

## ***Classroom Language:*** Texts for dictation:

### The Donkey and the Grasshopper

A donkey heard some grasshoppers chirping. He was enchanted and wanted to sing like them. He asked, "What food do you eat to give you such beautiful voices?" They replied, "The dew." The donkey decided that he would only eat dew. In a short time, he died of hunger.

### The Thirsty Pigeon

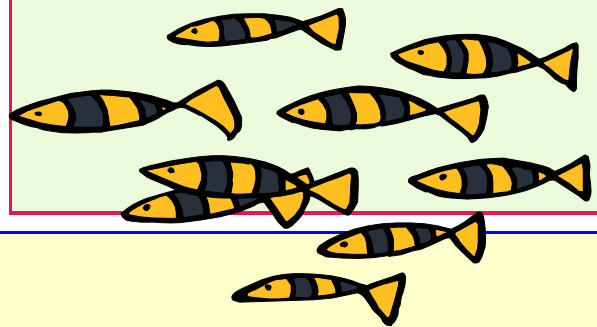
A thirsty pigeon saw a glass of water painted on a billboard. She didn't know that it was only a picture, so flew towards it with great speed. She crashed into the billboard, breaking her wings. She fell to the ground, and was caught by someone who saw her fall.

### The Musical Fisherman

A fisherman who was a fine musician took his flute and his nets to the seashore.

Standing on a rock, he threw his nets into the sea and played several tunes on his flute. He hoped that the fish, would like his tunes, and dance into his net.

At last, after a long time, he put down his flute, and casting his net into the sea, made an excellent catch of fish.



### The Father and His Sons

A father had a family of sons who were always fighting. He decided to teach them a lesson. He told his sons to bring him a bunch of sticks. He asked his eldest son to break the bunch of sticks. The son tried with all his strength but could not do it. The other sons tried and were also unsuccessful.

The father then took the sticks and put one into each son's hand. He asked his sons to try and break the sticks. They broke easily. The father said, "My sons, if you help each other, you will be like the bunch of sticks. But if you are divided among yourselves, you will be broken as easily as a single stick."