

The Papaya that Spoke

Once upon a time there was a farmer who lived in a village.

One day he felt hungry so he went out to pick a papaya.



1. Where did the farmer live?

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A town.

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An island.

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A city.

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A village

2. Why did the farmer want to pick a papaya?

To his amazement the papaya spoke.

“Hands off!”

The farmer looked at his dog.

‘Did you say that?’

“No” said the dog, “it was the papaya!”

“Aaargh!” screamed the farmer.

3. What did the papaya say?

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Hello!

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Get off!

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Hands off!

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Go away!

4. Why did the farmer scream?

As fast as his legs could carry him, he ran and he ran
and he ran until he came to a market where he met
a fisherman selling fish.

5. Who did the farmer meet?

A fish

A fisherman

A cobbler.

A baker.

6. What was the fisherman doing?

“Why are you running so fast when the sun is shining so bright?”
asked the fisherman.

“First a papaya spoke to me and next my dog!”
replied the fisherman.

“That’s impossible!” said the fisherman.

“Oh no it isn’t.”
said one of the fish.

“Aaargh!”
screamed the farmer.

7. What did the fish say?

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Oh yes it is.

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Oh no it isn't.

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Who are you?

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I like you.

8. What did the farmer do when the fish spoke?

As fast as his legs could carry him, he ran and he ran
and he ran until he came to a field where he met
a shepherd with his goats.

9. How fast did the farmer run?

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As fast as a cheetah

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As fast as a train.

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As fast as his legs
could carry him.

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As fast as a horse.

10. Who was the shepherd with?

“Why are you running so fast when the sun is shining
so bright?” asked the shepherd.

“First a papaya spoke to me, next my dog and
after that a fish!” replied the farmer.

11. Who spoke to the farmer after the dog?

A goat.

A papaya.

A dog.

A fish.

12. What was shining so bright?

“That’s impossible!” said the shepherd.

“Oh no it isn’t.” bleated one of the goats.

“Aaargh!” screamed the farmer.

As fast as his legs could carry him, he ran and he ran
and he ran till he came to a town where he met
the King sitting on his old, wooden rocking chair.

13. Where did the farmer meet the King?

A village.

A town.

A city.

A castle.

14. Where was the king sitting?

“Why are you running so fast when the sun is shining so bright?” asked the King.

“First a papaya spoke to me, next my dog, after that a fish and finally a goat!”

“That’s impossible!” said the King.

“Get out of here you foolish man.”

So the poor farmer walked home with his head hung down.

15. The King said the farmer was a ... ?

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A silly man.

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A funny man.

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A stupid man.

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A foolish man.

16. Where did the farmer walk?

The king rocked back and forth, back and forth, back and forth.

“How silly of him to imagine that things could talk.”

There was a long silence – and then suddenly – the chair spoke!

“Quite so – whoever heard of a talking papaya?”

“Aaargh!” screamed the King.

**17. What did the King do when the chair spoke?
Why?**

Draw your favourite part of the story.