

The Monkeys and The Banana

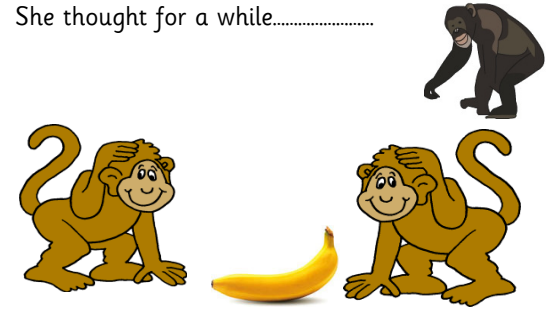
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Once upon a time two young monkeys found a banana. The little monkeys were greedy and began to quarrel because they both wanted to eat it.

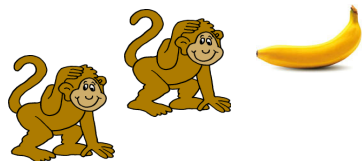


After a while an older monkey came by and looked hungrily at the banana. She thought for a while.....



and then she said

Little ones, why are you quarrelling? To be fair you should share the banana. Here let me break it in half for you.

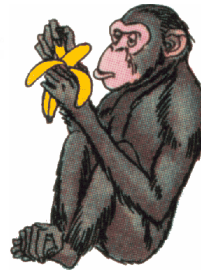


The older monkey took the banana and very carefully peeled back the skin.

She split it in two and held up the pieces. Then she said.....



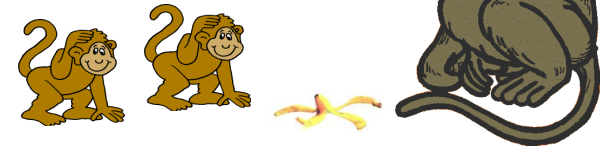
Oh dear. One piece is larger than the other.



So she broke a bit off the larger piece and ate it.

She held up the pieces again and looked carefully. Then she looked at the two little monkeys and said

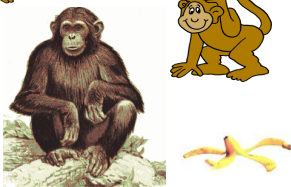
Oh dear, now the other piece is bigger!



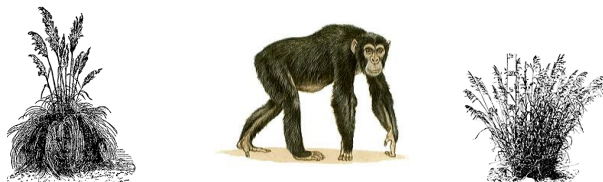
So she broke off another bit and popped it into her mouth.



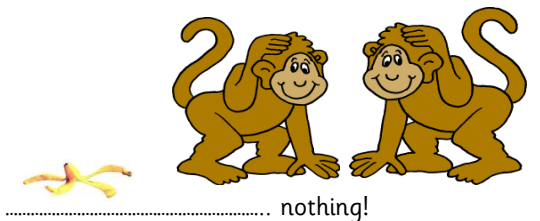
The two little monkeys watched, not realising what was happening.



The cunning old monkey carried on doing this and the pieces became smaller and smaller until there was only one tiny piece left. Quickly she gobbled it up and scampered away laughing to herself about the greedy, foolish little monkeys and wondering if they had learned their lesson.



The two little monkeys sat and stared at each other. They realised now that they had been fooled and they also realised how silly they had been to quarrel. Because they had been too greedy to share they were now left with



..... nothing!