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The Man with Coconuts

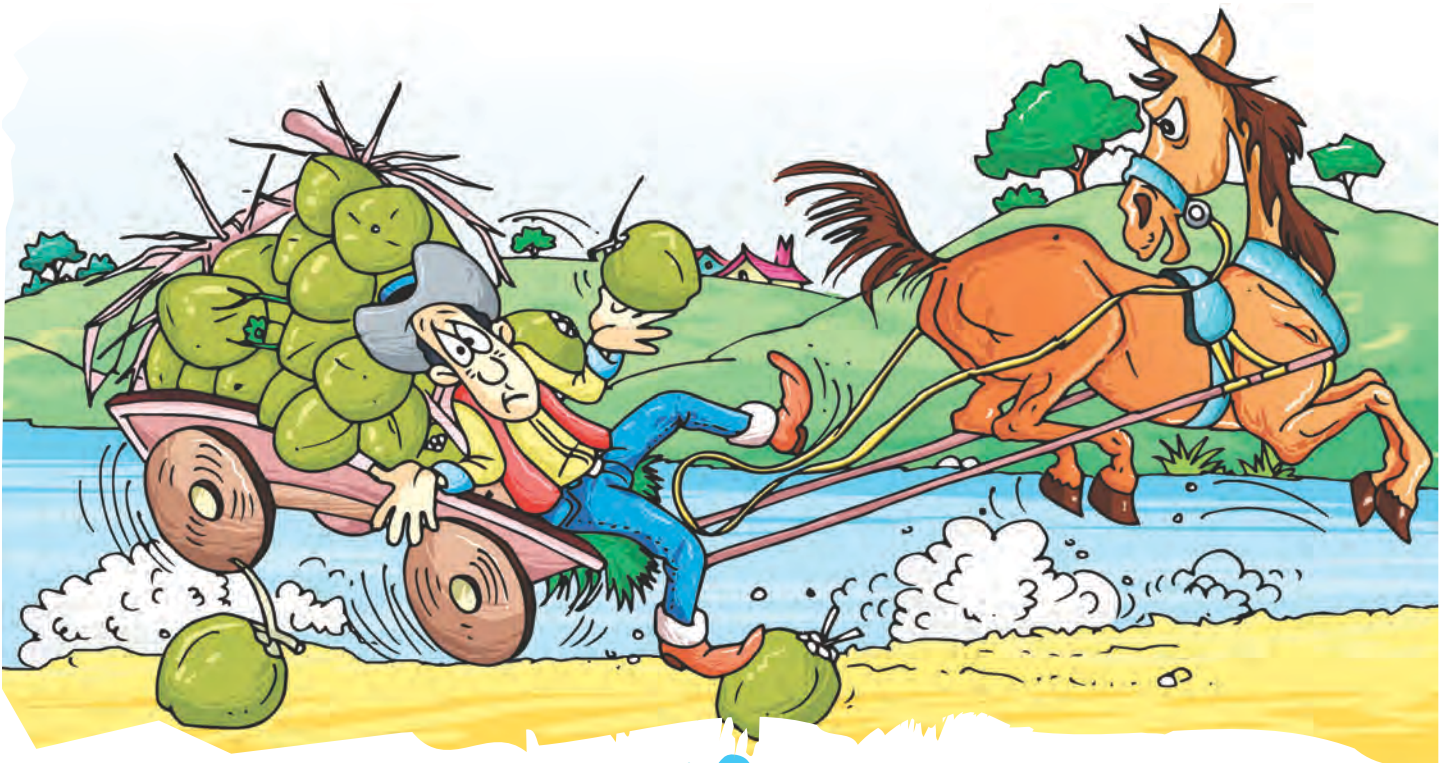


Do you walk fast or slow when you go to school? Do you know what can happen if you walk too fast? What might happen if you walk too slowly?

One day, a man went out to **gather** coconuts. He found many coconuts and put them all on his horse cart.

On his way home, he met a boy. The man asked, “How long will it take to reach my house?” The boy looked at the heavy load of coconuts and said, “If you go slowly you will **arrive** very soon, but if you go fast, it will take you all day to reach your house.”

The man thought about the **strange** reply and began to **hurry** his horse. The coconuts fell off, and he had to stop and pick them up.



Then the man hurried again to make up for the lost time. Again the coconuts fell and the man had to stop again to pick them all up. Again and again the man hurried, again and again the coconuts fell off, and again and again the man had to stop and pick them. When at last he reached home, it was night. The man thought of what the boy had said, and it did not seem strange any more.

Word-Web

- **gather:** to collect
- **arrive:** to reach
- **strange:** unexpected
- **hurry:** to make haste



Comprehension

» Multi-Menu

Multiple Choice Questions

A. Tick the correct answers.

- One day, a man went out to gather _____.
(a) chocolates (b) coconuts (c) corns
- On his way home, the man met a _____.
(a) woman (b) girl (c) boy
- The man began to hurry his _____.
(a) horse (b) home (c) cart
- When the man reached home, it was _____.
(a) dark (b) day (c) night

» Pick and Fill

B. Fill in the blanks with correct words from the box.

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- The man found many _____ and put them all on his horse cart.
- How long will it take to reach my _____?
- The man thought about the _____ reply.
- Then the man _____ again to make up for the lost time.
- When at last he reached home, it was _____.

C. Complete the spellings of these words.

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|---------------|--------------|------------|
| 1. c__c__nuts | 2. h__r__e | 3. ho__se |
| 4. h__ __vy | 5. sl__w__y | 6. f__s__ |
| 7. h__rr__ | 8. st__a__ge | 9. n__gh__ |

» **Matching-Mania**

D. Match the words in Column A with opposite words in Column B.

Column A

1. man •
2. day •
3. boy •
4. fast •
5. heavy •

Column B

- (a) light
- (b) slow
- (c) woman
- (d) night
- (e) girl

» **Question-Queue (Short)**

E. Answer each question in a few words or a sentence.

1. Why did the man go out?
2. Who met the man on his way home?
3. Why did the man have to stop again and again?
4. What happened when the man reached home?

» **Question-Queue (Long)**

F. Answer each question in one or two sentences.

1. What did the man put on his horse cart?
2. Why did the coconuts fall off the horse cart?
3. What did not seem strange any more to the man?



Vocabulary

▶ Jumble-Jig

» Unjumble the letters to name the following pictures.

1. nam



2. shore



3. concout



4. yob



5. ract





Think-n-Thrive

To walk and play is good for your health. But why should you not walk too fast?



Grammar-Grip

» One and Many

Nouns that mean **only one** are called singular in number.

Nouns that mean **more than one** are called plural in number.

Look at the pictures and read the words below them.

One



one boy

many



three boys

one



one coconut

many



four coconuts

We add **-s** or **-es** to make nouns plural.

▶ **Now, change the following nouns into plurals by adding **-s** or **-es**.**

Singular	Plural	Singular	Plural
1. boy	_____	2. cart	_____
3. coconut	_____	4. horse	_____
5. house	_____	6. day	_____

» **Count and Write**

▶ **Count your body parts and fill in the blanks.**



- I have one _____. (nose/hands)
- I have two _____. (mouth/eyes)
- I have two _____. (legs/tongue)
- I have two _____. (fingers/hands)
- I have _____ teeth. (one/many)
- I have _____ ears. (one/two)
- I have ten _____. (fingers/knees)
- I have _____ mouth. (one/two)