

3. Tenali Raman Draws a Picture

Tenali Raman is standing in front of a drawing board.



Messenger : Good afternoon, Sir, the King wants you.

Raman : Shh! Don't disturb me. I am busy.

(Messenger goes away.)

King : *(Walks in)* Raman, I was waiting for you.

What are you doing?

Raman : Your Majesty, I was drawing a picture.

King : I see. We would like to see the picture.

Raman : Here, Your Majesty. This is my picture.

King : Is this a picture? What have you drawn, Raman?

Please explain.

Raman : I was drawing a cow, a cow eating loads of grass.

King : Loads of grass? I can't see any grass here!

Raman : Ah! That's because the cow ate it up.

King : And where's the cow?

Raman : After eating up all the grass, the cow walked away, Your Majesty.

King : Ha, ha, ha ! Raman, you always make me laugh!



Things to do :

1. Read the skit aloud and enact it.
2. Answer the following questions :
 - (a) What did the King see on Raman's board ?
 - (b) Had Raman really drawn a cow eating grass ?
 - (c) Can a cow walk away from a picture ?
3. Retell the above story in the form of a joke.

In this skit, Raman gives a funny explanation of why there was nothing in his picture. Can you think of other such funny explanations?