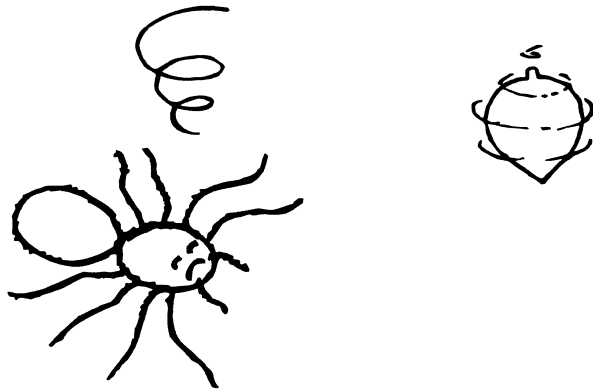


Which insect runs away from everything?



A flea (flee).

Why are spiders like a top?



Because they are always spinning.

Jokes with Reading

A book of easy-reading jokes

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Why these jokes?

These jokes are excellent to encourage children who are having difficulties or need extra practice with reading for several reasons.

- They contain short, self-contained units.
- They use and repeat common words.
- The vocabulary has been simplified.
- The print is large and clear.
- They contain humour to maintain interest.
- They can be practised often, whenever a cooperative volunteer/victim can be found.
- Practice encourages the development of fluency in reading
- they expand vocabulary and ways of thinking with their double meanings of words.
- Each time a new, long word is introduced it is split into syllables to encourage children to develop and use this skill.

How to use this book:

Jokes with Reading practises the common sounds of letters, common words and splitting long words into syllables.

Work through several pages of *Jokes with Reading* at a time with your child, making sure that he or she can read and understand the jokes, particularly the double meanings of words.

If necessary, write out common words on cards, particularly words that are tricky such as where, were, how, who, what ... You can make up sets with four copies of each of these and play snap or other matching-type games with them.

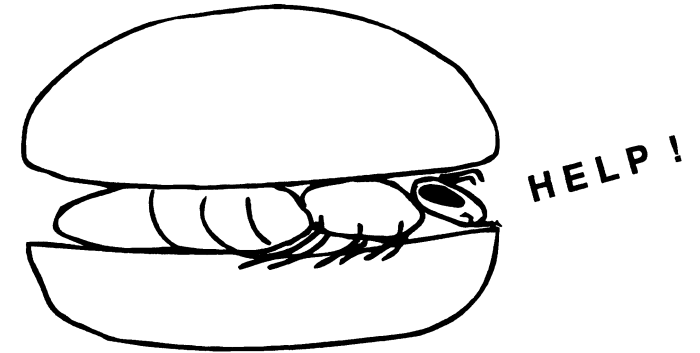
Aunts, uncles, grandparents, friends, etc. can then help by listening to your child read the jokes to them. Children enjoy this, especially if these people can not work out the answers to the riddles.

Each new volunteer gives another opportunity to practise the same material without getting bored. This practice helps the development of competence and fluency in reading.

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What do you get when you cross a bee with minced meat?



A hum-burger (ham·burg·er).

What's worse than being a fool?



Fooling with a bee.

What is black and yellow
and goes "zzub, zzub"?



A bee flying backwards.

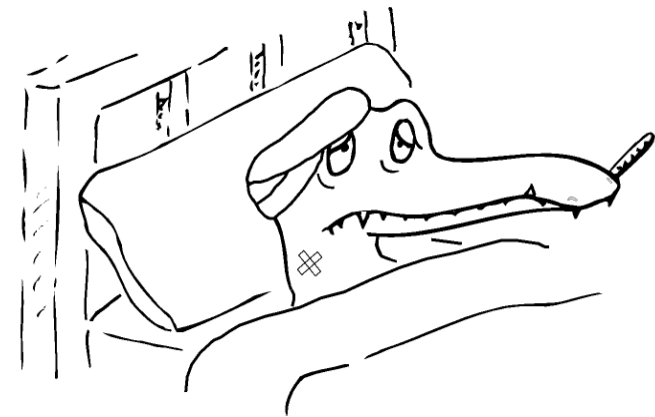
Why do bees hum?



Because they don't know
the words.

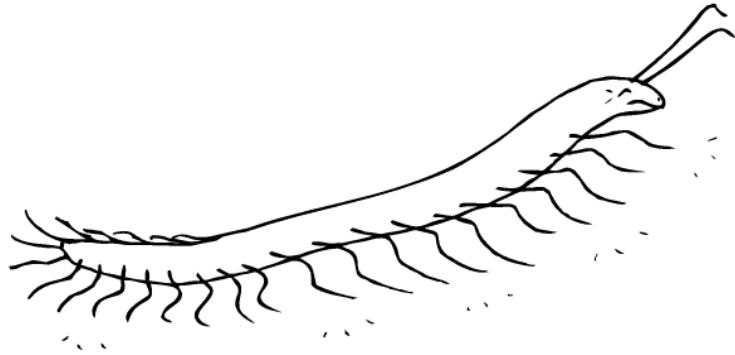
Jungle jokes

What do you call a sick
alligator?



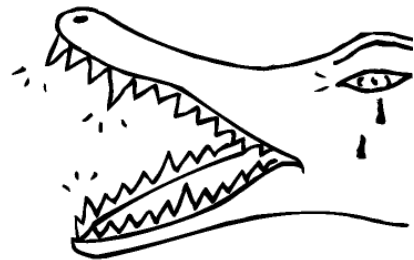
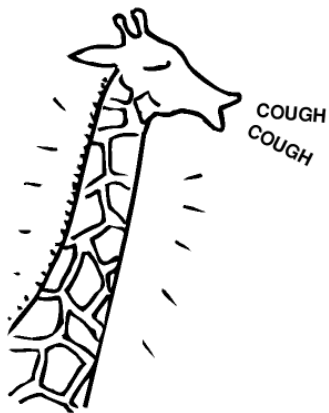
An ill-igator.

What's worse than a centipede with sore feet?



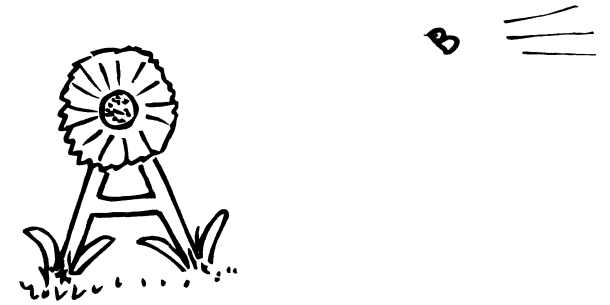
A giraffe with a sore throat.

What's worse than a giraffe with a sore throat?



A crocodile with toothache.

Why is the letter "A" like a flower?



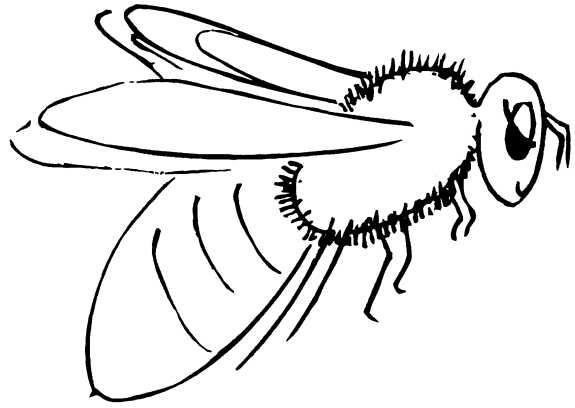
Because a "B" (bee) comes after it.

How do you know bees are happy?



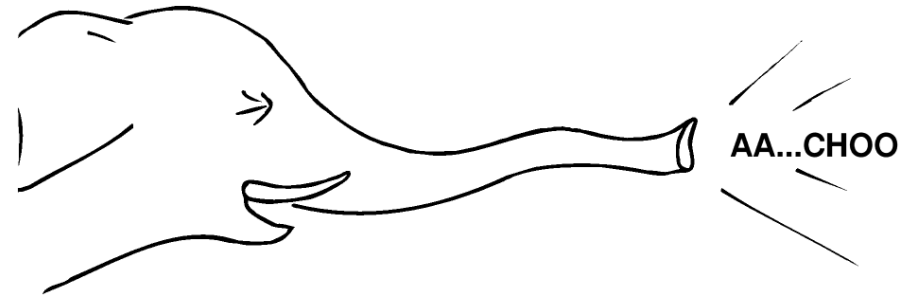
Because they hum while they work.

Which insect is very modest?



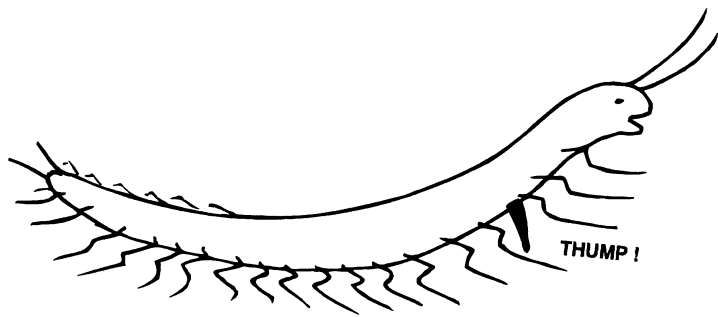
The humble bee (bum·ble·bee).

What's worse than a crocodile with toothache?



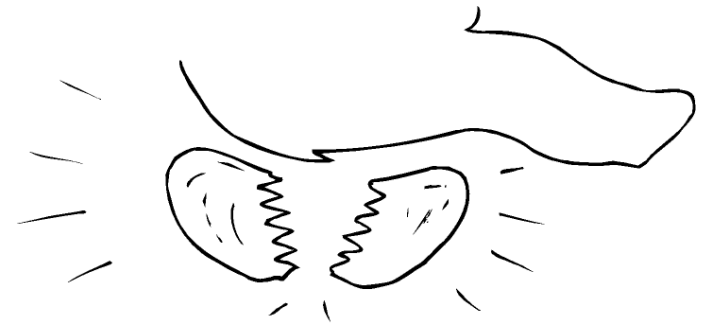
An elephant with hay fever.

What goes 99-thump,
99-thump, 99-thump ...?



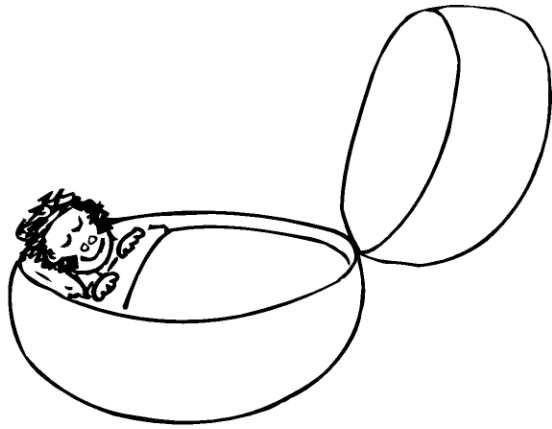
A centipede with a wooden leg.

Why did the hippopotamus
sit on a pumpkin?



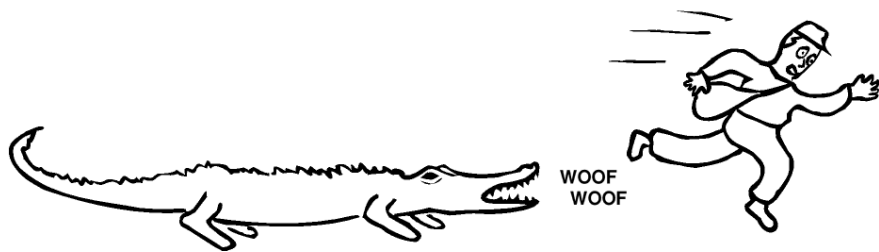
Because he wanted to play squash.

Where do baby apes sleep?



In apricots.

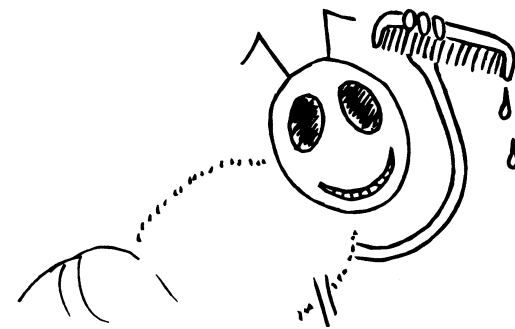
What do you get when you cross a crocodile with an angry dog?



A very nervous postman.

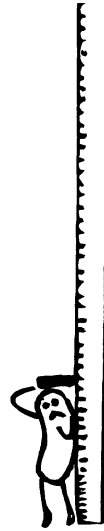
Insect jokes

Why do bees have sticky hair?



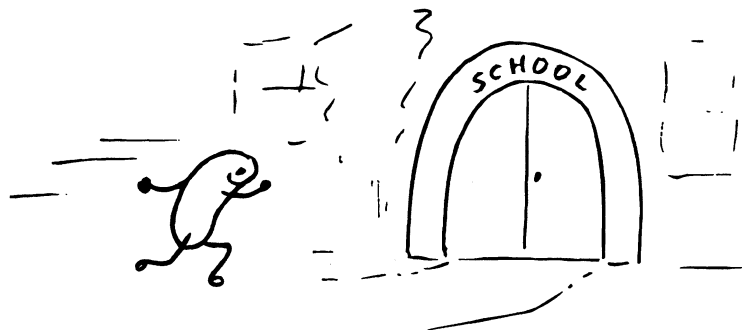
Because they use honey combs.

Which bean can't grow?



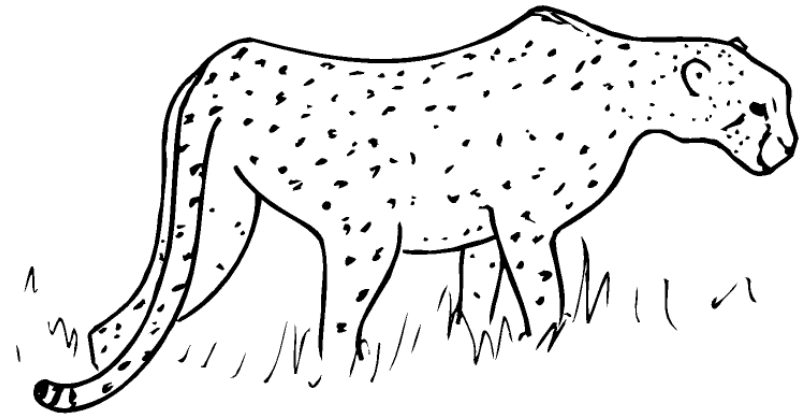
A jelly bean.

Why did the jelly bean go to school?



Because he wanted to be a smarty.

Which animal can't you trust?



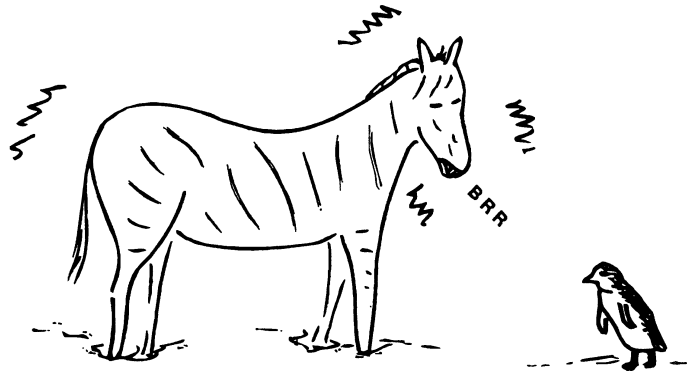
The cheetah (cheat-er).

What's black and white and green all over?



A seasick zebra.

What's black and white and blue all over?



A zebra at the South Pole.

What's black and white and red all over?



An embarrassed zebra.

What did one apricot say to the other apricot?



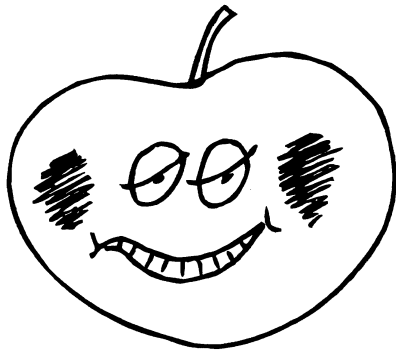
How did we get into a jam like this?

Why did Santa Claus plant a garden?



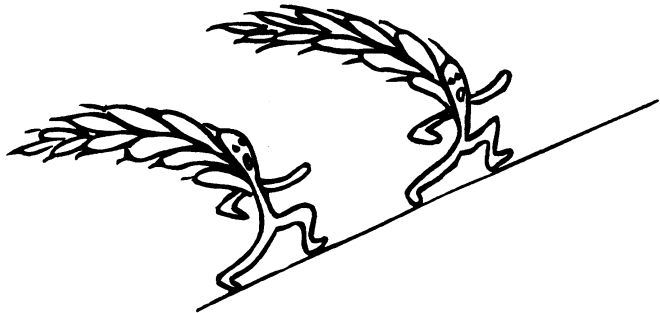
Because he liked to hoe, hoe, hoe (ho, ho, ho).

Why did the tomato blush?



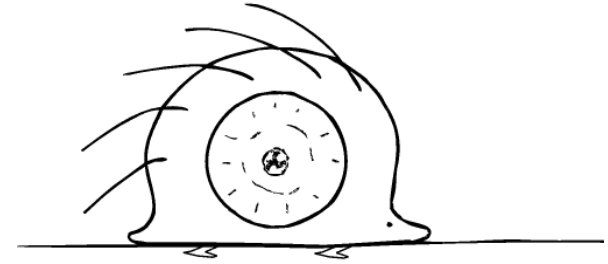
Because it saw the salad dressing.

Two little ears of wheat ran up the hill. What were they when they got to the top?



Puffed wheat.

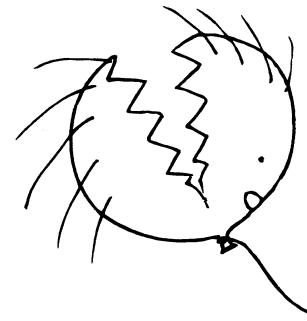
What do you get when you cross a porcupine with an inner tube?



A very flat tyre.

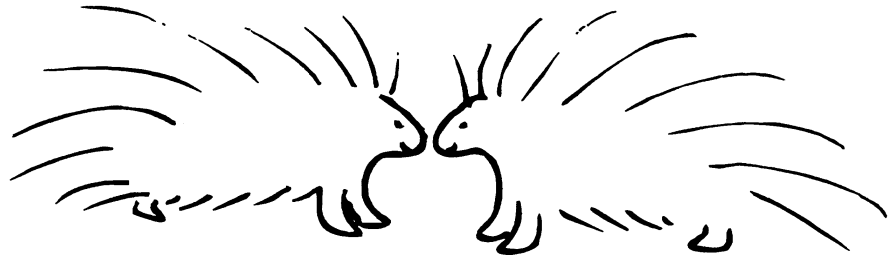
(US tire)

What do you get when you cross a porcupine with a balloon?



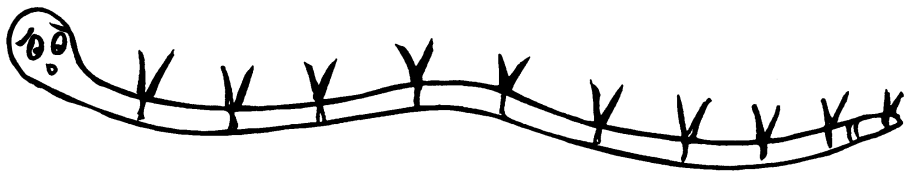
A big POP!

What do porcupines say
when they kiss?



"Ouch!"

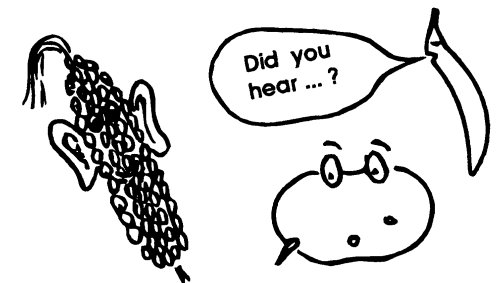
What do you get when you
cross a porcupine with a
worm?



Barbed wire.

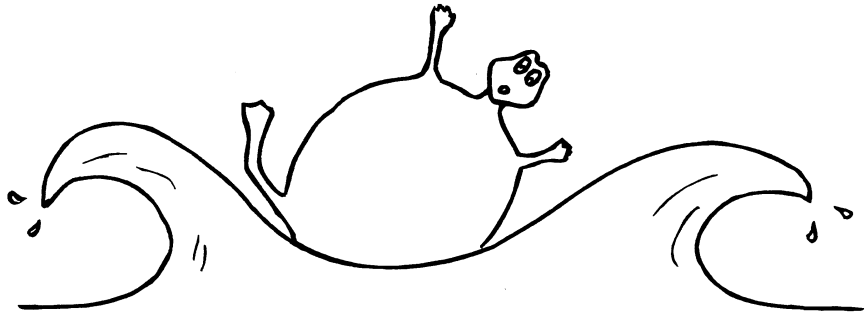
Garden jokes

Why don't you tell secrets in
the vegetable garden?



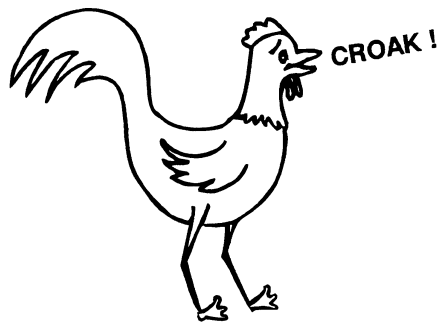
Because the
corn has ears,
the potatoes have eyes and
the bean stalk (beans talk).

What do you get when you cross a frog with an elephant?



Huge waves.

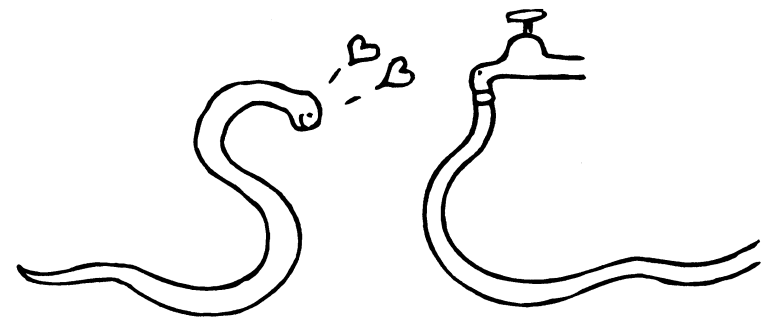
What do you get when you cross a frog with a chicken?



A green rooster that says, "Croak-a-doodle-doo."

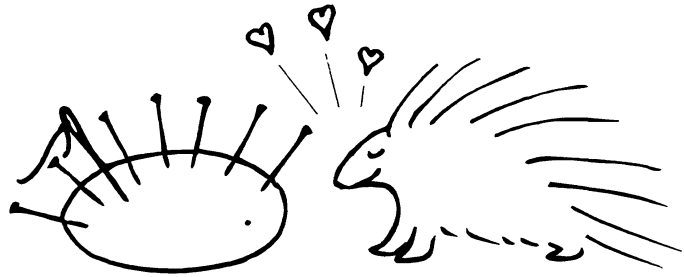
Love-sick jokes

Did you hear about the shortsighted snake?



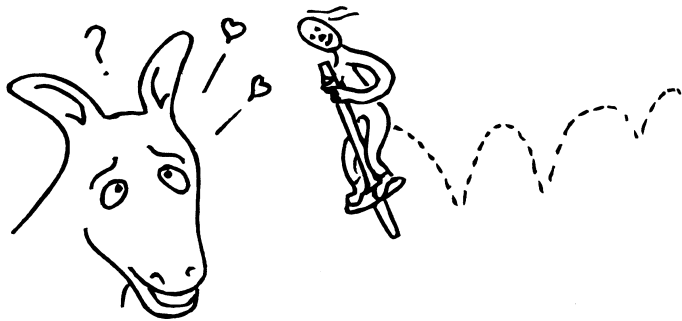
It fell in love with a garden hose.

Did you hear about the shortsighted porcupine?



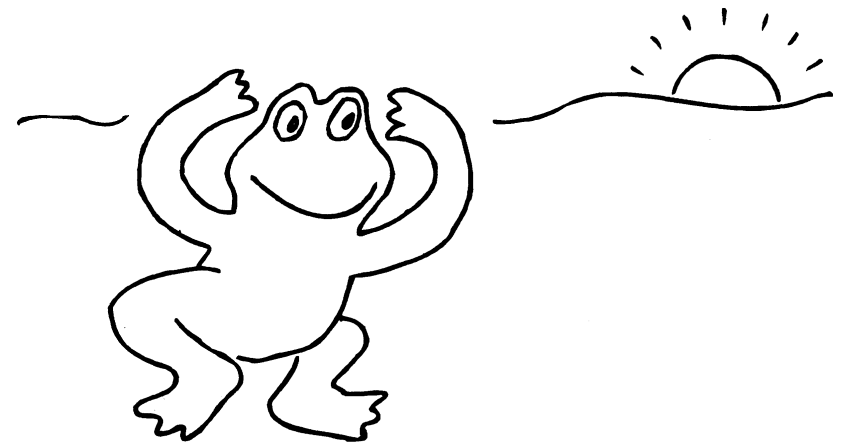
It fell in love with a pincushion.

Did you hear about the shortsighted kangaroo?



It fell in love with a pogo stick.

When do frogs wake up?



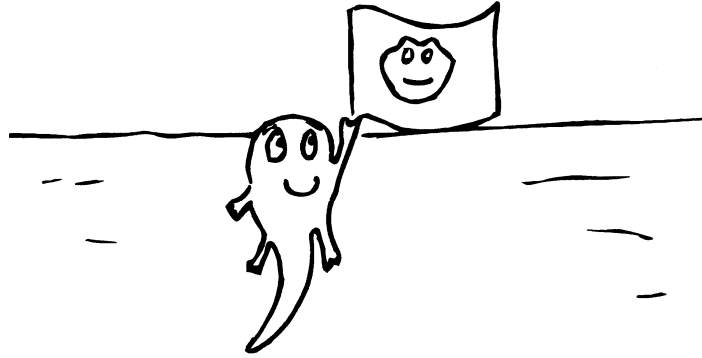
At the croak (crack) of dawn.

Where do frogs sit?



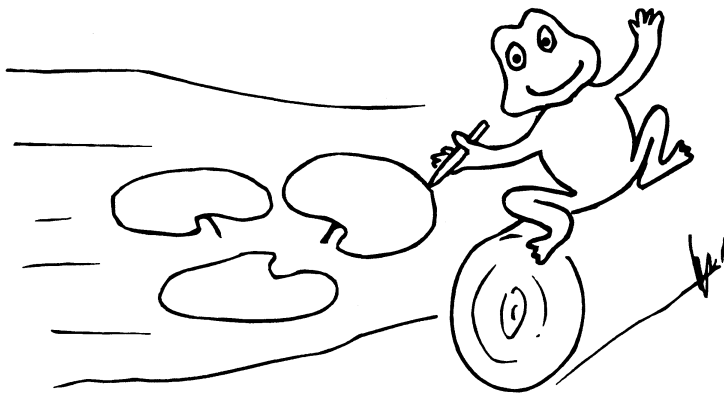
On toadstools.

Where do frogs fly their flags?



On tadpoles (flag:poles).

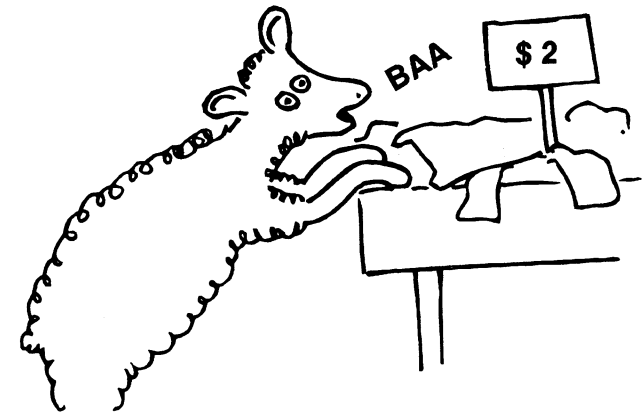
Where do frogs write notes?



On lily pads or in log books.

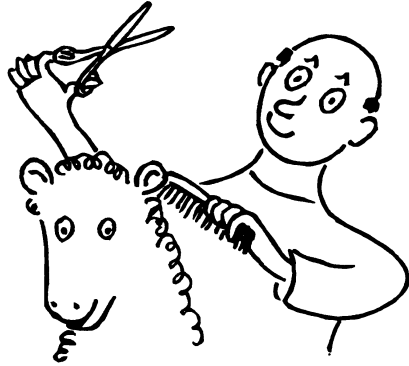
Sheep jokes

What do sheep look for at sales?



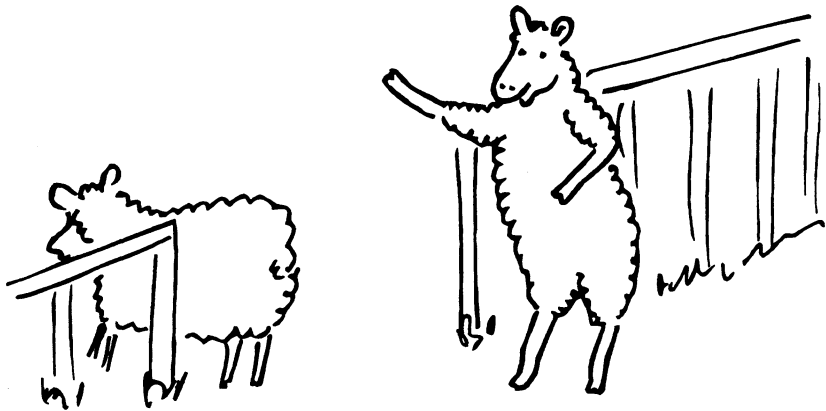
Baa-gains (bar:gains).

Where do sheep go to get their hair cut?



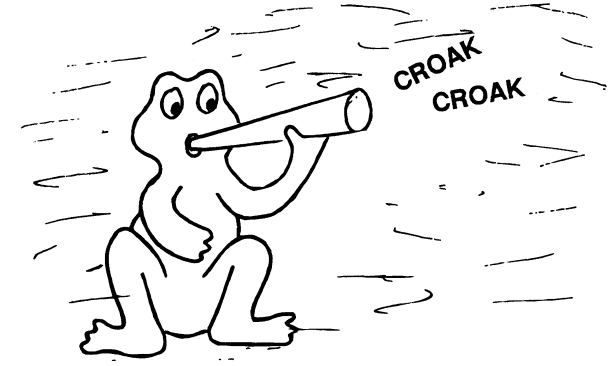
To the baa-bers (bar-bers).

What do sheep say as they go through the gate?



After ewe (you).

What goes "croak croak" when it's foggy?



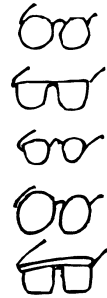
A frog-horn (fog horn).

Where do frogs keep their money?



In the river bank.

Where do frogs go to get their eyes tested?



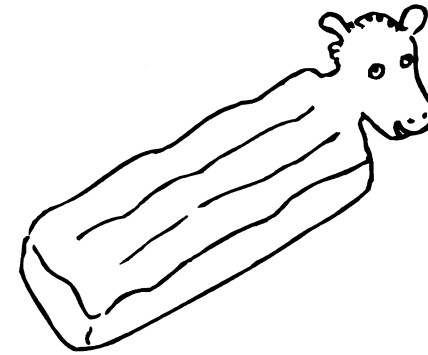
To the hop-tometrist.
(op·tom·e·trist)

What do you get when you cross a frog with bagpipes?



Hopscotch.

What do you call a sheep covered in chocolate?



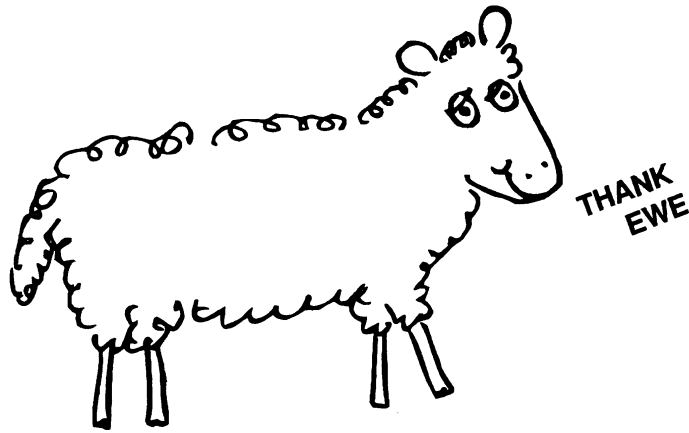
A maas bar (Mars Bar).

What do you get if your sheep learns karate?



A lamb chop.

What do polite lambs say?



Thank ewe (you).

Why don't sheep have much money?

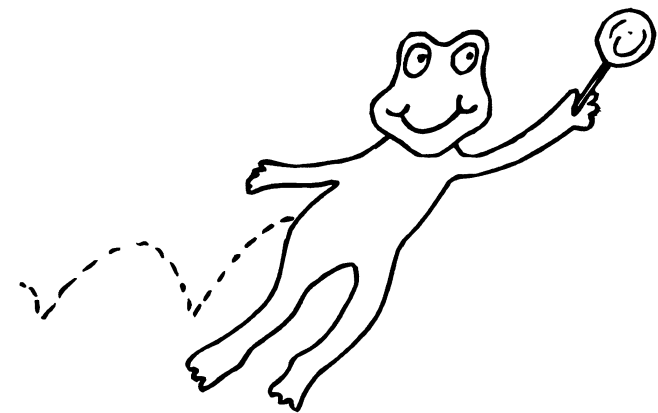


Because they are always getting fleeced.

Frog jokes

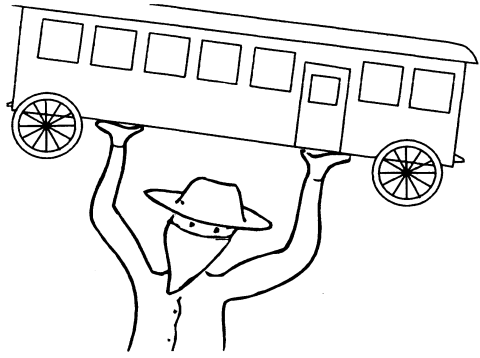
What is a frog's favourite sweet?

(US favorite)



A lolli-hop (lol-li-pop).

Who were the strongest men in the old west?



Bandits. They held up trains.

If a centipede has a hundred legs, what has more than a thousand legs?



A stampede.

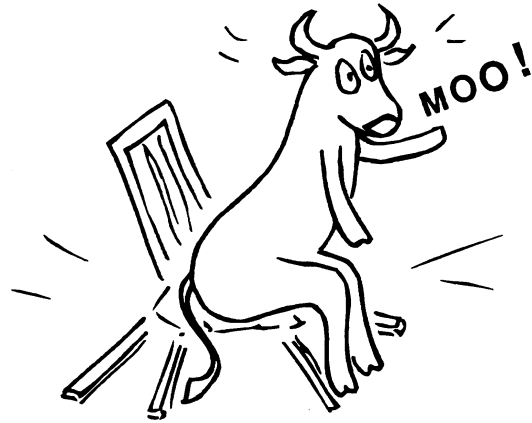
Cow and cowboy jokes

Where do cows go on Saturday nights?



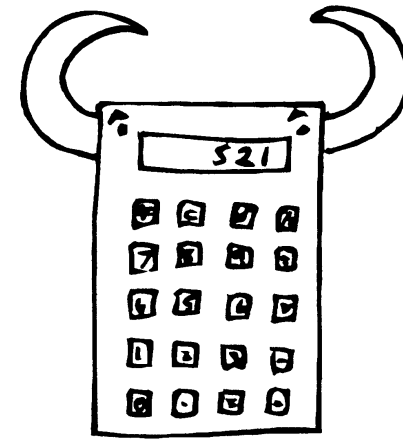
To the moo-vies (movies).

Which game do cows play at parties?



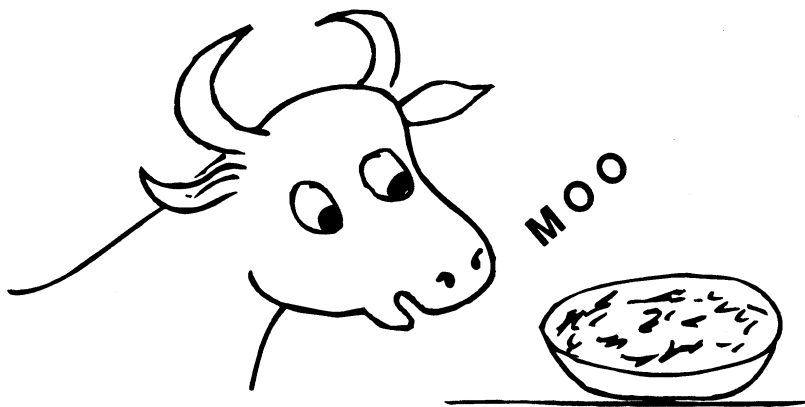
Moo-sical (mu·si·cal) chairs.

How do cowboys count their cows?



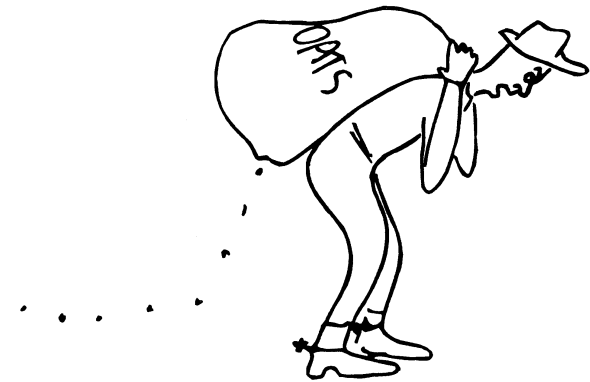
With a cow-culator (cal·cu·la·tor).

What do cows eat for breakfast?



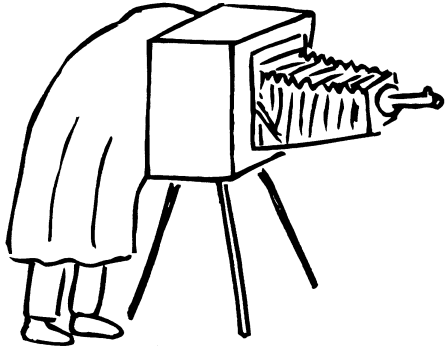
Moo-sli (mue·sli).

What can you put in a bag of oats to make it weigh less?



A hole.

What do you call a cowboy's camera?



A pix shooter (six shooter).

What do you call a bull that is asleep?



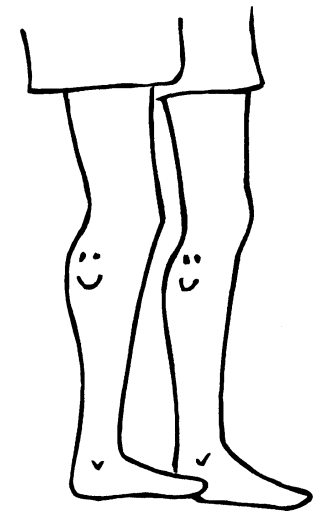
A bulldozer.

What kind of horses do cowboys ride at night?



Nightmares.

Which two animals are always with you?



Your calves.

Why do cows wear bells?



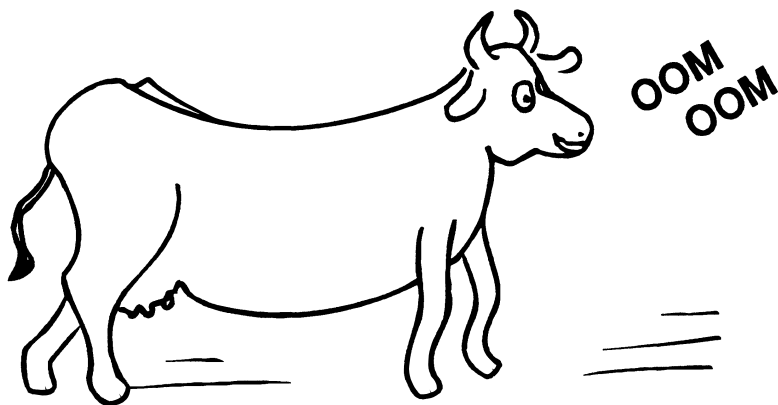
Because their horns don't work.

What do you call a cow that lives in Alaska?



An eskimoo.

What gives milk and says, "Oom, oom?"



A cow walking backwards.

What do you get when you cross a horse with a porcupine?



A sore cowboy.