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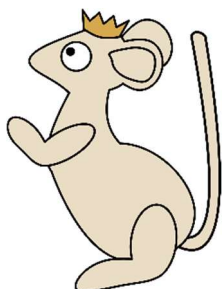
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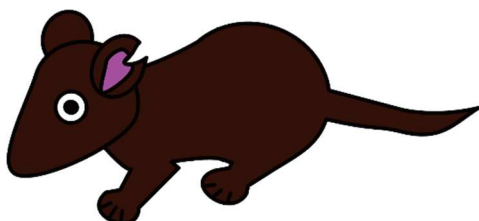
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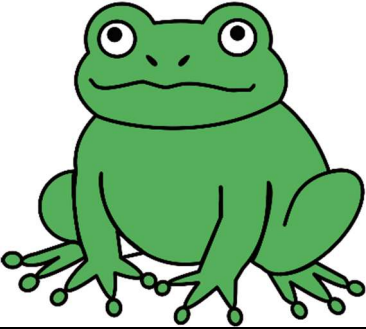
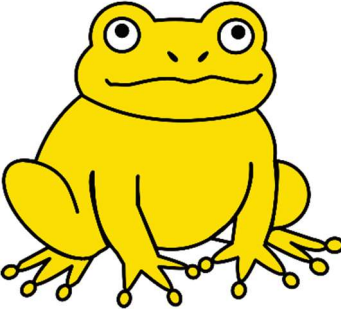


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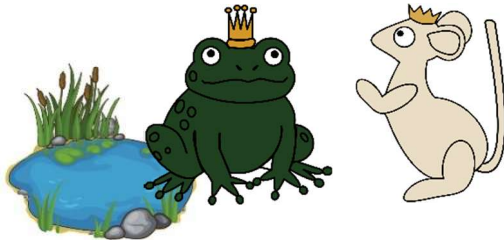
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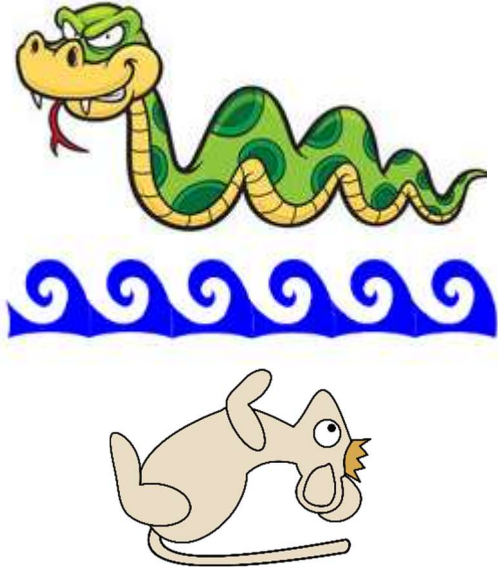
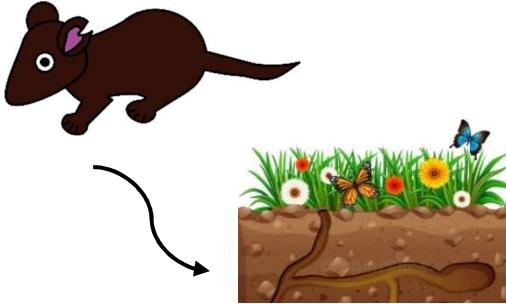
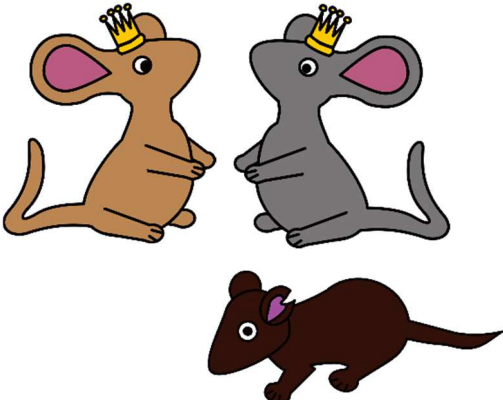
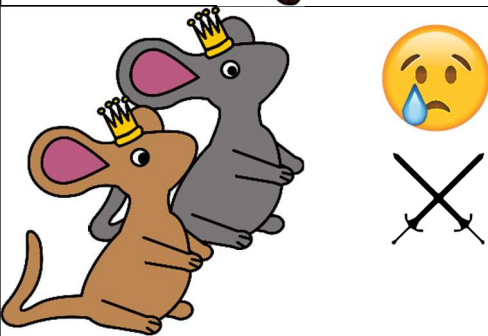
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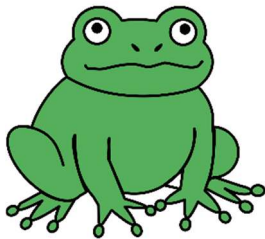
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	Another mouse called Lickplatter sees this from the bank of the pond and takes the news back to the Burrow, the home of the Mice.
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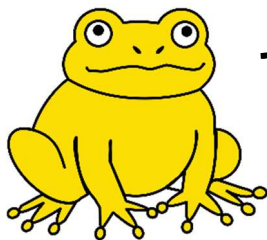
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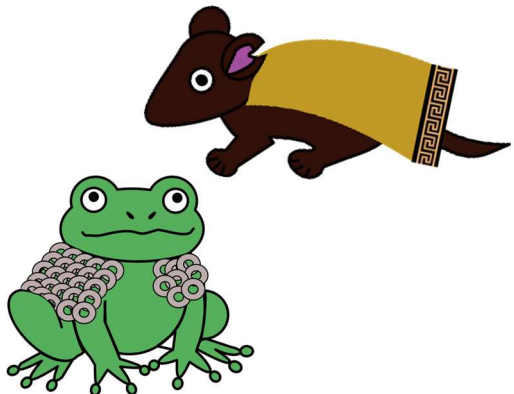
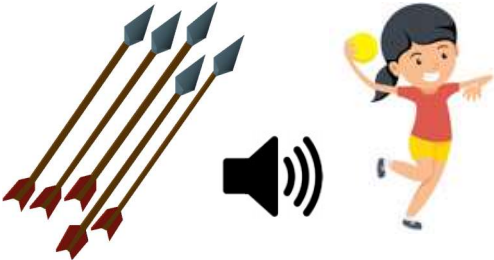
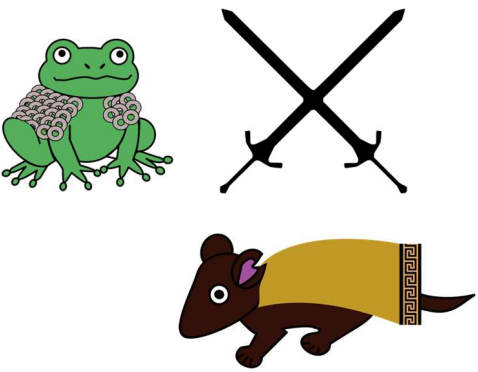


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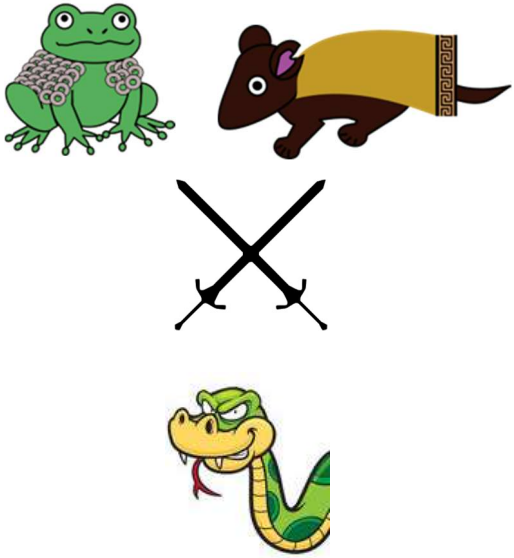
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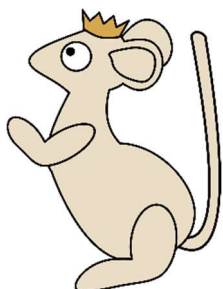
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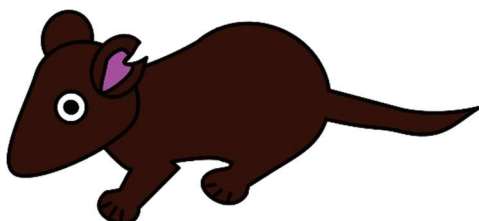
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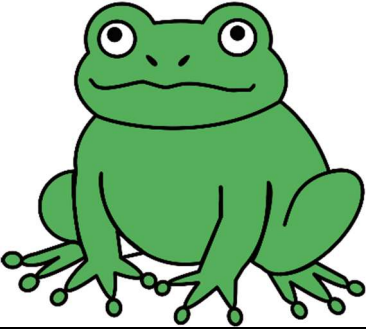
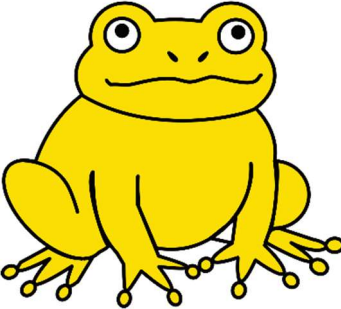


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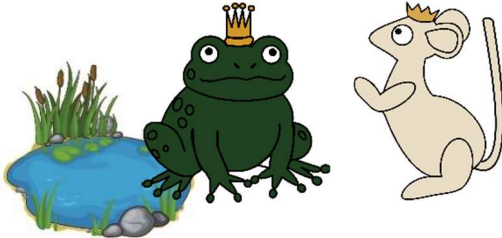
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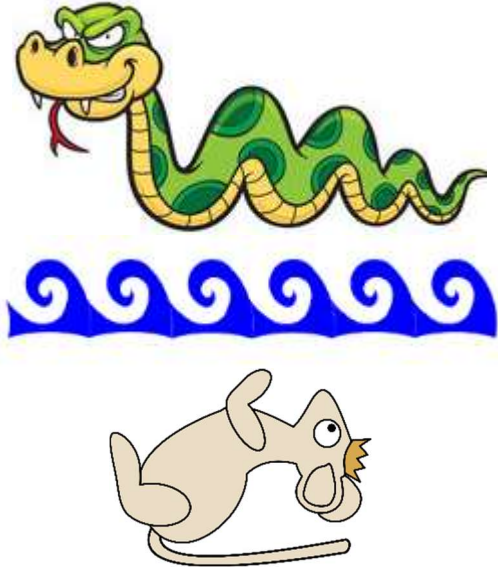
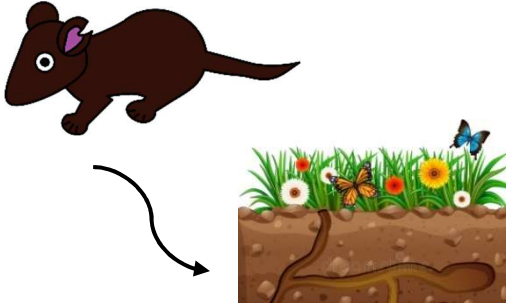
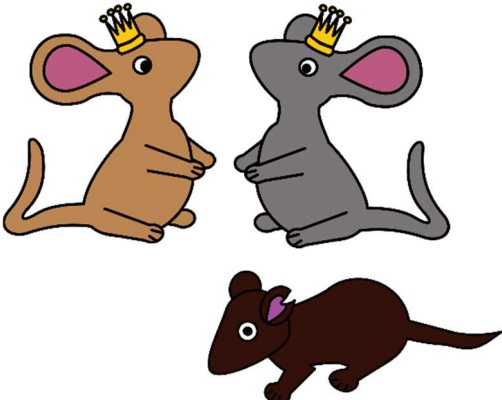
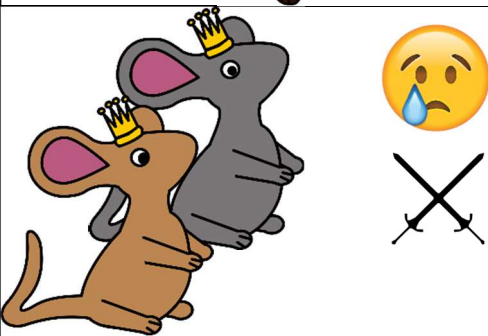
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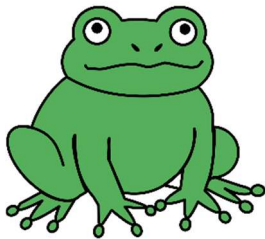
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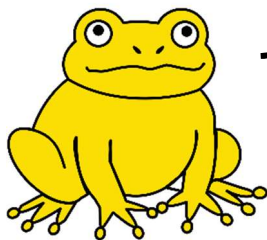
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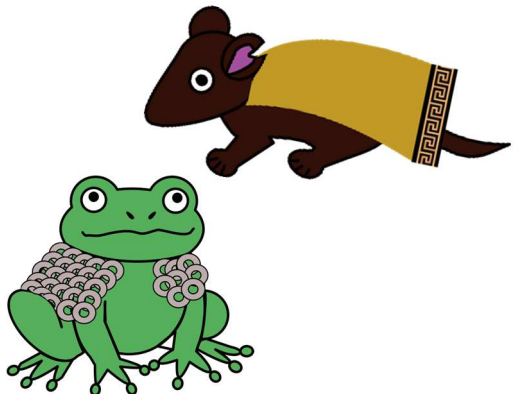
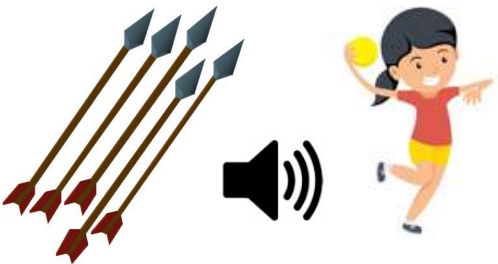
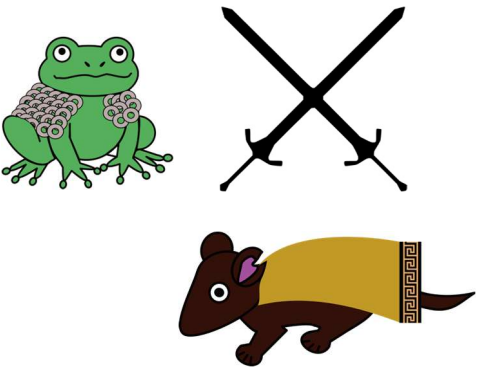


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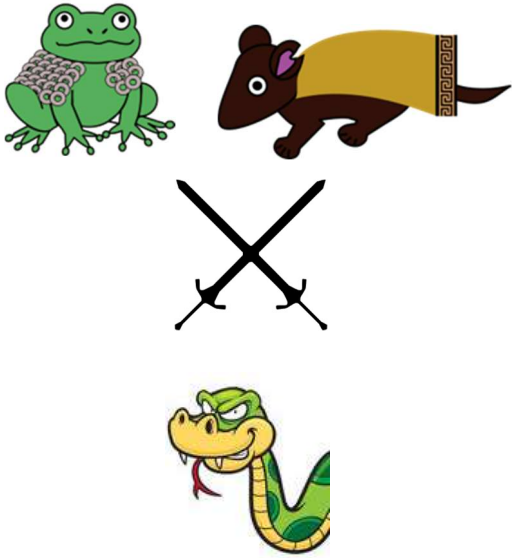
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