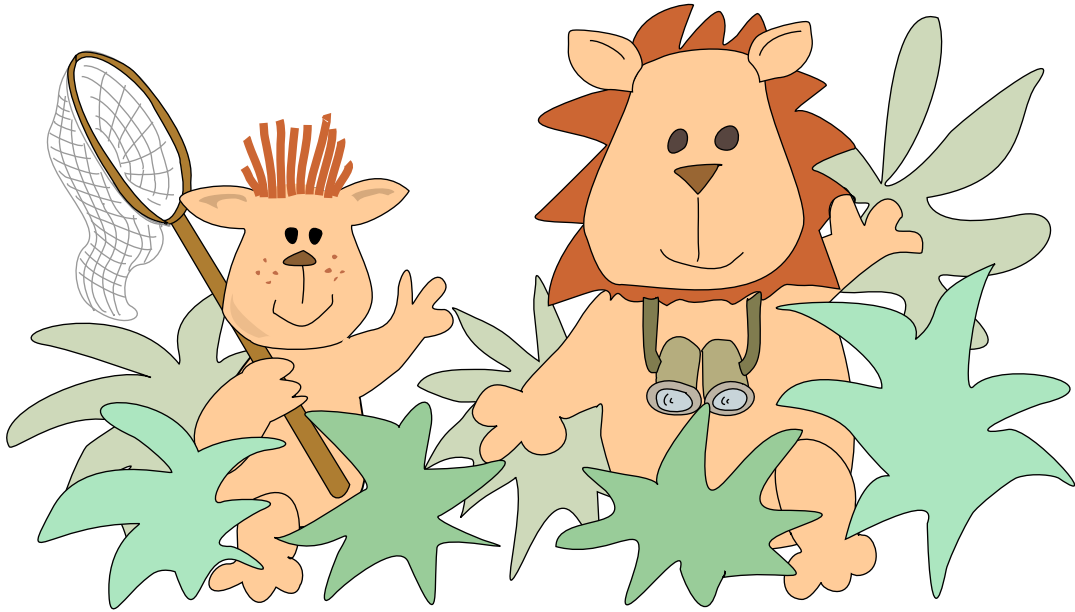
len, "I **am**

a GREAT hunter."

But there was an empty

spot waiting to be filled

with something special,

something really chill.

Chill is American slang for very nice. It
also means to relax, like, "Chill out!"

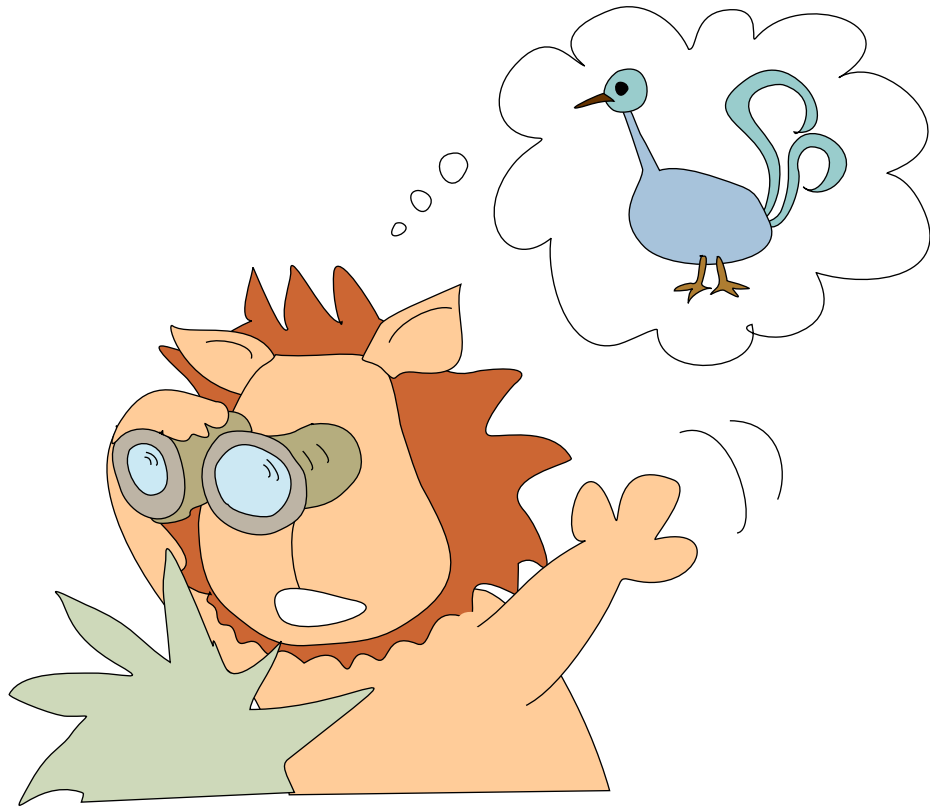So **len** said, "Lonnie, my little lion son, go get your net — we are going on a hunt!"

Ien and Lonnie

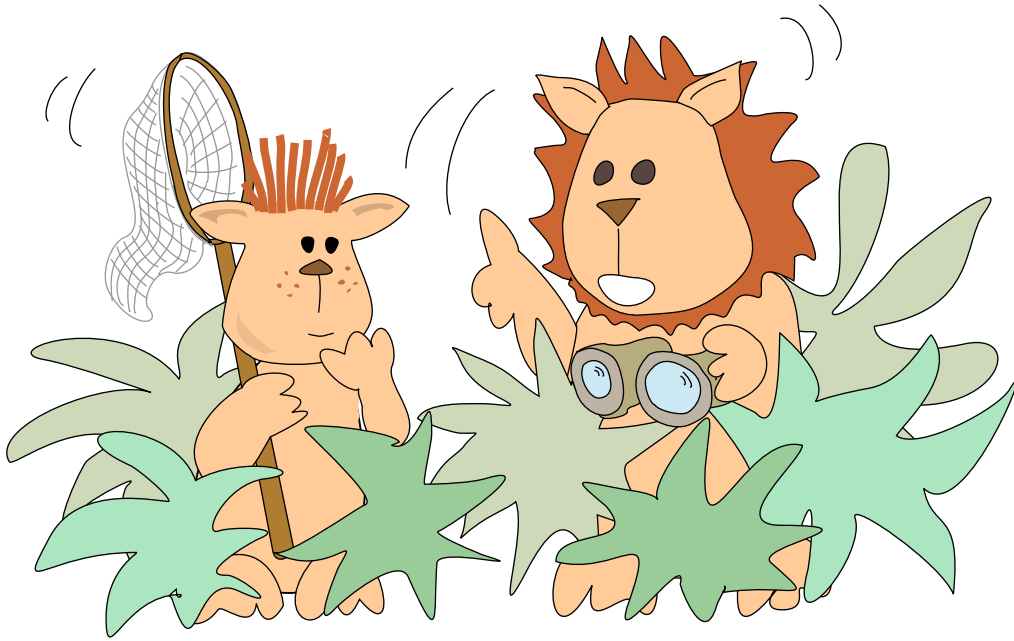crawled without

a sound,

stopping now

and then to look

around.

"Aha!" said len.

"What do I see?"
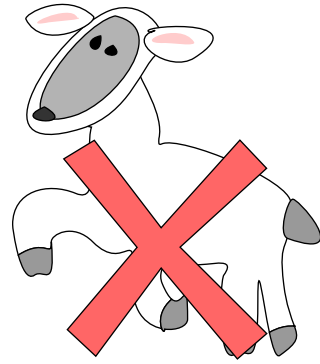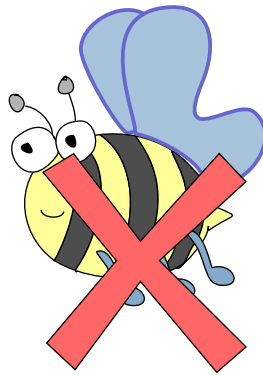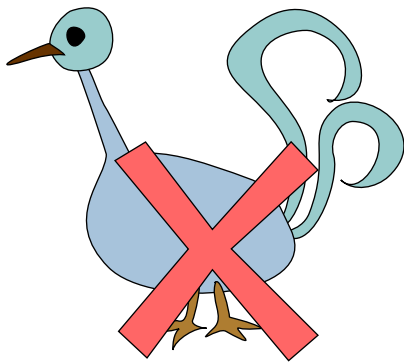
Lonnie looked too.

"Is that a bumble bee?"

"No!" said **len**. "Don't be absurd! That is not a bee, that is a bird!"

Absurd means very, very silly.

But it wasn't a bird

or a bee or a lamb.

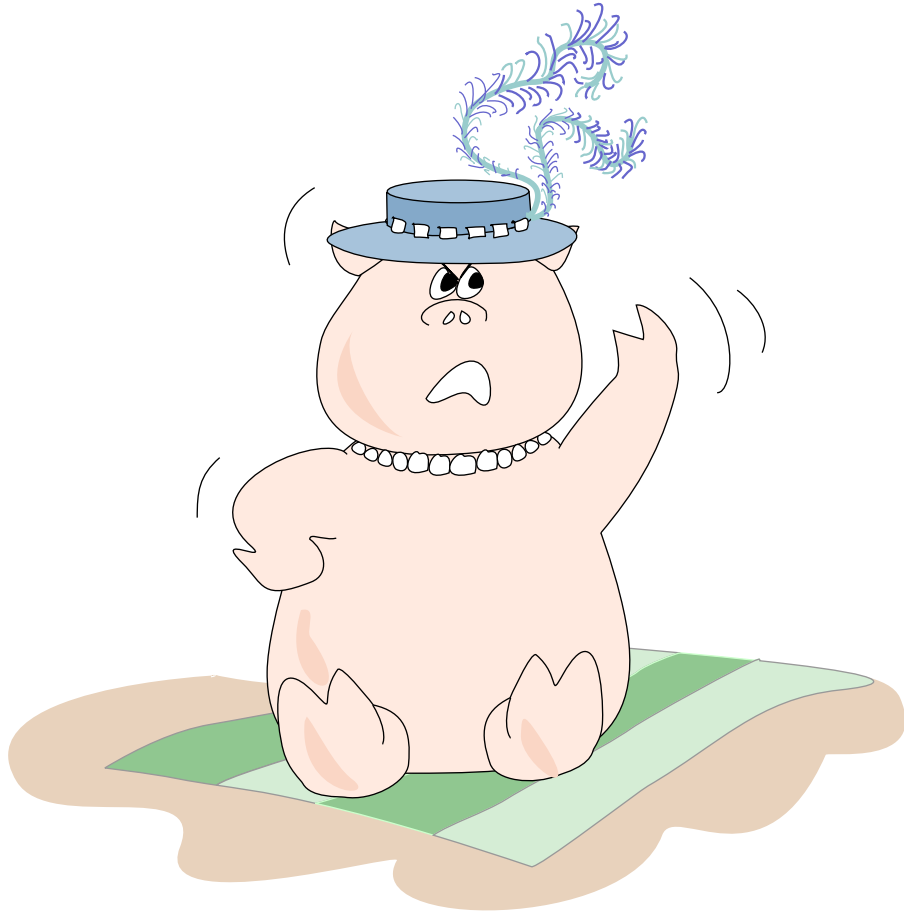It was the **hat** of Lady Lola **Ian**.

Bang! The net came

down by her feet.
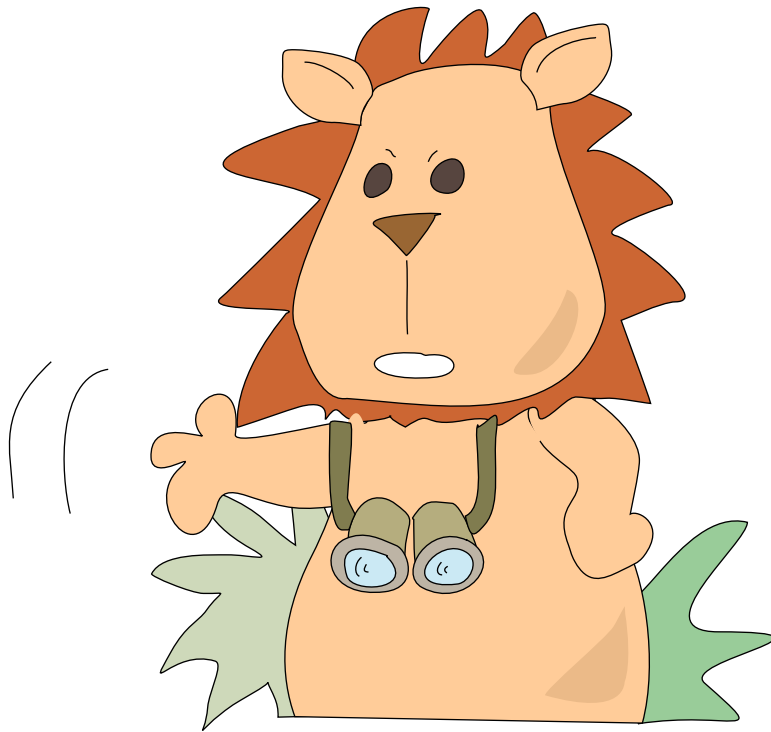
"What are you doing?"

said **Ian** with a squeak.
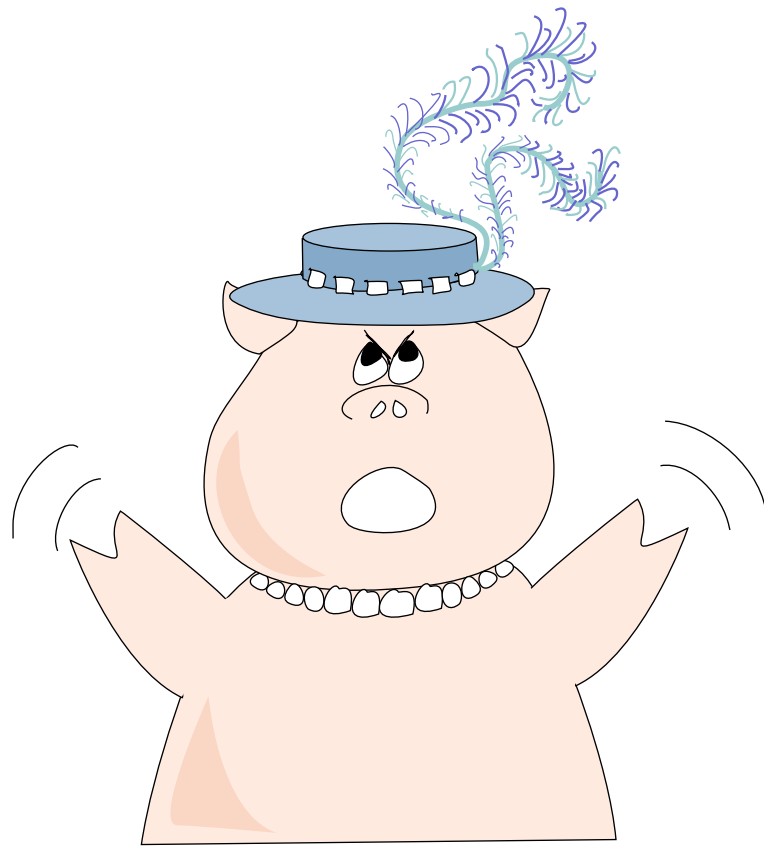
"We are saving your life," **len** the lion said.

"There's a dangerous beast upon your head."

"That is not a beast –

that is my **hat**!"

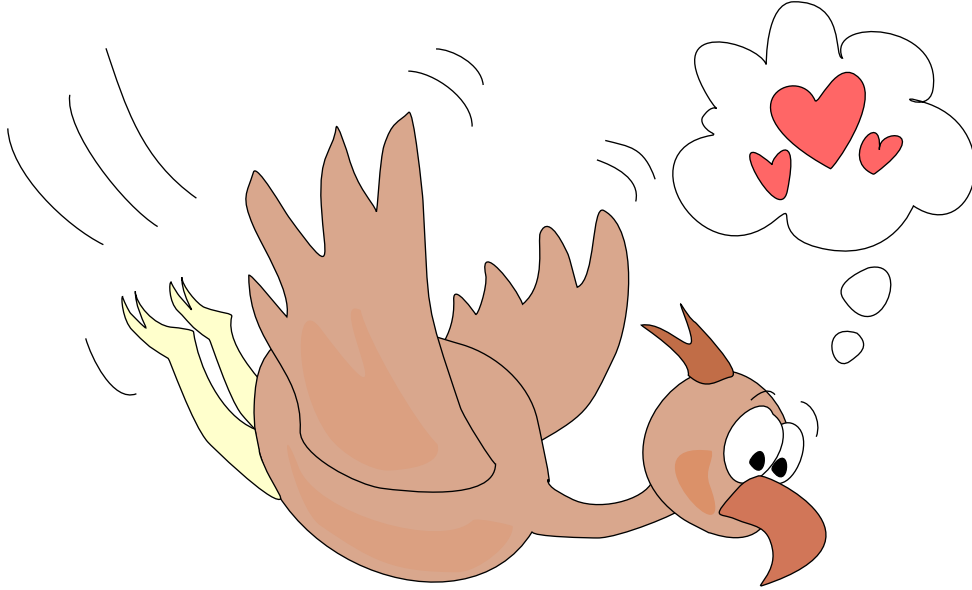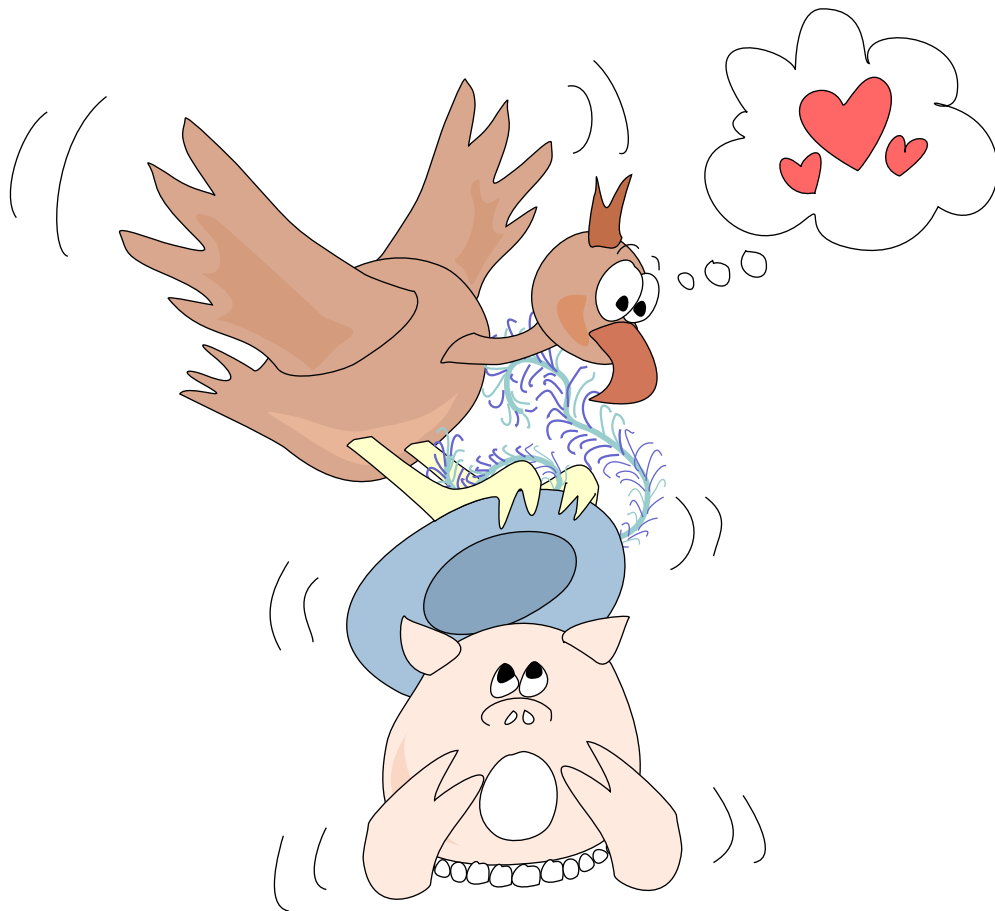"You're wrong!" said **len**. "It's a blue-tailed bat."

Lola **Ian** snorted.

"Don't be absurd.

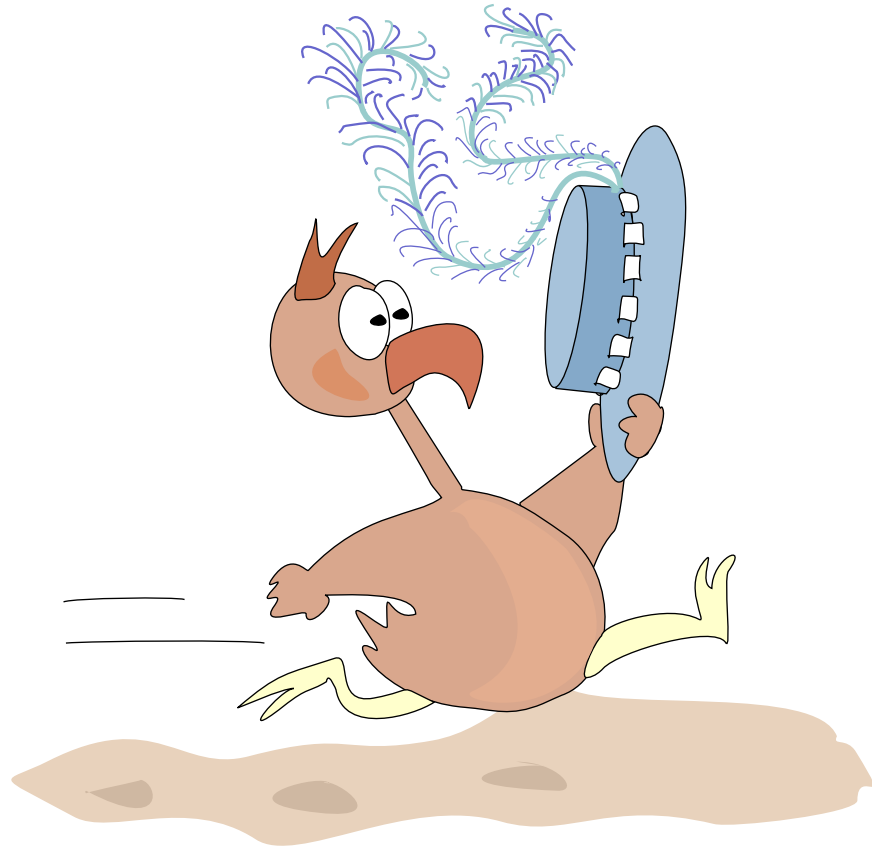That is a **hat**.

It is NOT a bird!"

Now it just so happened,

right then and there,

that a big, brown bird

dropped out of the air...

...and grabbed the

hat of Lady

Lola **Ian**...
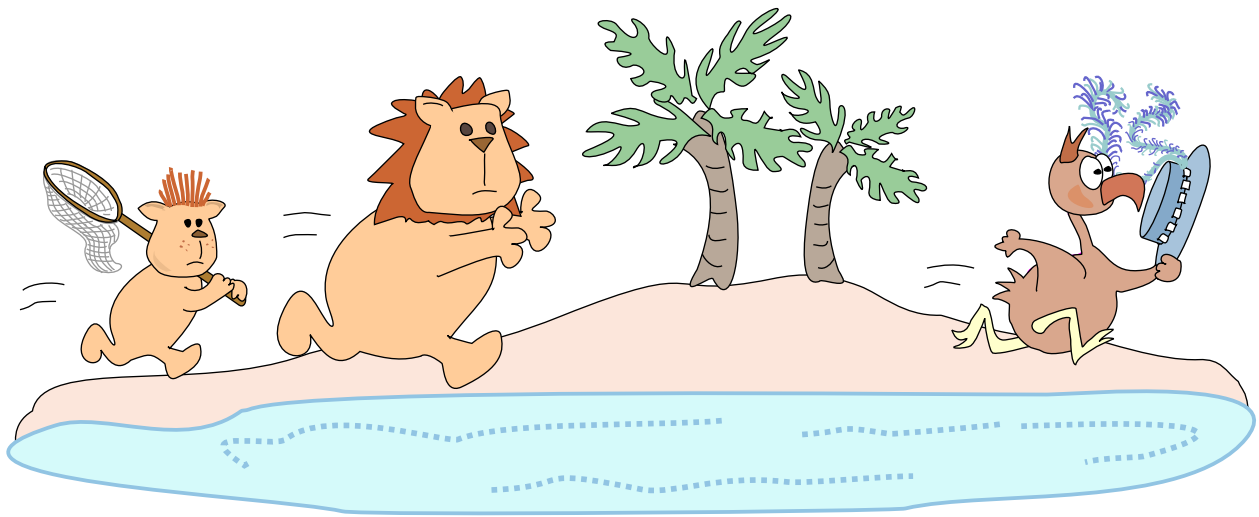
...and ran away

across the sand.

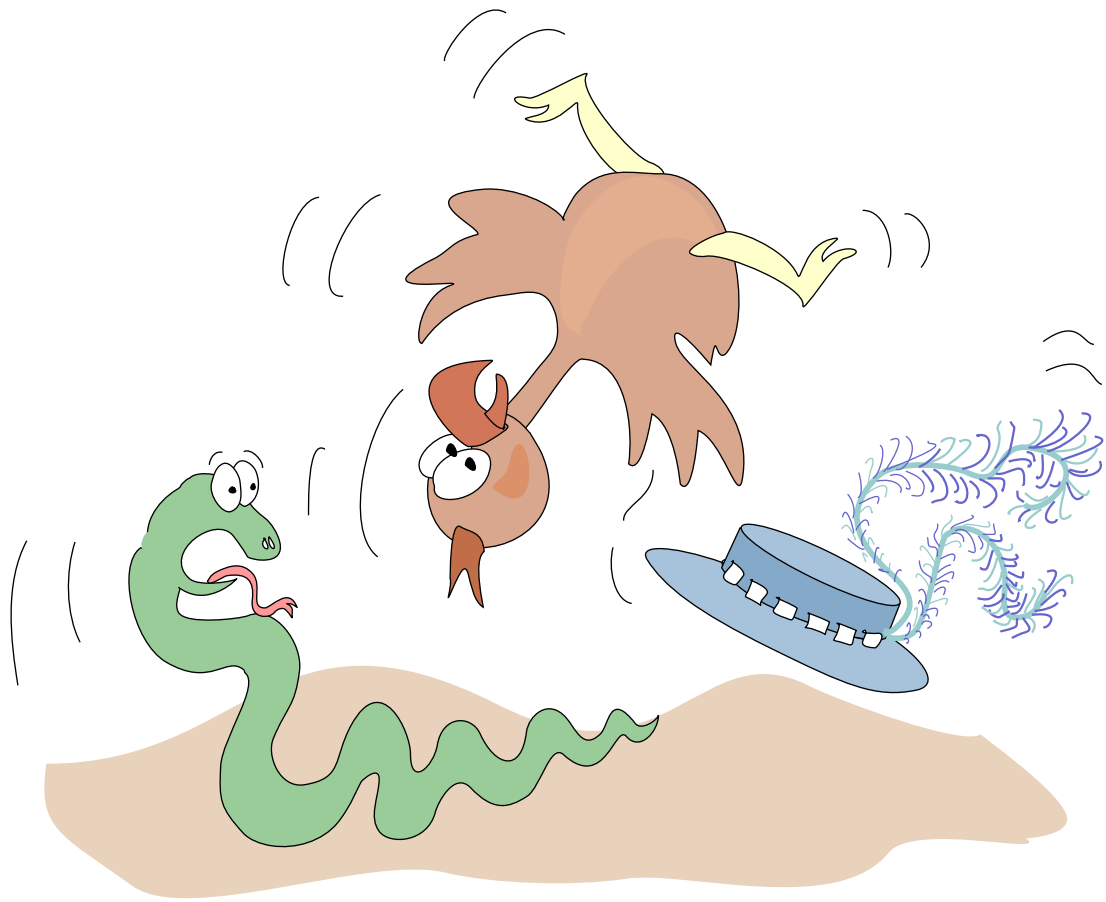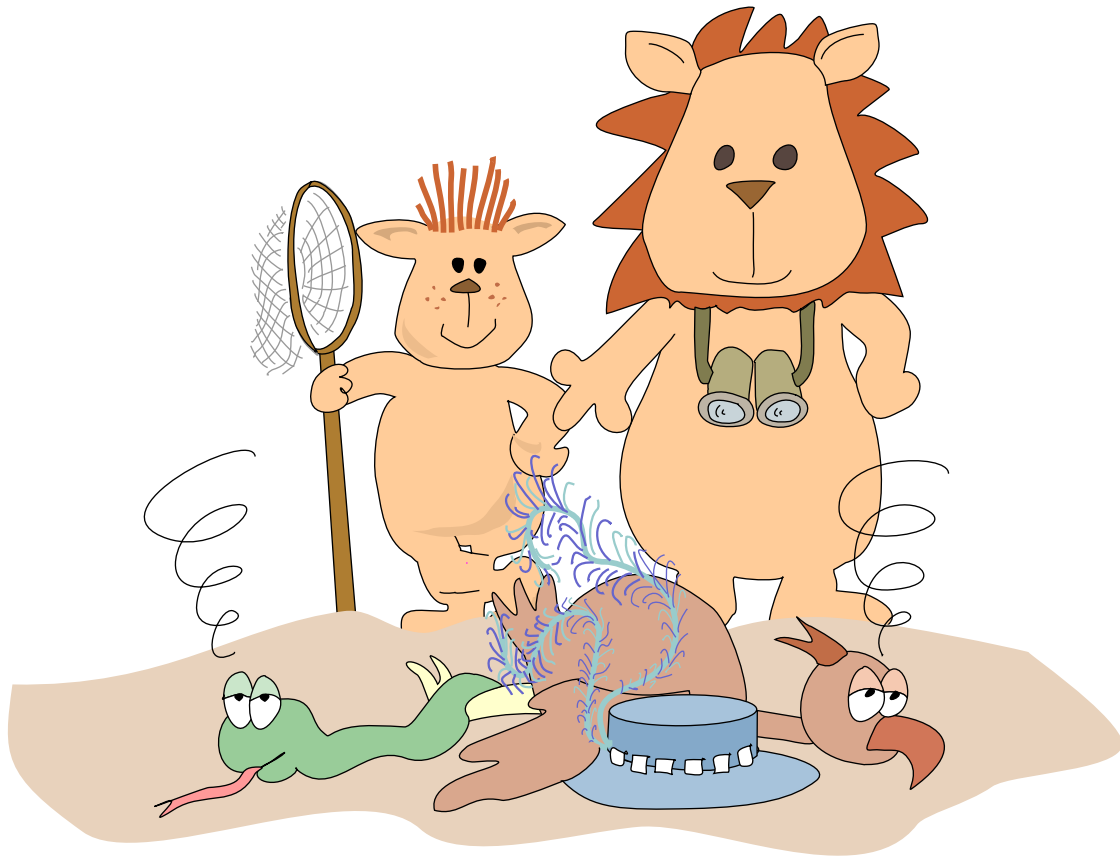Lola **Ian** screamed and fainted with surprise.

"Quick!" said len.

"There goes our

prize!"

len chased the

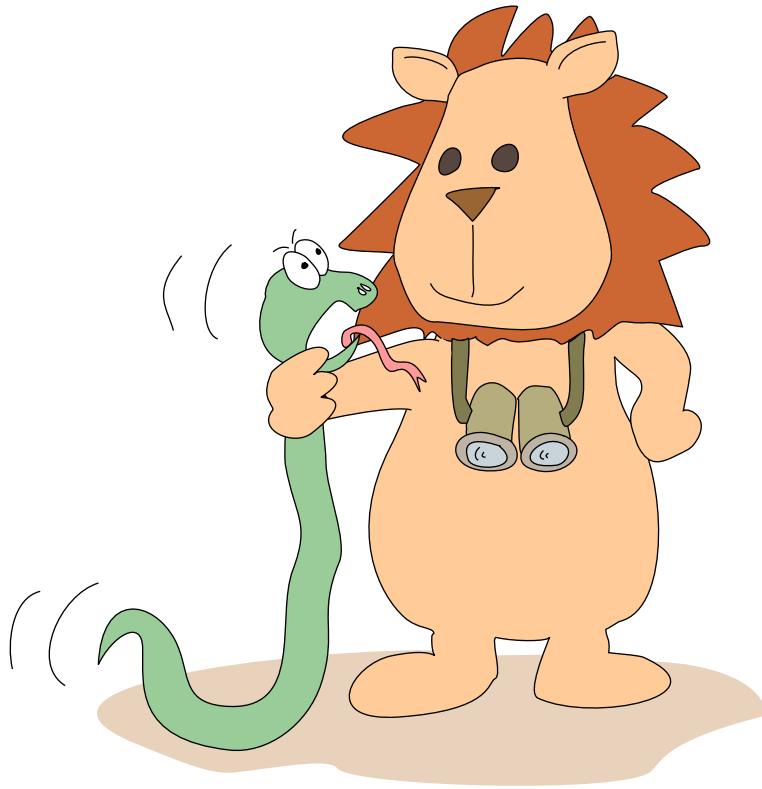bird around the lake.

...until the bird
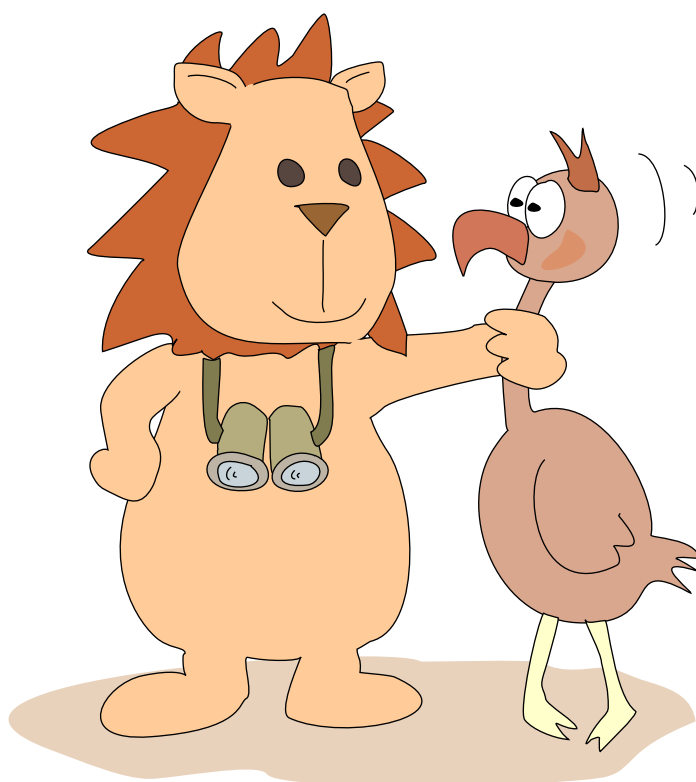
tripped on a snake.

"Oh, my!" said **len**.

"What a hunter I **am**.

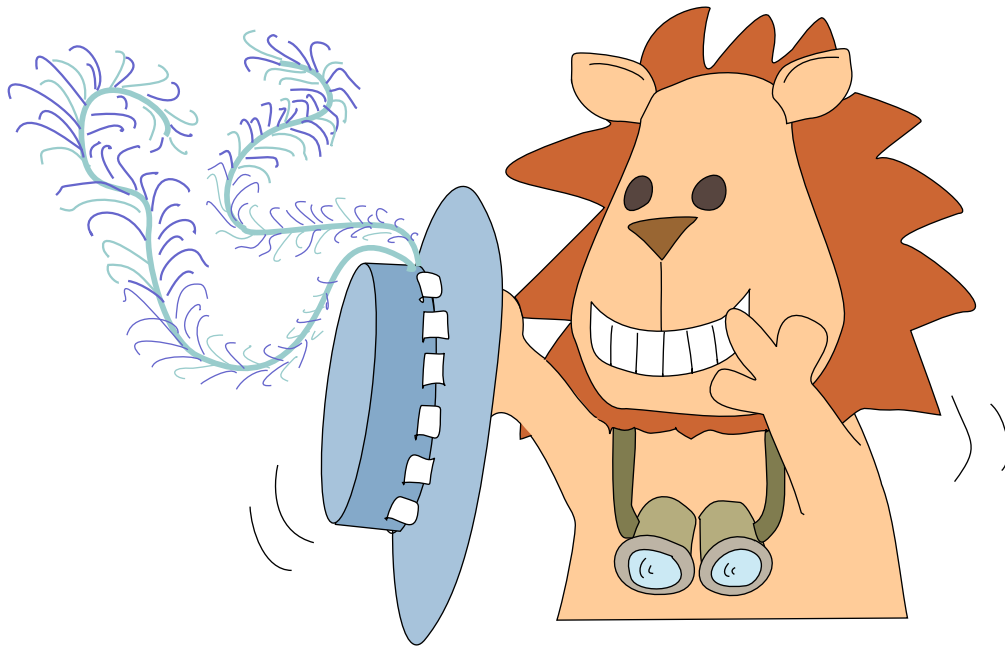Look **at** my prize,

lying in the sand!"
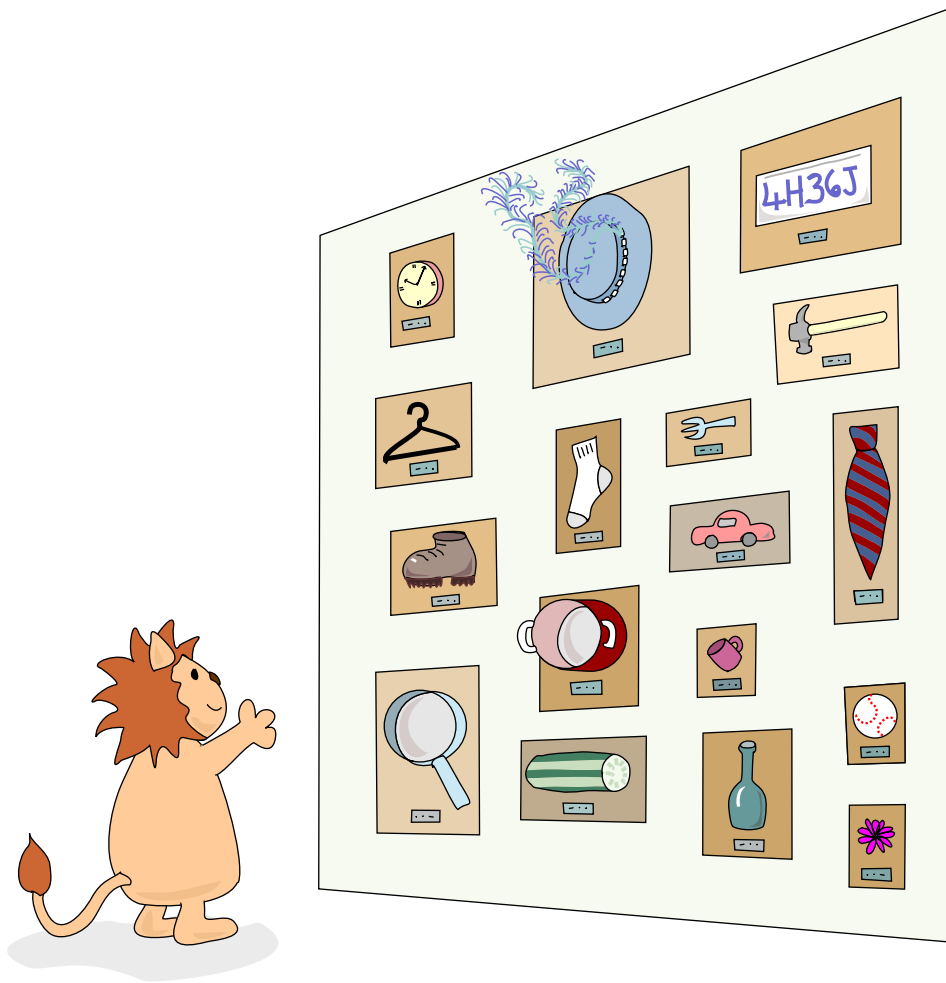
But did **len** take

the snake?

Or did **len** take

the bird?

No! **len** took

the **hat**.

How very absurd!

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