

# The Bird and the Bush

- a Hungarian cumulative tale translated and adapted for the EAL classroom -

The little bird flies to the bush and says: I am so tired! Please, let me sleep on you! But the bush says: I don't want to! Go away! And the bush doesn't let the bird sleep on it.

So the bird flies to the goat and says: Please eat the bush! It is so mean to me! But the goat says: I don't want to! The goat doesn't eat the bush and the bush doesn't let the bird sleep on it.

So the bird flies to the wolf and says: Please bite the goat! It is so mean to me! But the wolf says: I don't want to! The wolf doesn't bite the goat, the goat doesn't eat the bush, and the bush doesn't let the bird sleep on it.

So the bird flies to the village and says: Please catch the wolf! It is so mean to me! But the people in the village say: We don't want to! The village doesn't catch the wolf, the wolf doesn't bite the goat, the goat doesn't eat the bush, and the bush doesn't let the bird sleep on it.

So the bird flies to the fire and says: Please burn the village! It is so mean to me! But the fire says: I don't want to! The fire doesn't burn the village, the village doesn't catch the wolf, the wolf doesn't bite the goat, the goat doesn't eat the bush, and the bush doesn't let the bird sleep on it.

So the bird flies to the water and says: Please put out the fire! It is so mean to me! But the water says: I don't want to! The water doesn't put out the fire, the fire doesn't burn the village, the village doesn't catch the wolf, the wolf doesn't bite the goat, the goat doesn't eat the bush, and the bush doesn't let the bird sleep on it.

So the bird flies to the bull and says: Please drink the water!  
It is so mean to me! But the bull says: I don't want to!  
The bull doesn't drink the water, the water doesn't put out the fire,  
the fire doesn't burn the village, the village doesn't catch the wolf,  
the wolf doesn't bite the goat, the goat doesn't eat the bush,  
and the bush doesn't let the bird sleep on it.

So the bird flies to the stick and says: Please beat the bull!  
It is so mean to me! But the stick says: I don't want to!  
The stick doesn't beat the bull, the bull doesn't drink the water,  
the water doesn't put out the fire, the fire doesn't burn the village,  
the village doesn't catch the wolf, the wolf doesn't bite the goat,  
the goat doesn't eat the bush,  
and the bush doesn't let the bird sleep on it.

So the bird flies to the worm and says: Please chew the stick!  
It is so mean to me! But the worm says: I don't want to!  
The worm doesn't chew the stick, the stick doesn't beat the bull,  
the bull doesn't drink the water, the water doesn't put out the fire,  
the fire doesn't burn the village, the village doesn't catch the wolf,  
the wolf doesn't bite the goat, the goat doesn't eat the bush,  
and the bush doesn't let the bird sleep on it.



So the bird flies to the chicken and says: Please pick up the worm!  
And the chicken says: It's a good idea! I am very hungry anyway!  
The chicken runs to pick up the worm, the worm runs to chew the stick,  
the stick runs to beat the bull, the bull runs to drink the water,  
the water runs to put out the fire, the fire runs to burn the village,  
the village runs to catch the wolf, the wolf runs to bite the goat,  
the goat runs to eat the bush, so the bush lets the bird sleep on it.

THE END





Write the names next to the pictures!


Choose the actions from the box  
and write them in the middle!

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eat	bite	catch	burn	put out
drink	beat	chew	pick up	

Write the names under the pictures! Choose from the box!



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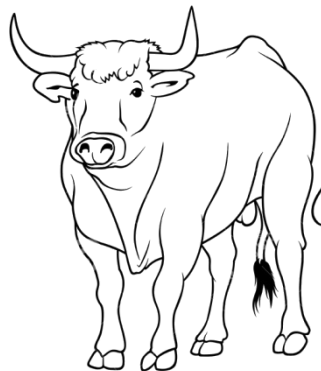
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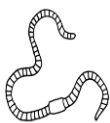
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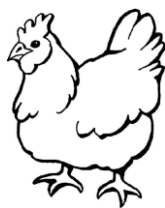
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wolf worm water  
village chicken  
goat stick bush