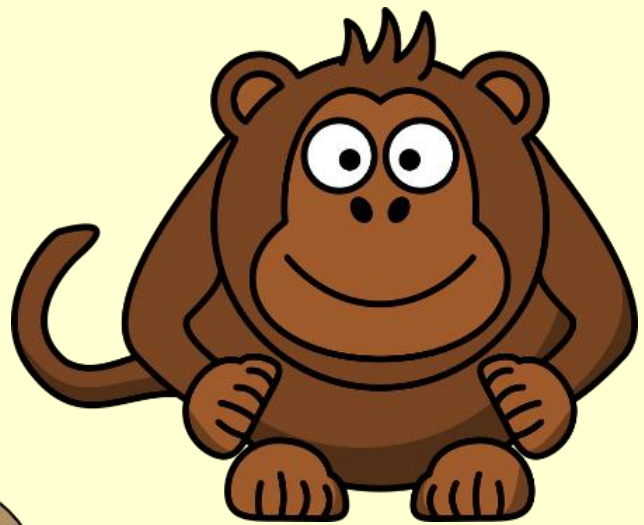
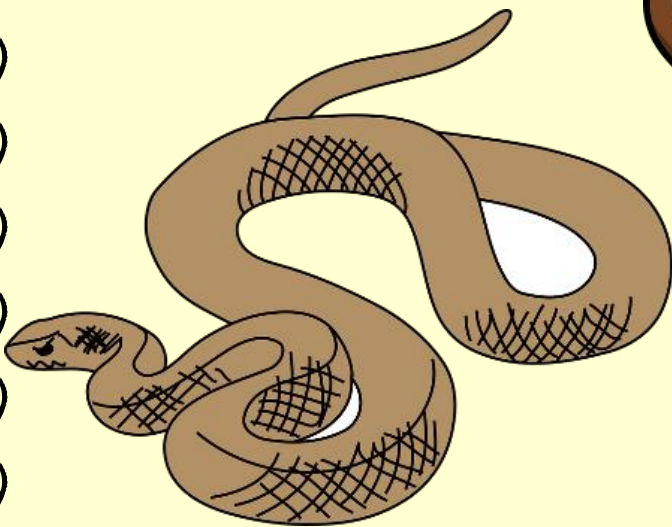
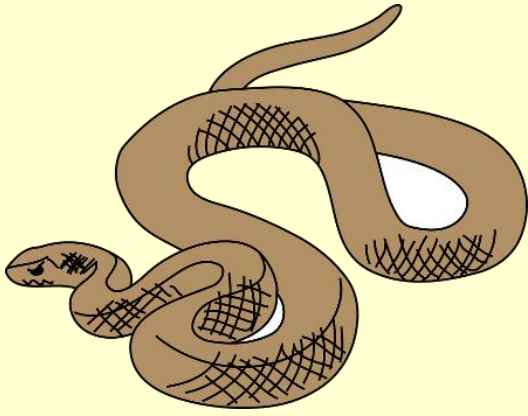


# The sly Snake and the clever Monkey

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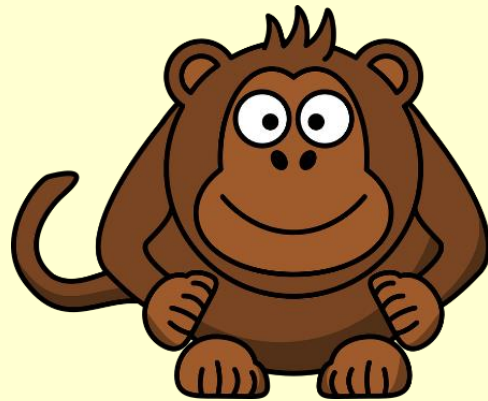




Once upon a time there lived a Snake who was very sly whenever he played games with his friends. He was known as the liar in the jungle who always got what he wanted no matter what.

One beautiful Saturday morning all the animals in the jungle went to their annual Saturday games get together. All the animals were very excited at this years Saturday games because the winner would get a delicious fruit basket for them to feast on. It was game on for all the animals!

Monkey was talking with Elephant about the games and how he knew the winner would deserve the win no matter what. "You know what Elephant?" said Monkey, "Even if I don't win at today's games I know the winner will deserve it". "I feel the same way Monkey. It is definitely going to be fun" said Elephant.



Not knowing that the sly Snake was secretly listening to them, Monkey and Elephant began talking strategies that they were going to use to win. The sly Snake made sure he knew exactly of those strategies. Soon an announcement was made by King Lion letting the animals know that the games were about to begin. "I know all of you are very excited about today's games. I would like to say good luck to all of you and may you all play fairly and equally", roared King Lion with words of encouragement.



There were three games and each animal that got the highest score out of all the games would win the competition. In the first game Snake knew Monkey's strategy of winning the game. Snake pretended to be Monkey's friend so that he wouldn't know how he was going to cheat using Monkey's strategy in the game. Monkey who was very kind and clever played along with Snake's friendship.

Snake won the first game by using Monkey's strategy. "I am so disappointed in myself" said Monkey to himself. "I really thought my strategy would work but I guess the best player wins" said Monkey. "Hahaha this is going to be so much fun. I am going to win the games with ease" sneered Snake as he moved on to the second game.

Before the games had started Monkey and Elephant had gone to King Lion and had told him they suspect Snake will cheat. "How sure are you about this?" asked Lion. "We are very sure King Lion. We know that he was listening to our conversation when we were talking about how we were going to win." said Elephant. "Thank you Monkey and Elephant, I will make sure that he will be punished for this" said King Lion angrily.

As the second game began, Monkey told Elephant that he must pretend to loose so that Snake would win the game once again. This would make King Lion see how Snake has been cheating in the games. "Alright Monkey I will do that" said Elephant. When the game began King Lion couldn't believe that Snake was doing exactly what Monkey and Elephant had told him. He immediately

roared and stopped the game. "We need to stop the game because it seems to me that we have a cheater" said King Lion. All the animals in the jungle were shocked about what King Lion saying. "I am very disappointed with you Snake" said King Lion. "Me? What on earth did I do to disappoint you?" asked Snake. "You have used Monkey and Elephants strategies to win the games. They came to me and told me that you were listening to their conversation" said King Lion angrily. "I would never do such King Lion" said Snake. "But you see you already have. I have been watching you and I saw your cheating ways. You are banned from playing the games ever again!" commanded King Lion.

All the animals cheered for Monkey and Elephant as they were heroes for exposing Snake and his cheating ways. King Lion decided to reward them with a fruit basket for their honesty and telling the truth about Snake. This was a lesson to all the animals that cheating at something is never a good idea.



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