

# The Papaya That Spoke

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The farmer asked his dog, "Did you say that?"

"It was the papaya!" said the dog.

"AAARRRGGGHHH!" said the farmer and ran off. He met a fisherman selling fish.

"Why are you running?" asked the fisherman.

"A papaya and my dog spoke to me!" said the farmer.

"Not true," said the fisherman.

"It is true!" said the fish.

"AAARRRGGGHHH!" said the farmer and ran off.

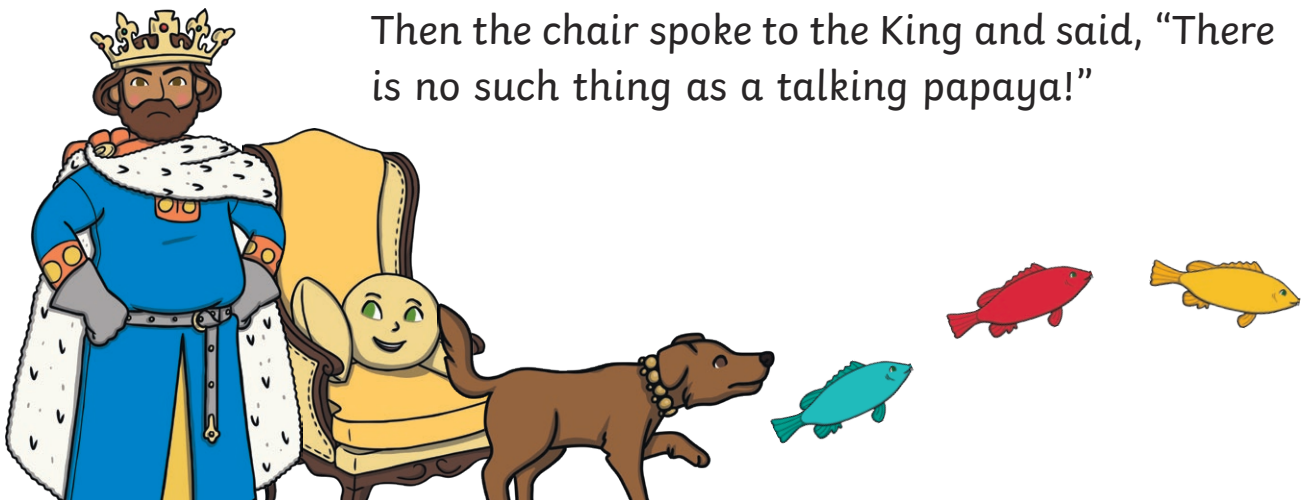
He met the King sitting in his chair.

"Why are you running?" said the King.

"A papaya, my dog and some fish spoke to me!" said the farmer.

"You silly man!" said the King. The farmer felt upset.

Then the chair spoke to the King and said, "There is no such thing as a talking papaya!"



# Questions

1. What did the farmer go out to pick? Tick one.

- an orange
- a papaya
- a pineapple

2. What did the papaya say? Tick one.

- "Help, I am a papaya!"
- "Hang on!"
- "Hands off me!"

3. Why did the farmer run off? Tick one.

- because he was afraid
- because he was tired
- because he was happy

4. **The farmer felt upset.**

Tick one word that means the same as **upset**.

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The farmer asked his dog, "Did you shout at me?"

"It was the papaya!" said the dog.

"AAARRRGGGHHH!" yelled the farmer. He ran off to the market and met a fisherman selling fish.

"Why are you running?" asked the fisherman.

"A papaya and my dog spoke to me!" said the farmer.

"That can't be true," said the fisherman.

"It is true!" said the fish.

"AAARRRGGGHHH!" yelled the farmer. He ran until he came to a field. He met a shepherd with his goats.

"Why are you running?" asked the shepherd.

"A papaya, my dog and some fish spoke to me!" said the farmer.

"That can't be true," said the shepherd.

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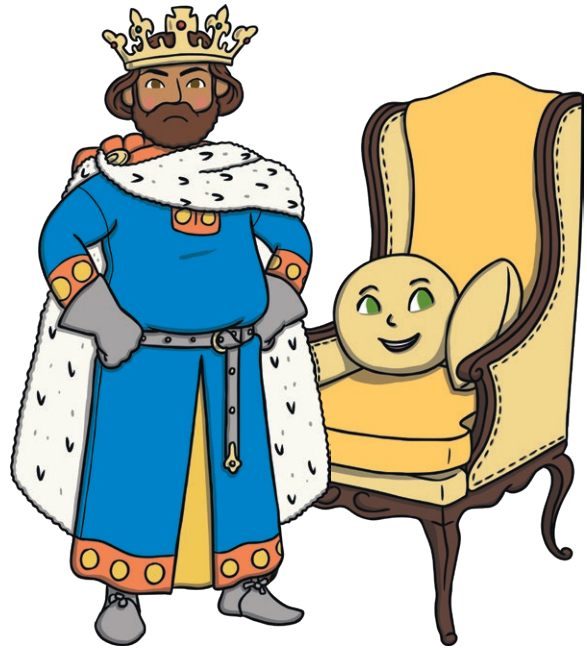
"AAARRRGGGHHH!" yelled the farmer and ran off. He ran to the village. The King was sitting in the sun in his old chair.



“Why are you running?” asked the King.

“A papaya, my dog, some fish and some goats spoke to me!” said the farmer.

“That can’t be true. Go home, you silly man!” said the King. So the farmer went home feeling very upset. Then the creaky, old chair spoke to the King and said, “There is no such thing as a talking papaya!”



# Questions

1. Where did the farmer live? Tick one.

- in a village
- on a lemon farm
- on a papaya farm

2. **“AAARRRGGGHHH!” yelled the farmer.**

What does the word **yelled** mean? Tick one.

- smiled
- shouted
- asked

3. Draw three lines to complete the sentences. The first one has been done for you.

The farmer went out	he was silly.
The papaya spoke	to pick a papaya.
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**The dog told the farmer that it was the papaya that had spoken.**

5. Find and copy one word from the text that describes the chair.

**Accept either 'old' or 'creaky'.**

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Many years ago, there was a farmer who lived on a papaya farm. One summer day, he felt hungry so he went out to pick a juicy papaya. To his surprise, the papaya shouted, "Hands off me!"



The farmer couldn't believe it. He asked his dog, "Did you shout at me?"

"It wasn't me. It was the papaya!" growled the dog.

"AAARRRGGGHHH!" yelled the farmer and ran off as fast as he could. He sprinted all the way to the market.

On the way, he met a fisherman selling his fresh fish. "Why are you running so fast?" asked the fisherman.

"A papaya spoke to me and then my dog spoke too!" said the farmer.

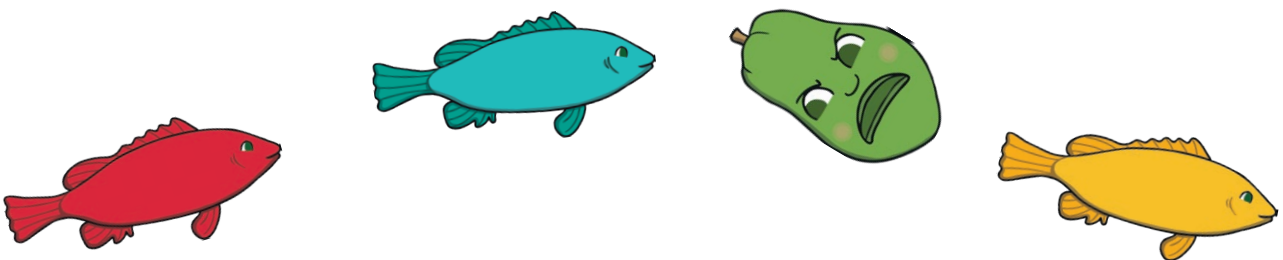
"That can't be true," chuckled the fisherman.

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In the field, was a shepherd with his hungry goats.

"Why are you running so fast?" asked the shepherd.







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“That can’t be true,” mocked the shepherd.

“It is not impossible!” bleated the goats.

“AAARRRGGGHHH!” yelled the farmer and ran off as fast as he could. He sprinted until he came to the village. In the village, the King was sitting in the sunshine on his wooden chair.

“Why are you running so fast?” asked the King.

“A papaya spoke to me! Then my dog, some fish and some goats spoke too!” said the farmer.

“That can’t be true. Go home, you silly man!” ordered the King.

So the farmer stumbled home feeling very foolish.

Later that afternoon, the chair suddenly spoke to the King, “I agree, there is no such thing as a talking papaya!”



# Questions

1. Why did the farmer go out to pick a papaya? Tick one.

- His dog wanted some papaya.
- He was hungry.
- He was going to the market.

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What does the word **sprinted** mean?

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What does the word **sprinted** mean?

**Accept any reasonable definition of the word 'sprinted', such as:  
Sprinted means to run very quickly.**

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Why did the farmer feel **foolish**?

**Pupils' own responses related to the text, such as: The famer felt foolish because the King called him a silly man.**

5. What do you think happened next when the King heard the chair speak at the end of the story?

**Pupils' own responses, such as: I think the King jumped out of the chair in surprise and ran after the farmer to tell him.**

6. Draw three lines to join each character to the word used to describe the way they speak in the text.

