

1. A Jar of Candy

One day, a mother said to her son, “There is some candy in the kitchen. It is in a jar. You can go and take some.” The boy loved candy very much. He ran to the kitchen, put his hand into the candy jar, and grabbed a handful of candy. Just then, he realized something was wrong. “I cannot get my hand out of the jar,” he shouted. “The neck of the jar is too small. What can I do? HELP ME!”

His little sister, who is a great fan of Harry Potter, came into the room. “What’s wrong?” she asked. She looked at his hand and said, “I know what to do!” She took out a magic wand, waved it around and began quietly, becoming louder and louder, “handicus, outicus...shazam!” The boy tried again to pull his hand out, but it was still stuck. “Oh no,” he moaned.

His older brother came into the room to help. “It’s

easy. You need to pull harder.” He said. His brother pulled the jar as hard as he could. “Stop! Stop! That hurts!” the boy shouted and started to cry, but his hand would not come out.

His mother walked into the kitchen and looked at him. “Your hand is full of candy. Drop some. Then your hand can come out.”

The boy dropped some of the candy into the jar, and his hand came out. He said, “Next time, I won’t be greedy.”

2. A Man Who Swallowed a Horse

One day, Mr. Green rushed into Mr. Williams' clinic. "What's wrong with you?" asked the doctor. Mr. Green said, "I have a stomachache. I've swallowed a horse, doctor. I feel very ill." "Oh, when did you swallow the horse?" asked the doctor. "It was yesterday. I couldn't sleep well last night," said the man.

Mr. Williams was a good doctor. He always did his best to help his patients feel better. He thought for a few seconds and said, "All right, Mr. Green, I'll help you. Was it a male horse or a female one?" "Well, I'm not sure," answered the man. "Was it young or old?" asked the doctor. "Sorry, doctor... I can't remember that, either," said the man. "It's O.K. All right. Please lie down on this bed," said the doctor.

The doctor's nurse gave the man an injection.

The man went to sleep very soon. The doctor went out quickly to look for a horse in the town. After half an hour he found one, he borrowed it and took it into his office. When Mr. Green woke up, it was there in front of him.

"Here's the horse, Mr. Green," the doctor said, "I've taken it out of your stomach, and it won't give you any more trouble now. Here is your medicine. Don't forget to take it every day."

At first Mr. Green was pleased, but then he looked at the horse again and said, "But, doctor, my horse was white, and this one is brown!"