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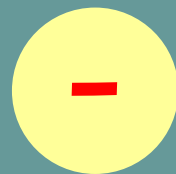
EASY READING SERIES

#5

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Practice Book (no new letters)

Alphabetti Book #5

Sam The Seal

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Acknowledgments

For my beautiful daughter, Alysa, who
taught me grace.

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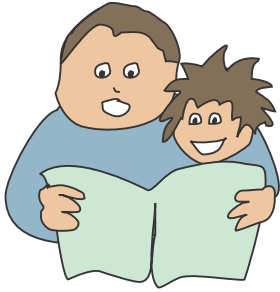
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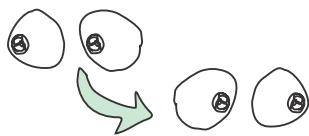
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Quick Start Guide



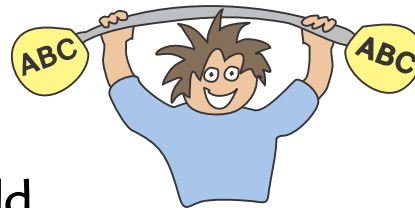
Read the book **WITH** your child. You read the “regular” text, and he/she reads the big, red words, sort of like reading the different parts in a play.

Help your child sound out the words as needed.

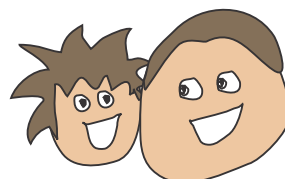


Read the book several times. This helps develop the eye muscles and left-to-right reading patterns.

Don't rush it. Body-builders don't train in a day – neither does a child.

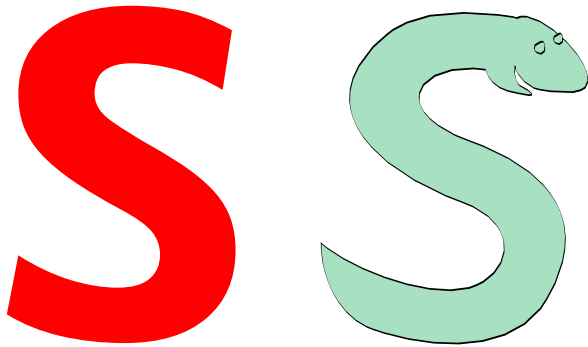


And most important of all, **HAVE FUN!**



Lesson 1

Let's practice the letter 's' –



six silly socks

sing a sad song



Lesson 1

Here are two words we can make with (and without) the letter 's' – can you read them?

sam

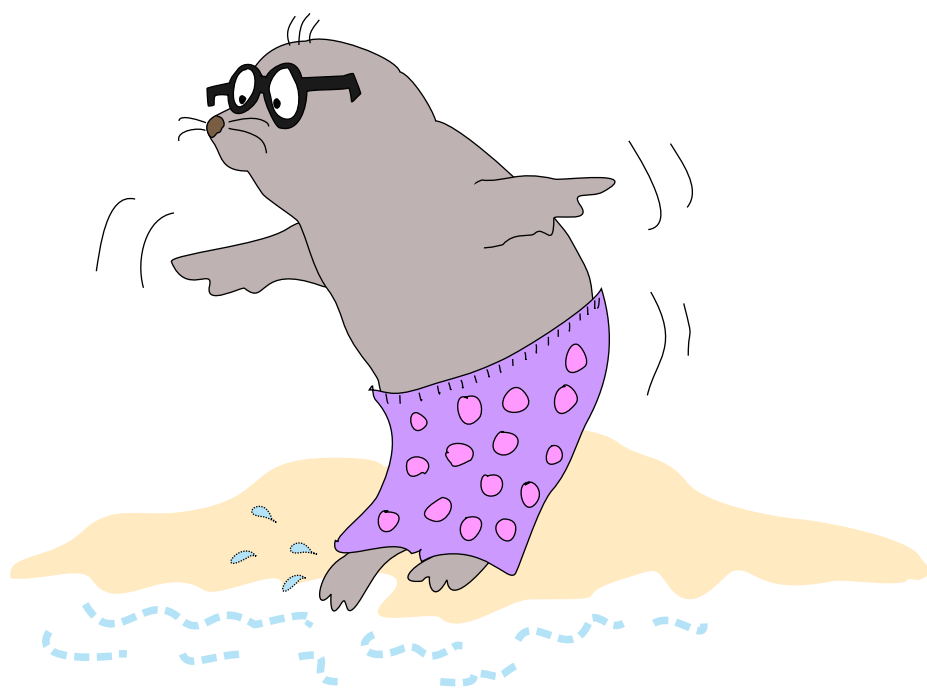
am

Good! Let's start the story...



sam the seal

lived by the sea.



But he never went
swimming, no siree.

“No siree” is a silly way of saying, “No, sir.”

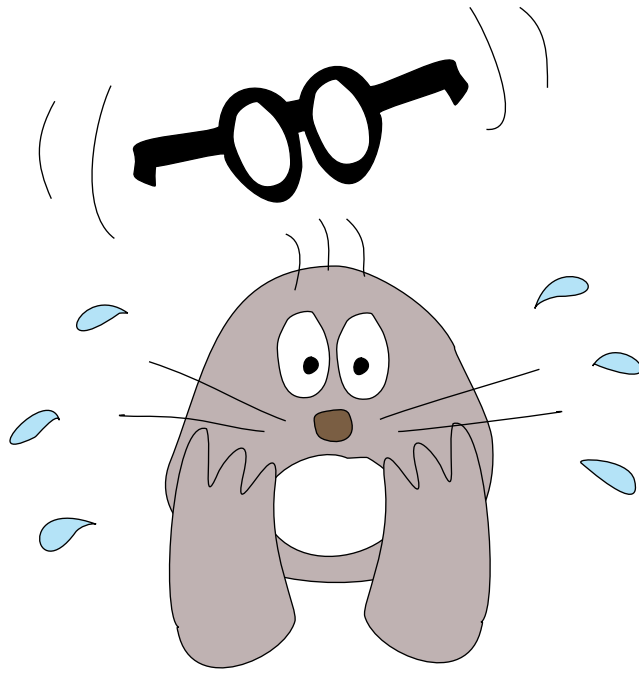


“Water is wet,” said
sam with a sigh.

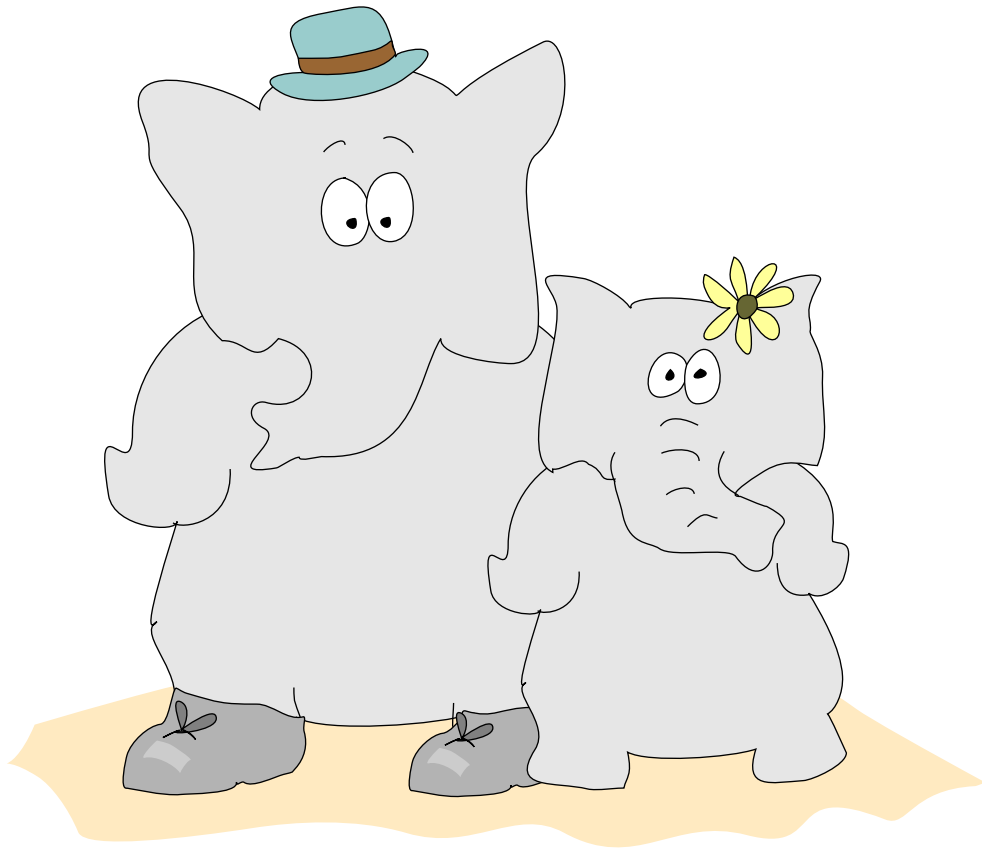
“I like myself better
when I **am** dry.”



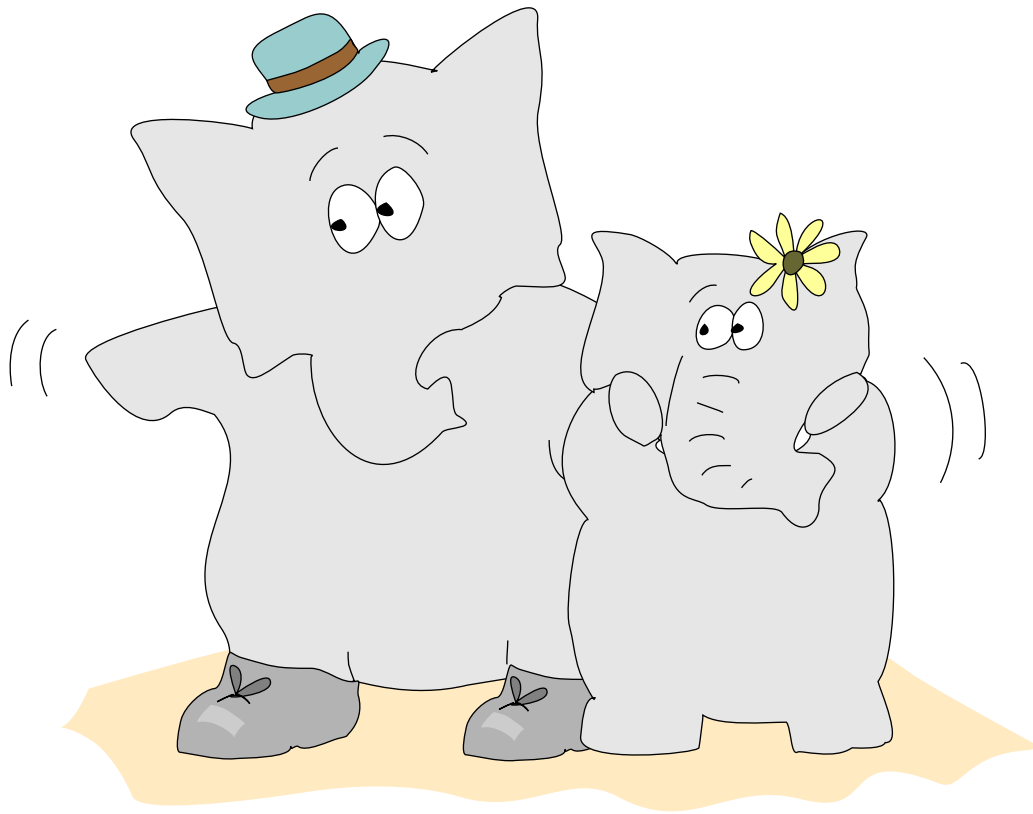
But **sam** had a
secret: **sam** couldn't
swim, so he sat in the
sand and never went in.



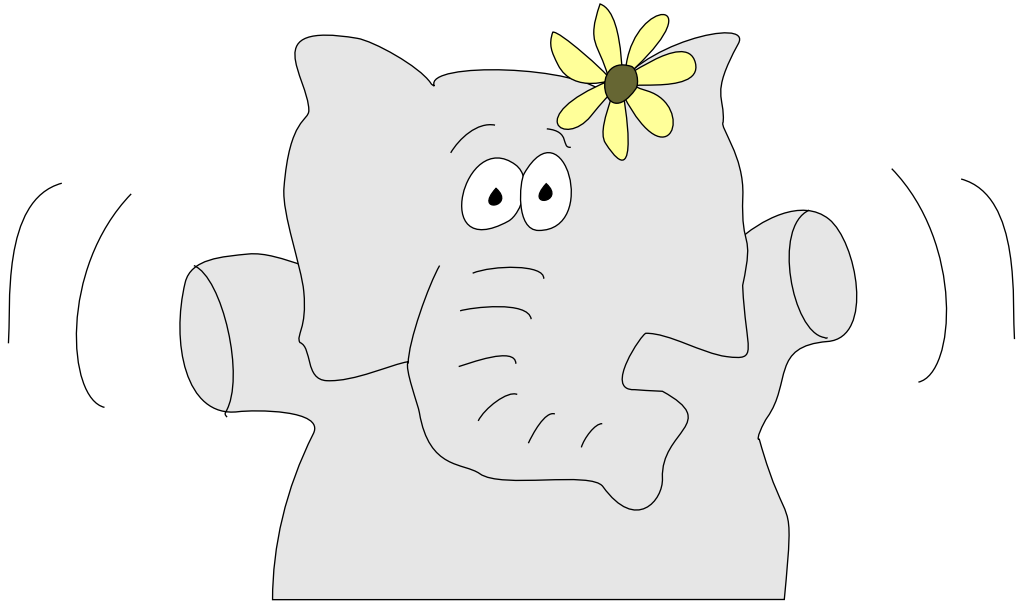
But there were two
things more scary
than water..



**Ed the Elephant
and his daughter.**



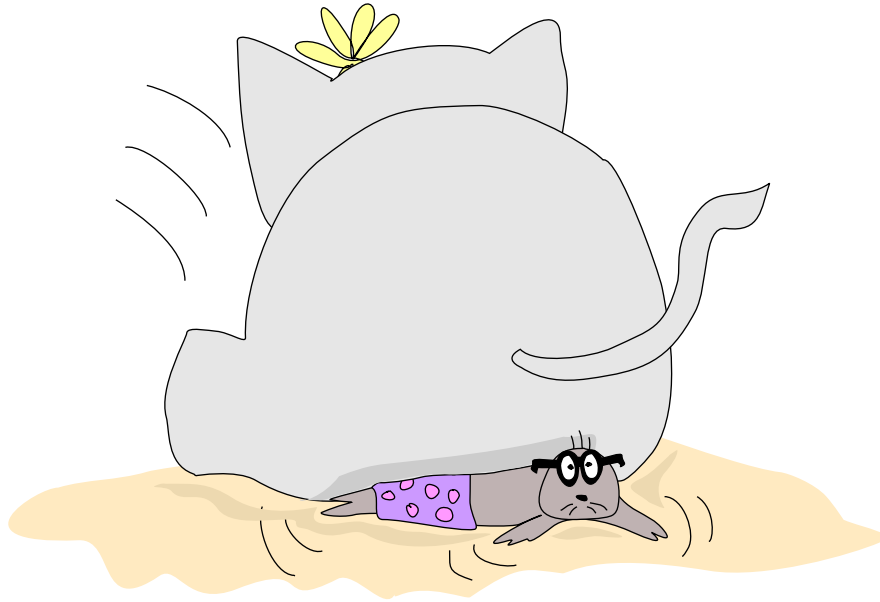
“Ella,” said Ed, “say
hello to **sam**.”



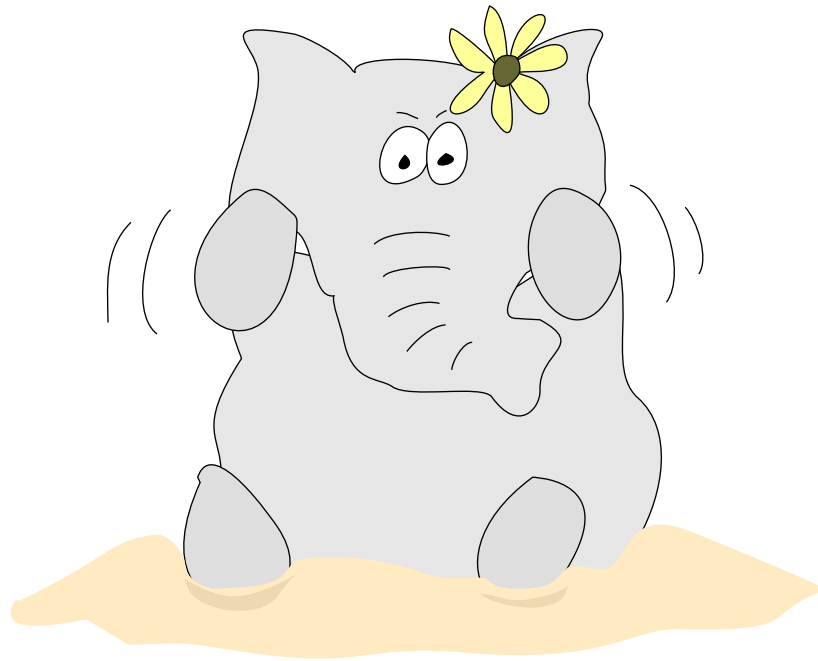
“Where?” she squealed.

“Oh, where is my

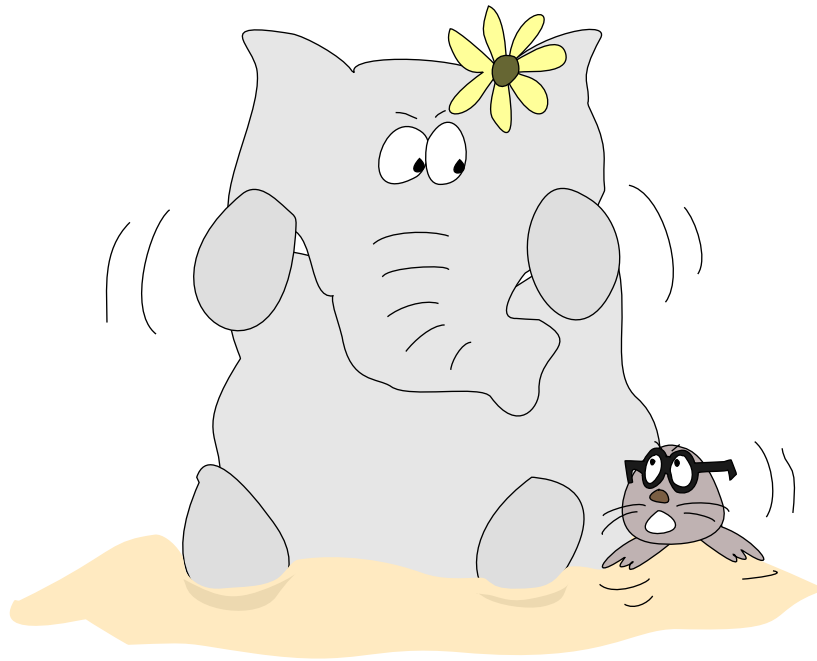
sam?”



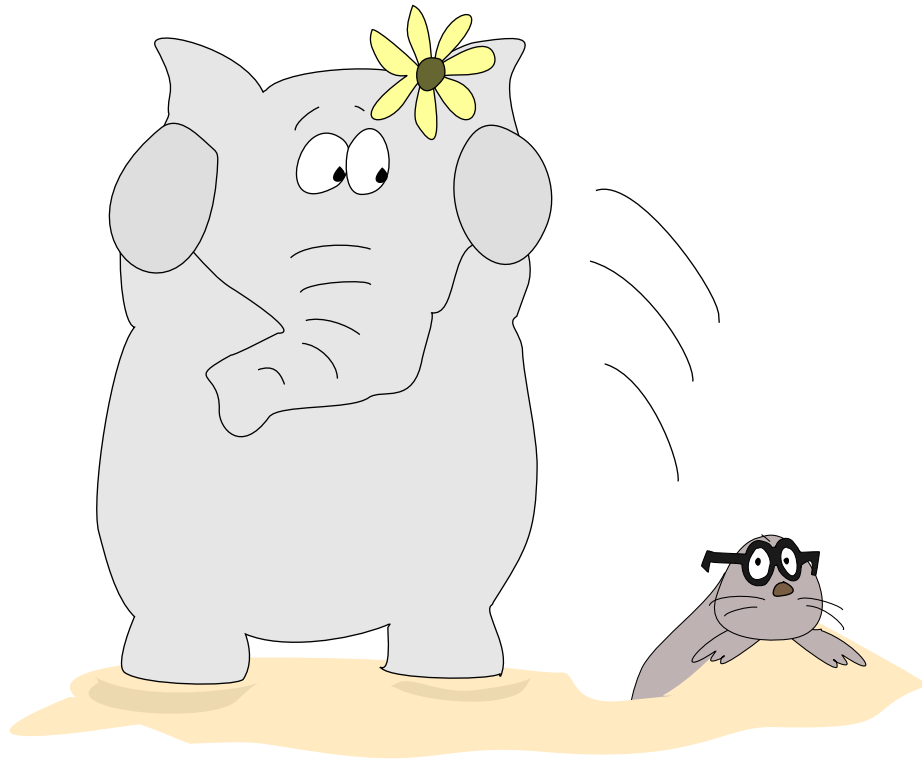
Then she sat on **sam**
– by mistake of course –
she must not have seen
his pink-purple shorts.



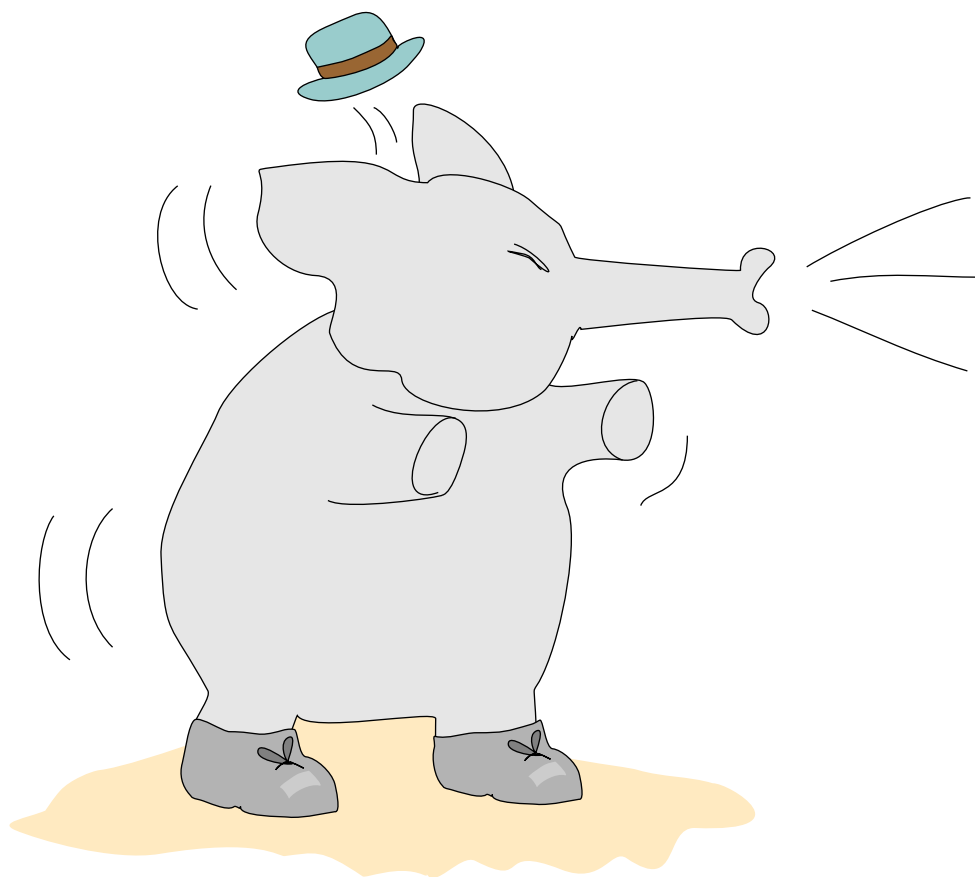
“Dad, where did **sam**
go?” Ella said with a whine.
“**sam** always runs off –
well, maybe next time.”



“I **am** here!” said
Sam. “Get off!
I **am** stuck!”



Lucky for **Sam**,
Ella stood up.



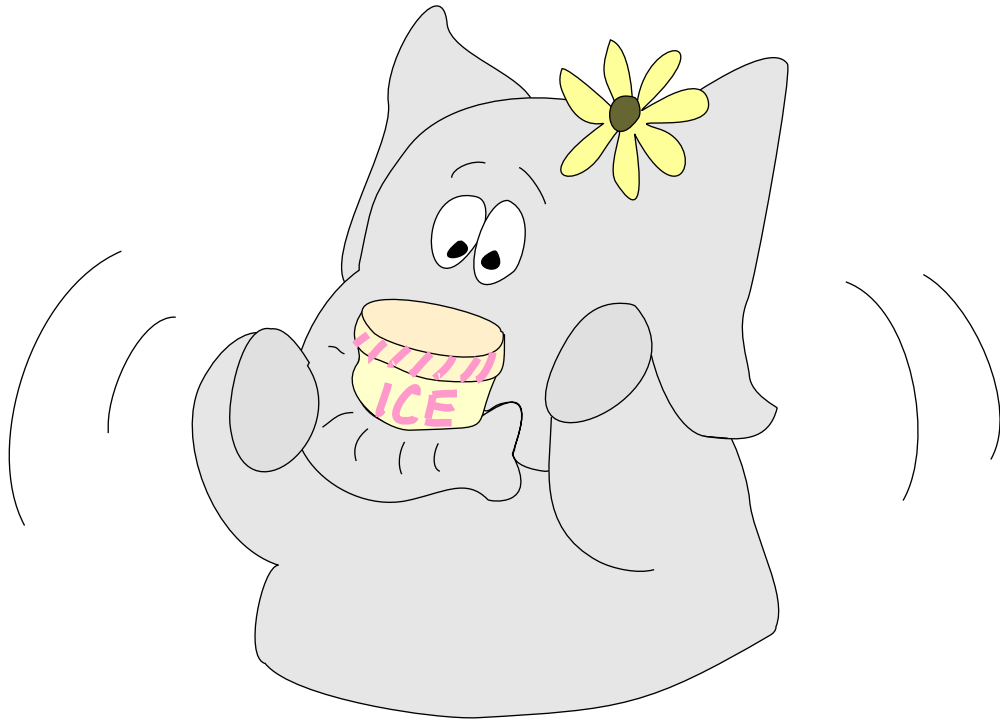
**“Achooo!” Ed sneezed
through his snozzly snout.
He did not know he should
cover his mouth.**

Snozzly – silly way of saying “snuzzle,” which is a silly word for “nose” – especially a big nose.

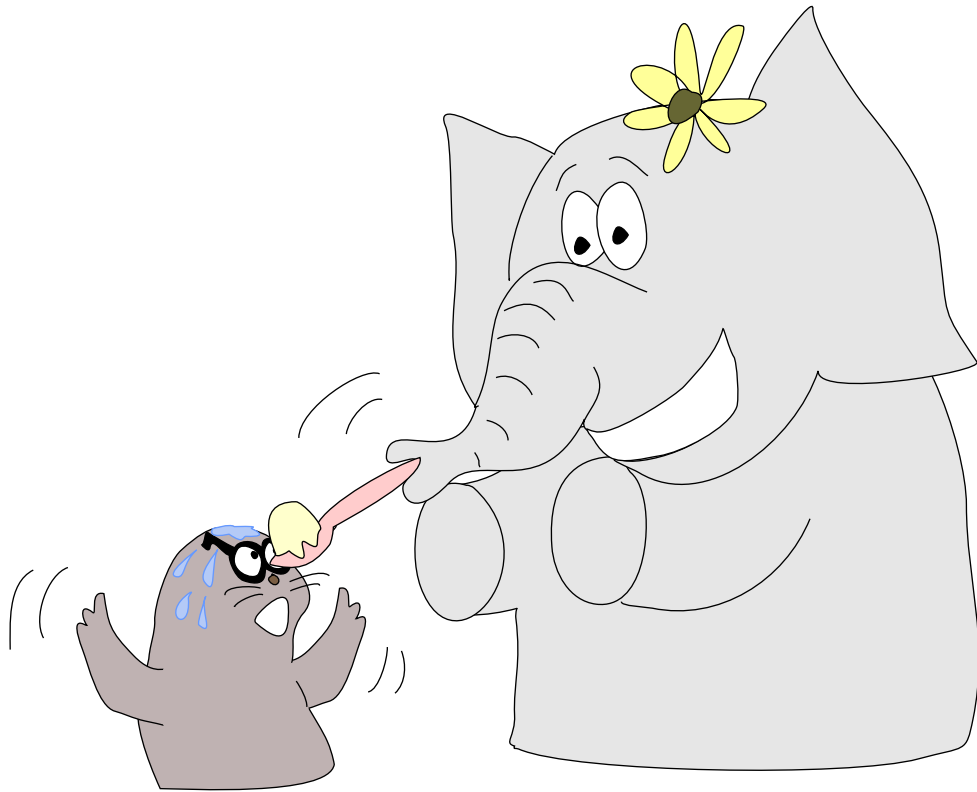


And **sam** got wet,
which he did not like.

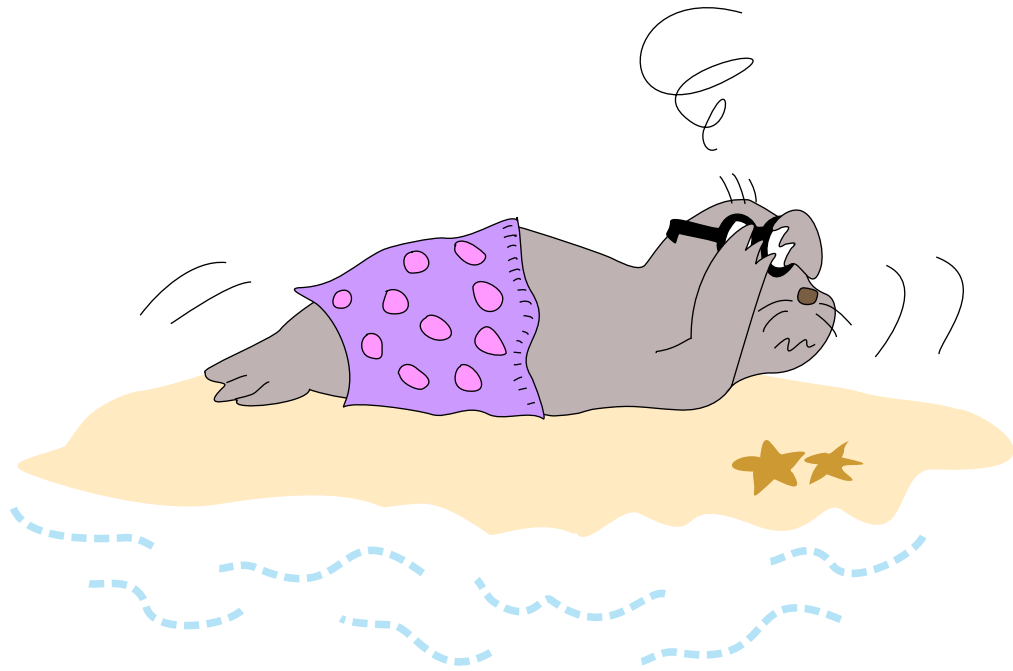
“Can I please have a
towel so that I can wipe...”



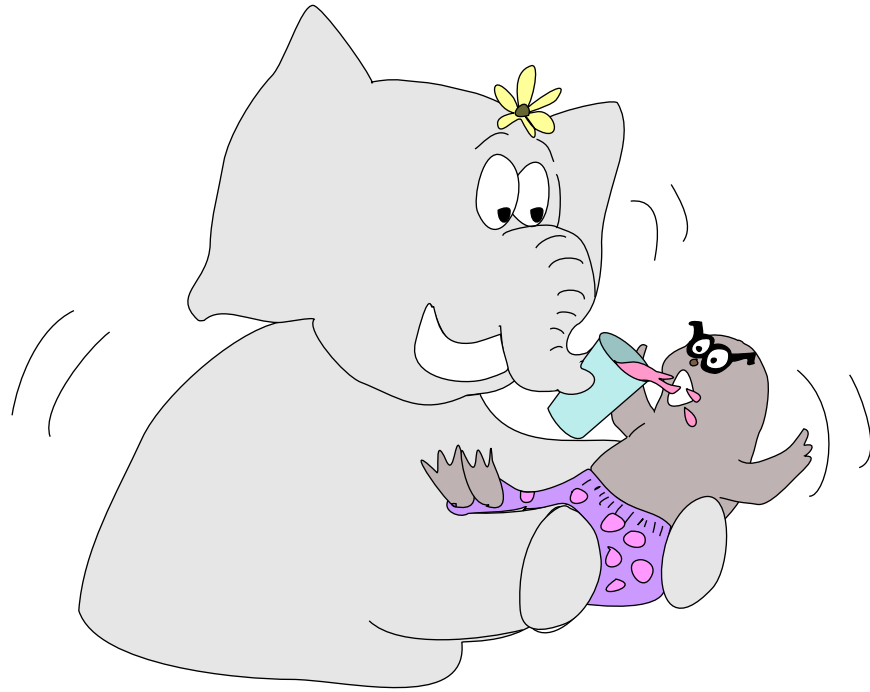
But his words were lost
as Ella screamed,
“Dad, oh, Dad, you
bought ice cream!”



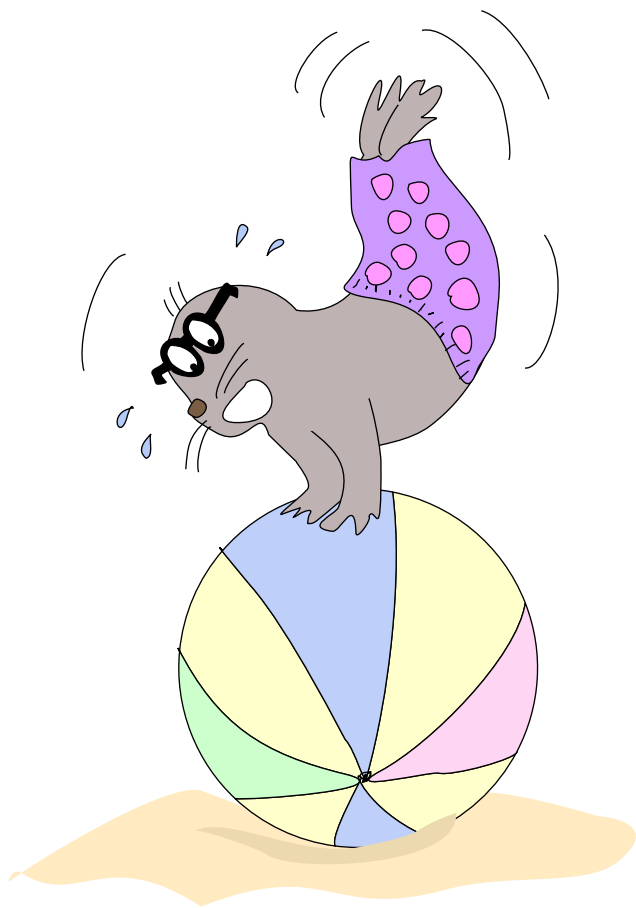
“**sam**,” said Ella, “you must have a bite...” and the spoon, by accident, smacked his eye.



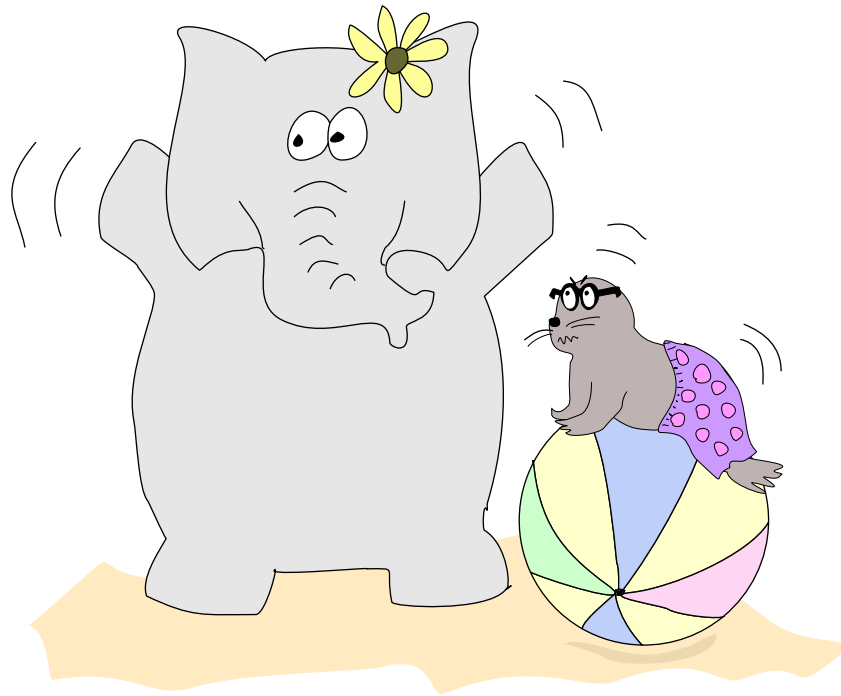
sam wiggled away
and covered his face.
How was he going to
get out of this place?



But before he could
run, Ella picked him up.
“**sam**,” she said, “have
a drink from my cup.”



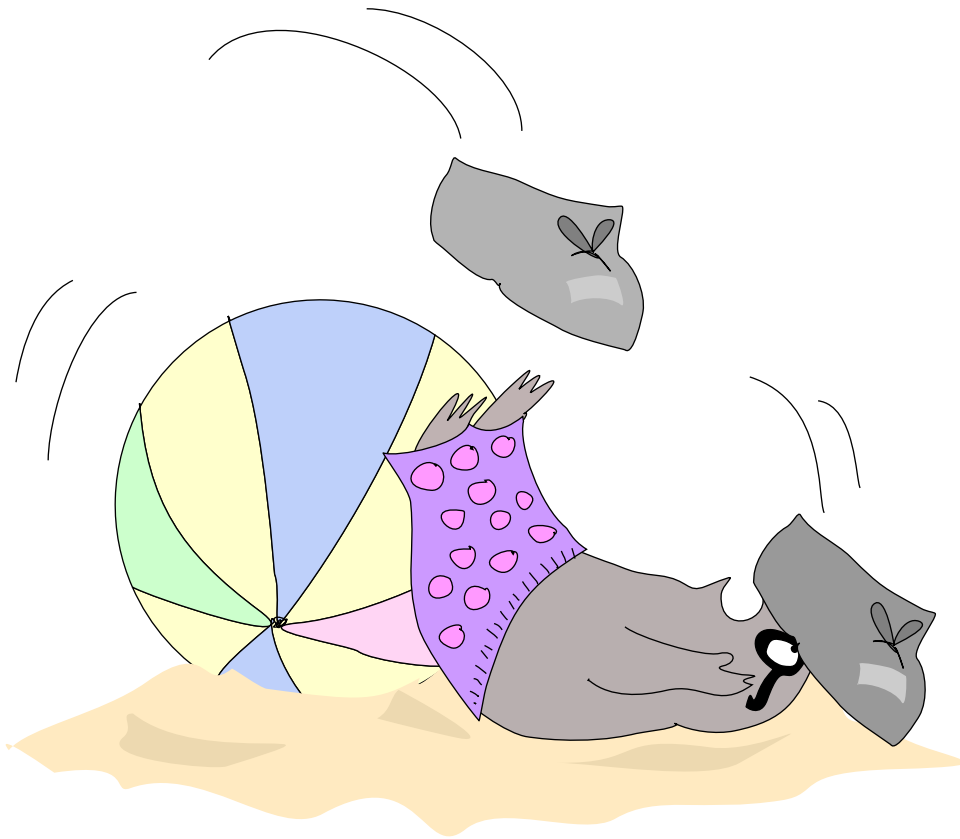
Then she put him
down, on top of a ball.
“Whoa!” said **sam**
as he tried not to fall.



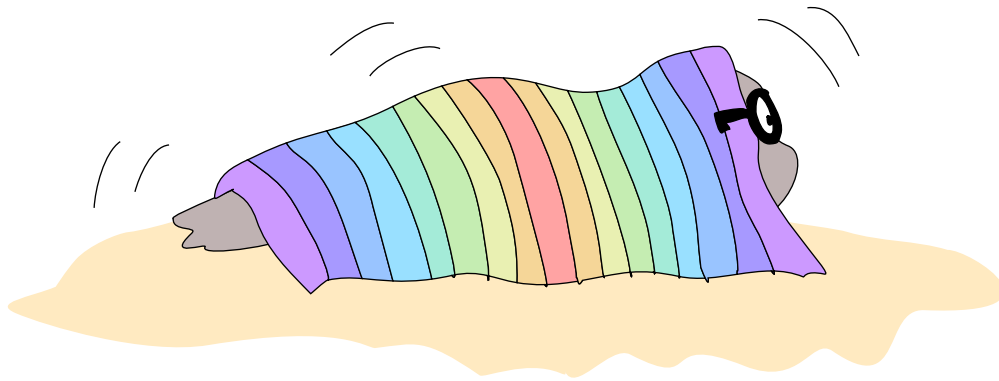
“Look, Dad, isn’t
Sam cute?”



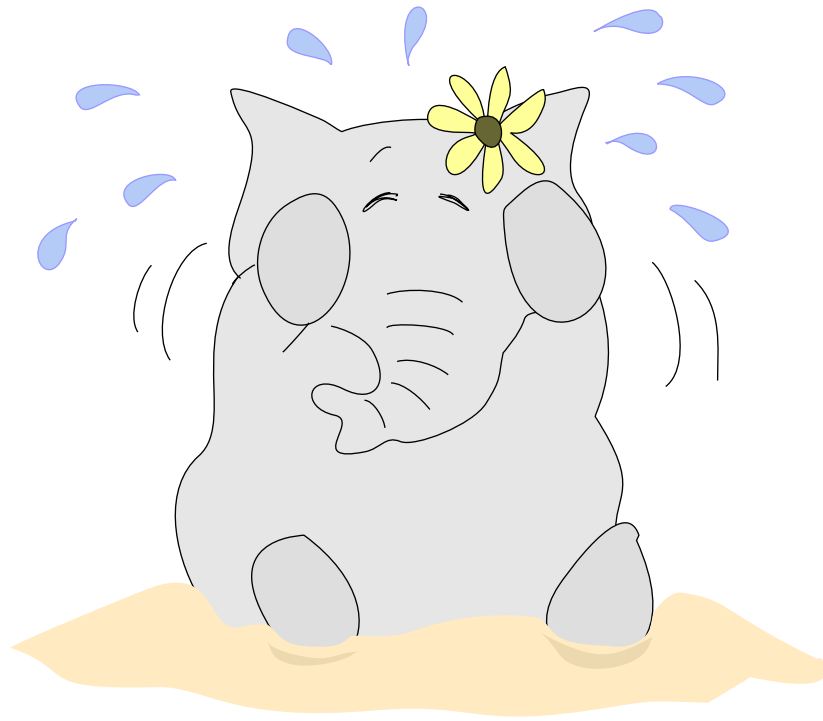
**But Ed was busy
removing his boots.**



Bam! The boots
landed on **sam**,
knocking him over
and into the sand.



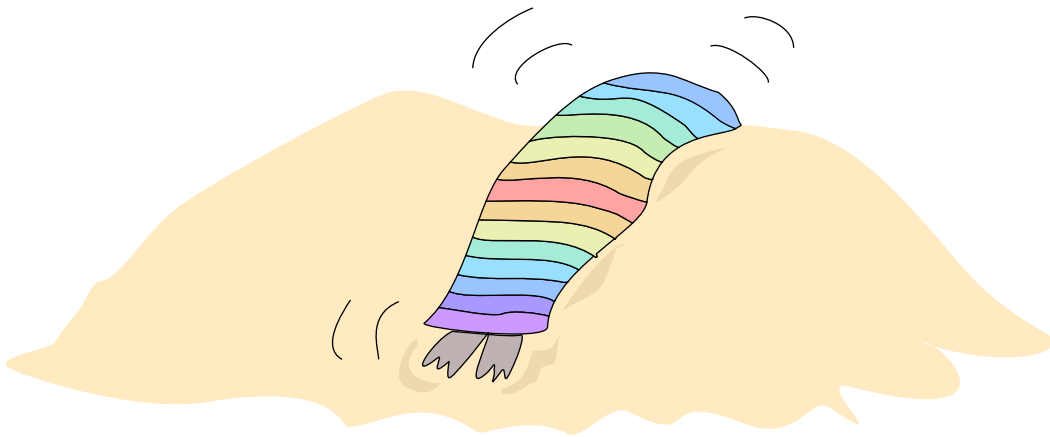
sam grabbed a towel
and slipped underneath,
hoping that Ella and Ed
wouldn't see.



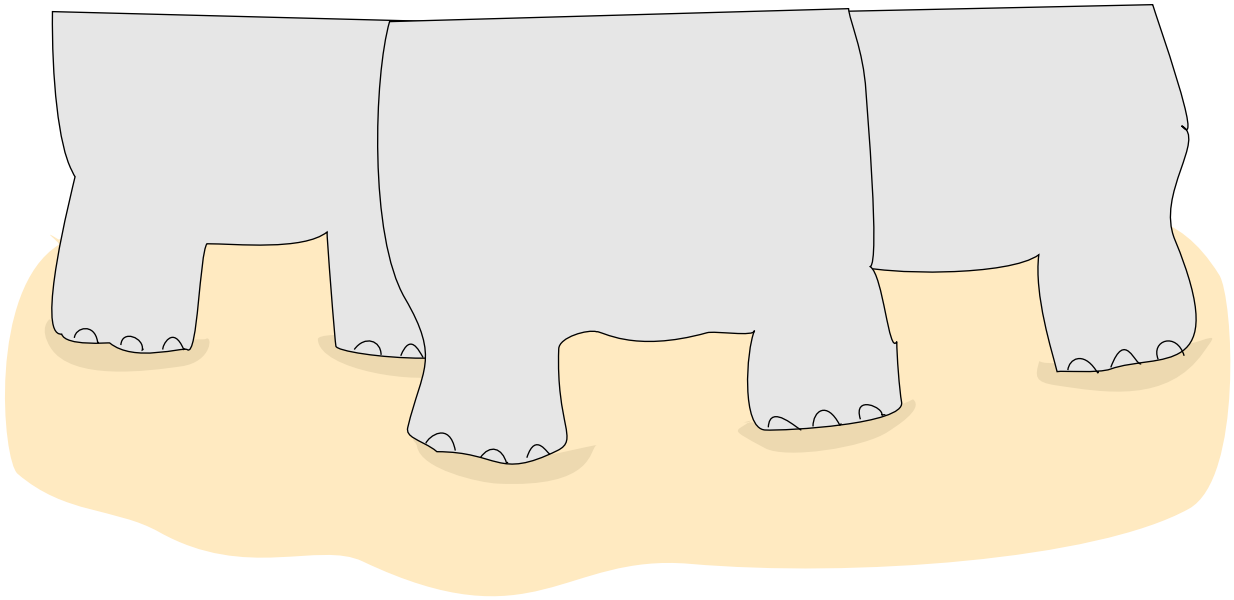
“Dad, where is
sam? He’s gone
again. I thought,” said Ella,
“that he was my friend.”



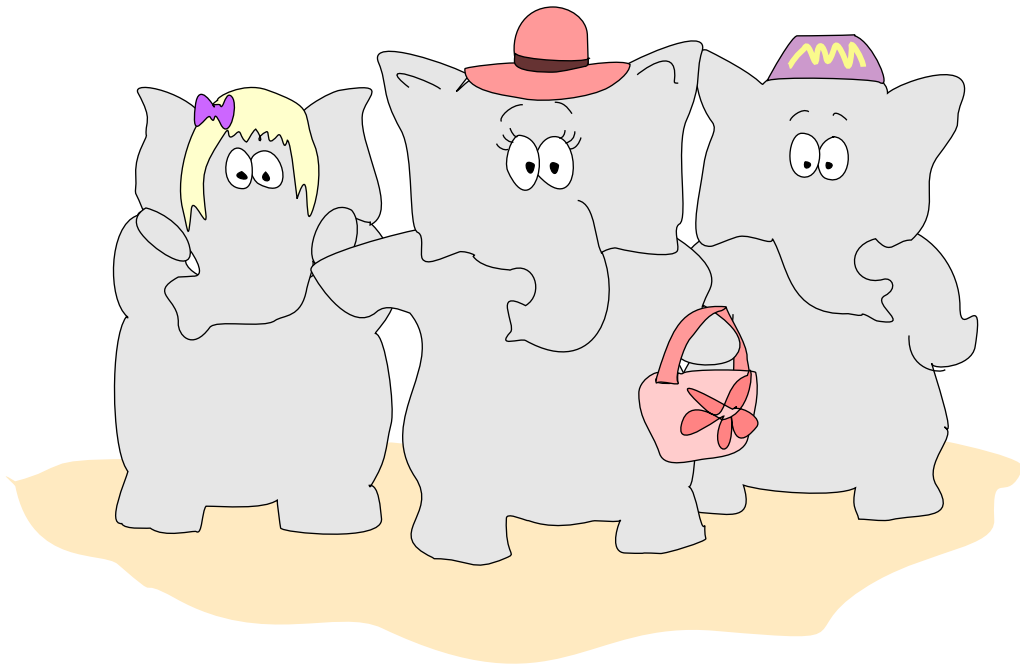
“No way!” thought
sam, under the
towel. “I have to go,
and I have to go now.”



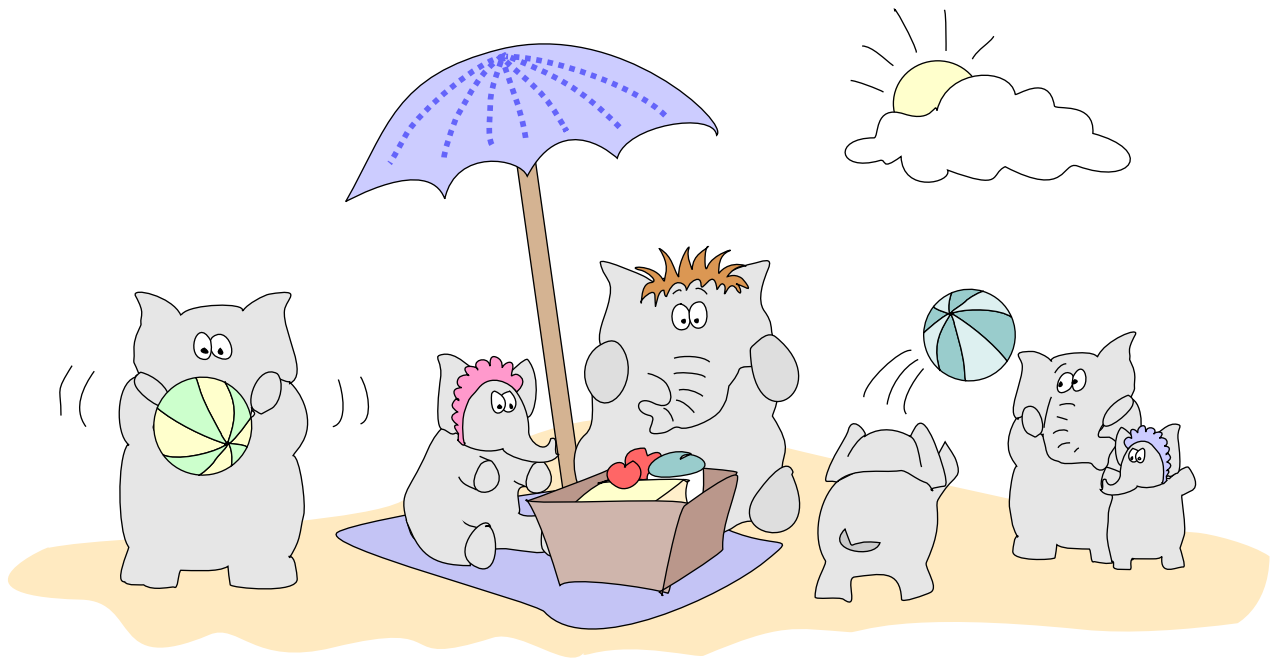
sam started
to crawl... he was
crawling away...



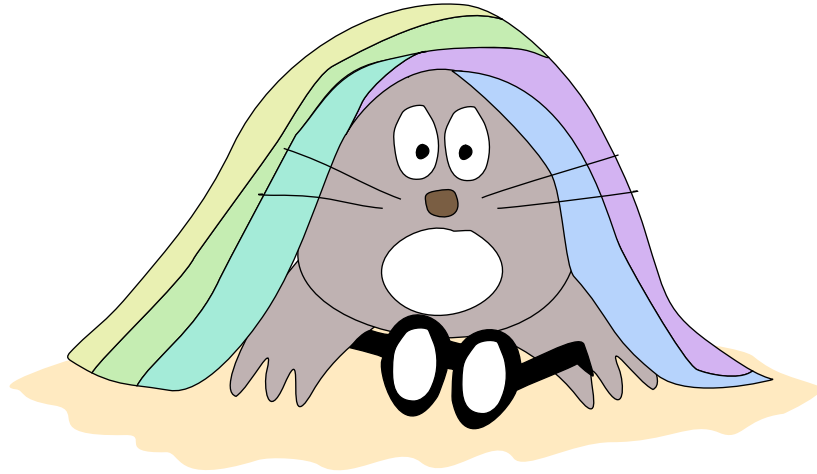
Until more
elephants got
in his way.



Edith and Ethel and
Egbert too – all of the
elephants from the zoo



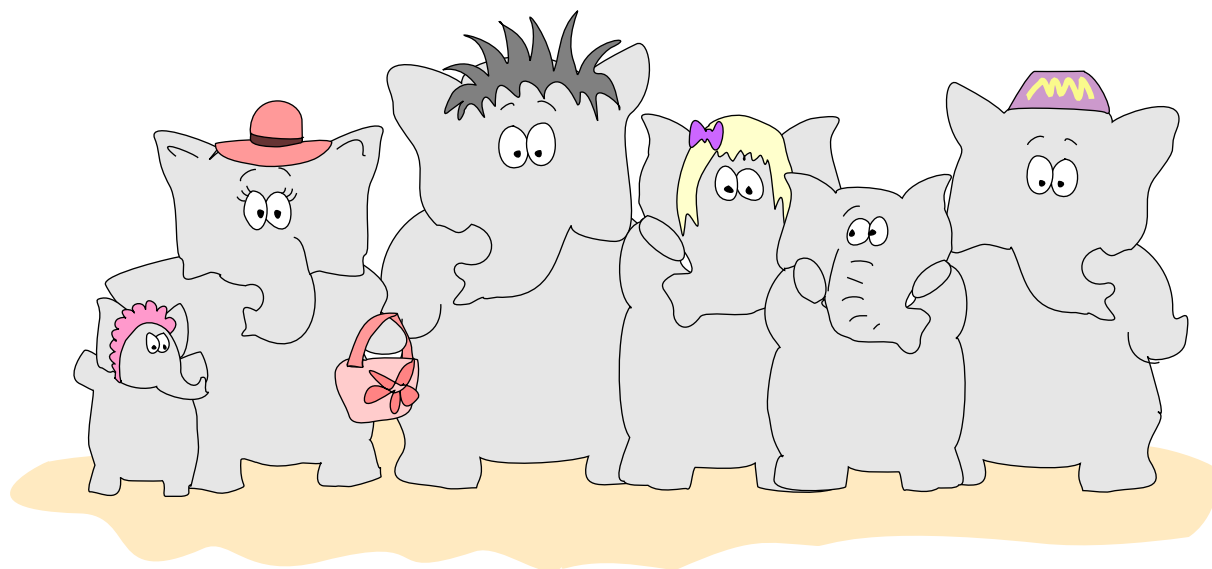
were having a picnic
down by the sea, where
the sun always shines
and the air is free.



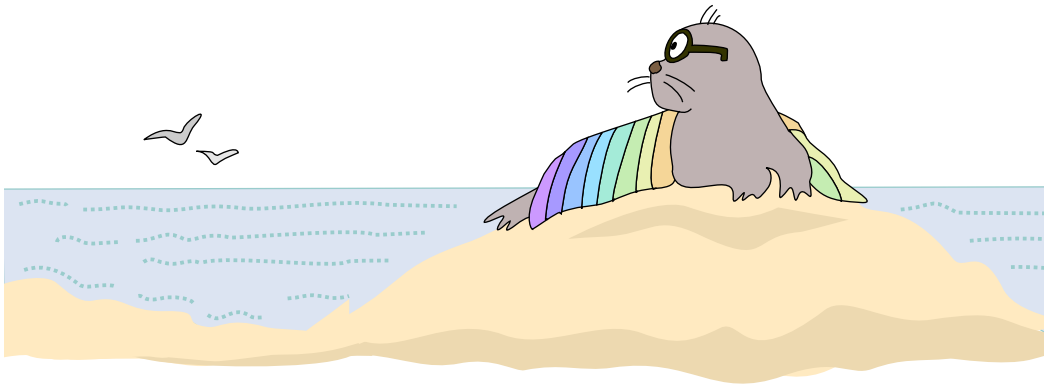
“Oh, no!” said **sam**.

There was nowhere

to go.



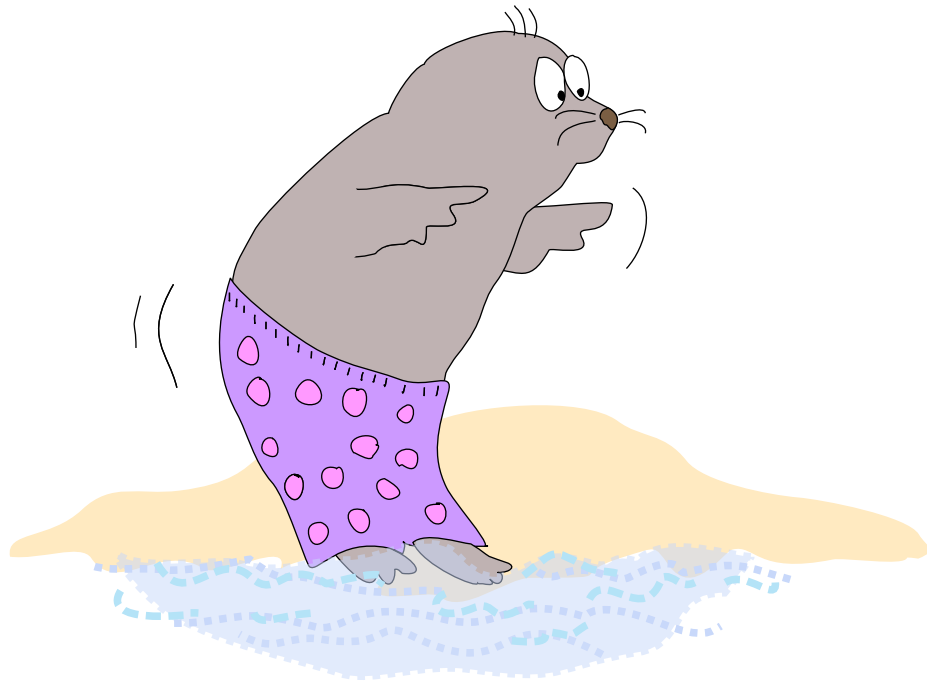
**Endless elephants
all in a row.**



But over his shoulder
was the sea. No
elephants there...
elephant-free.



sam took off
the towel and his
glasses too.



He stepped in
the water – what
else could he do?



“Oh, my!” said **sam**.

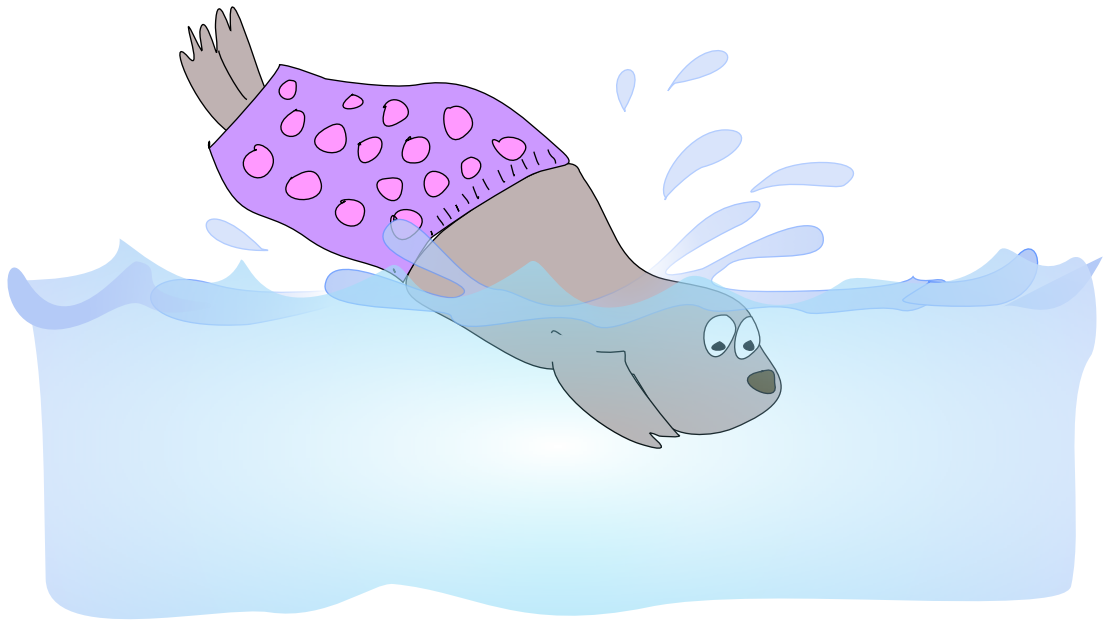
“This water is wet –

am I ready to swim?”



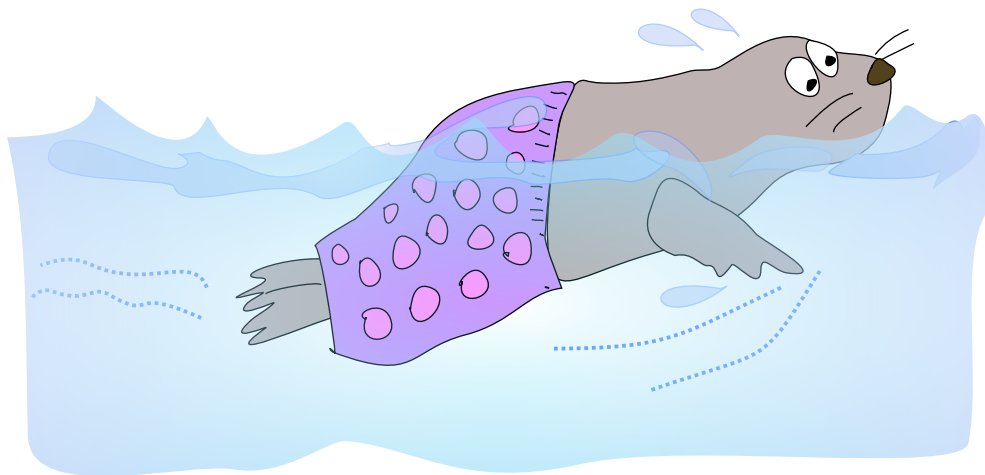
His heart said,

“Yes.”

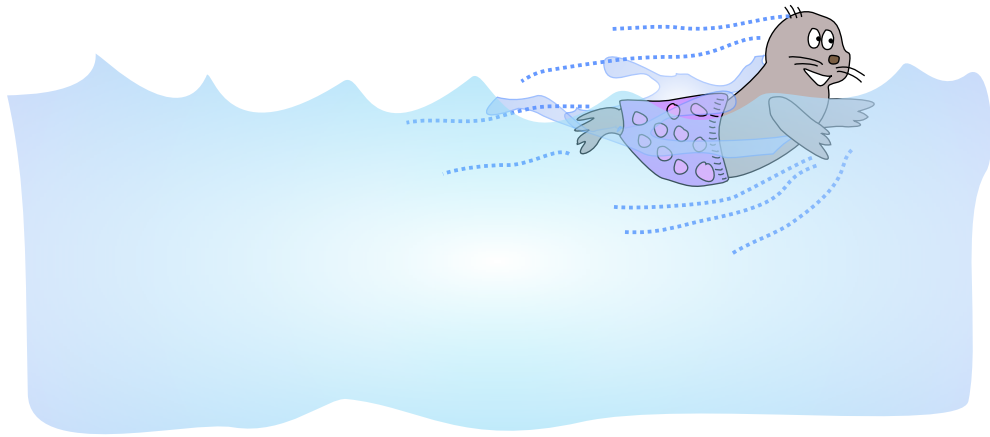


“Then goodbye
to elephants!”

sam dove in.

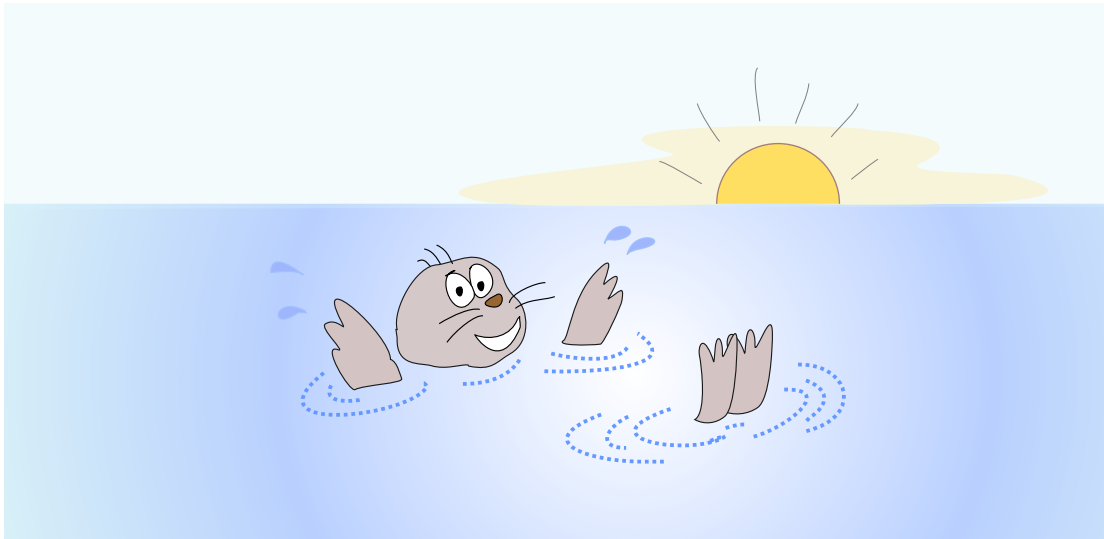


And that is when
sam started
to swim.



He swam, and he
swum – he was
swimming away...

And now...



If you go to the
ocean, you go to the
sea, **sam** will be
swimming, oh, yes, siree.

THE END