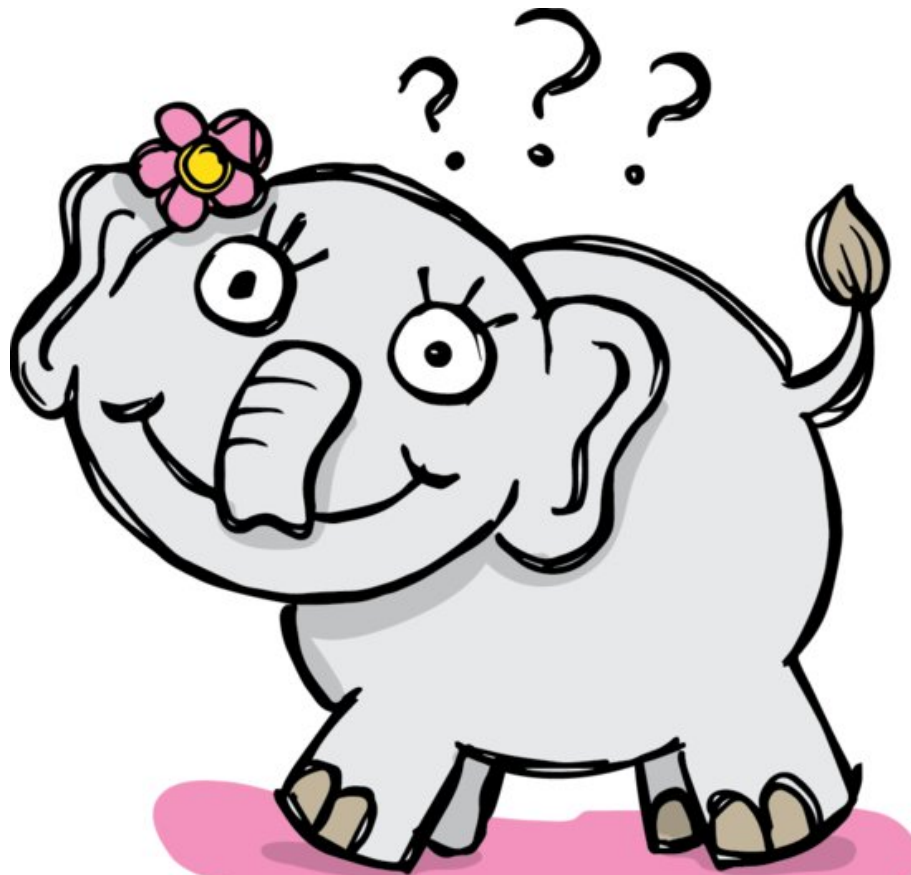
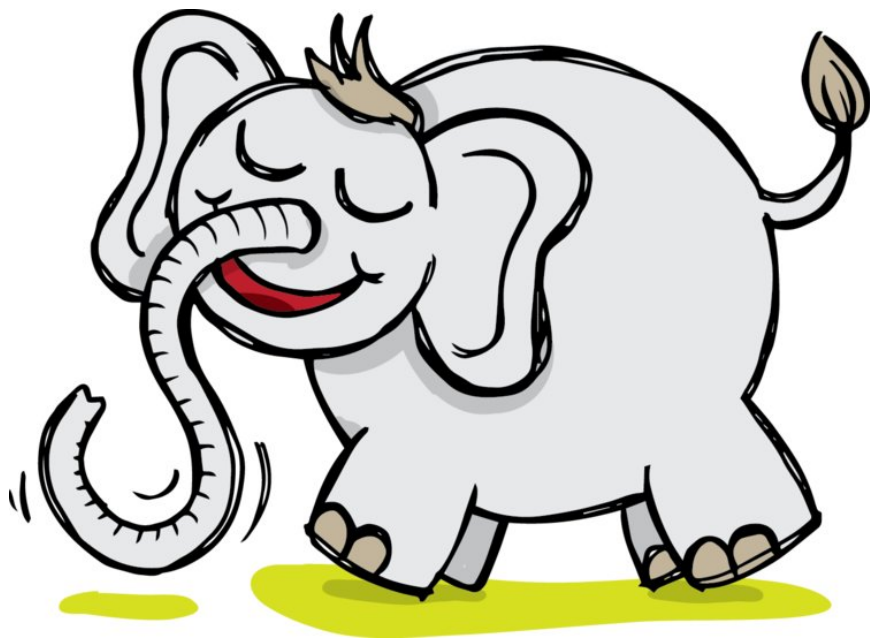


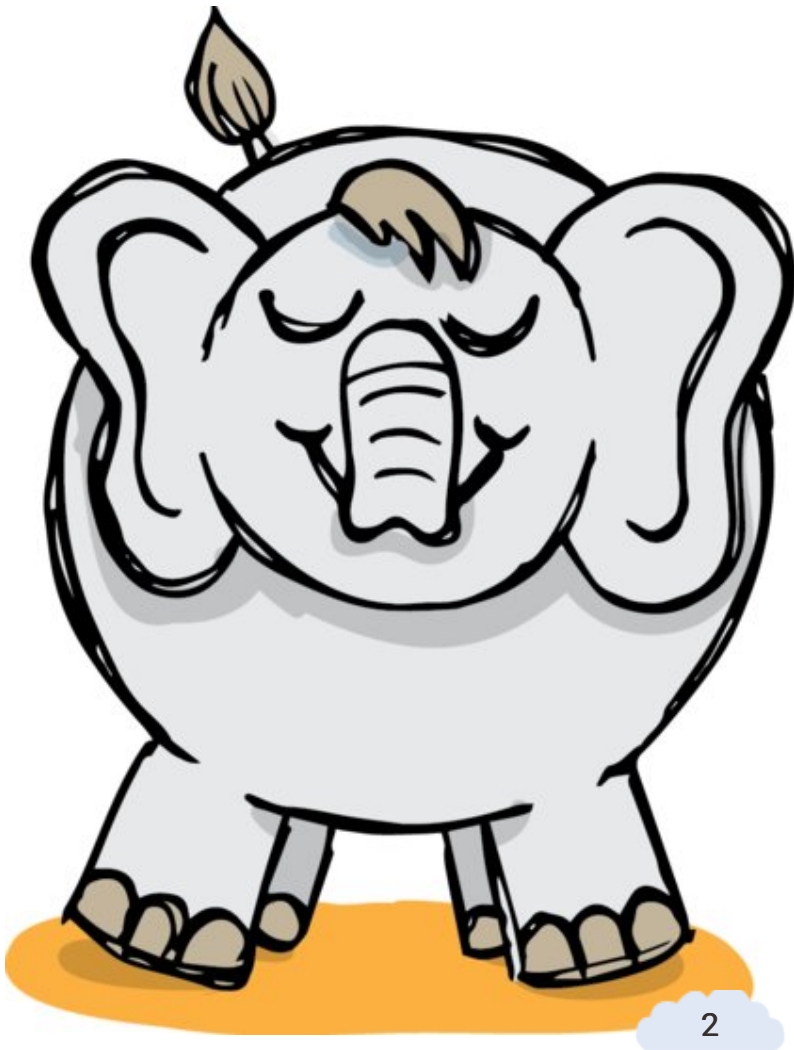
Mtoto wa Tembo Mdadisi

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Tembo ana mkonga mrefu.





Hapo kale, Tembo alikuwa
na pua fupi, nono.

Pua hilo lilionekana kama
kiatu kilichopachikwa
katikati ya uso wake.

Siku moja, Tembo alizaa
mtoto.

Alikuwa mdadisi na
alimuuliza swali kila
mnyama aliyemuona.



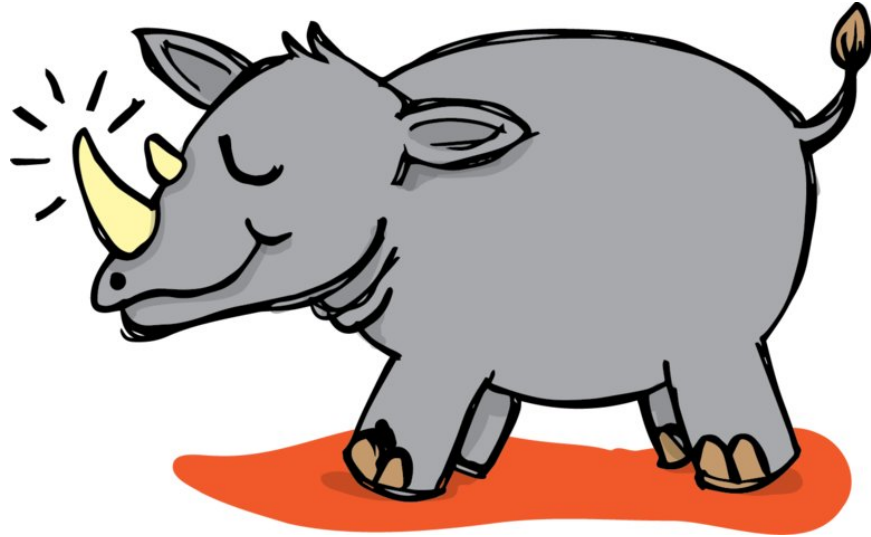


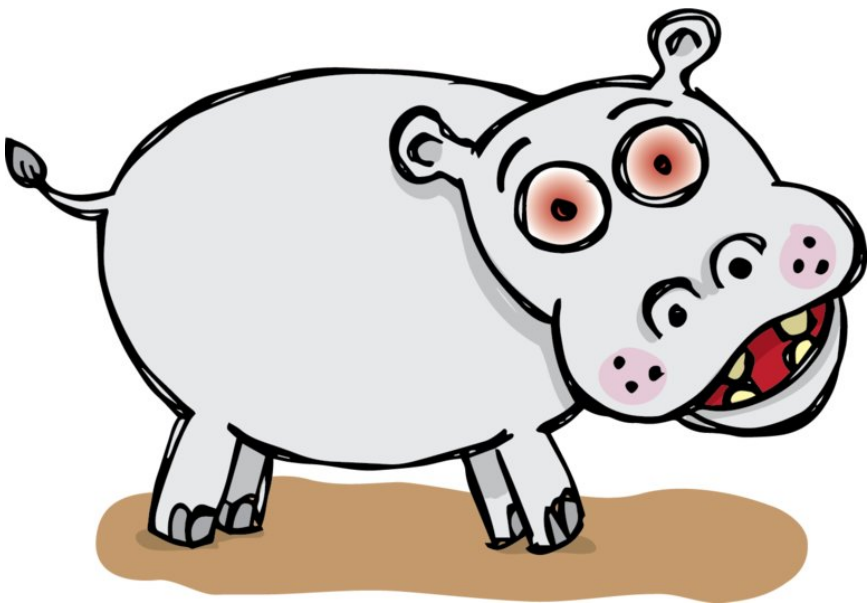
Mtoto wa Tembo
alimdadisi twiga.

“Kwa nini shingo
yako ni ndefu?”

Pia alidadisi kifaruu.

"Kwa nini pembe yako ina
ncha iliyochongoka sana?"

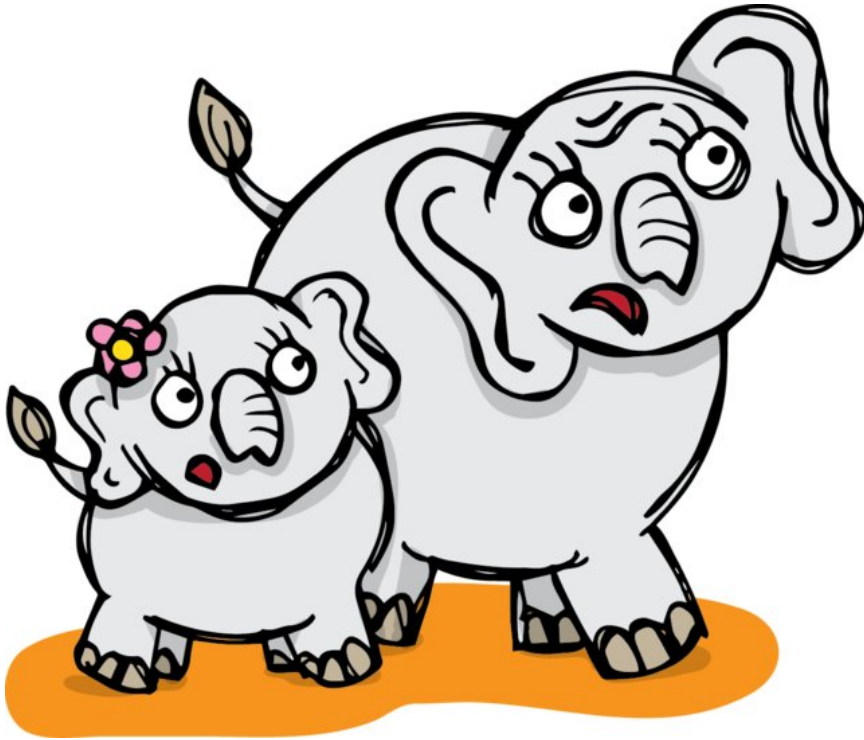




Mtoto wa Tembo pia
alimdadisi kiboko, "Kwa
nini una macho
mekundu?"

Alipomwona mamba,
alimdadisi, “Wewe hula
nini?”



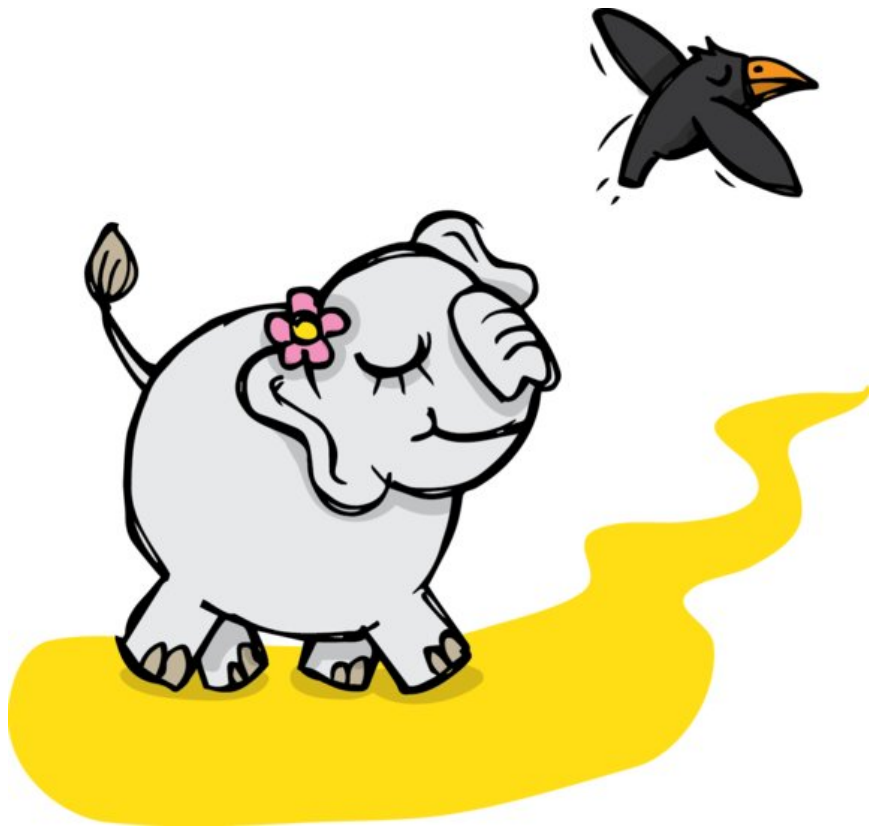


Mamake alimwonya,
"Mwanangu, usiulize
wanyama maswali kama
hayo?"

Mtoto wa Tembo alinuna
akaenda kucheza.

Kunguru mwerevu
akamwambia Mtoto wa
Tembo, "Nifuate mtoni
nikuonyeshe kile
wanachokula mamba."



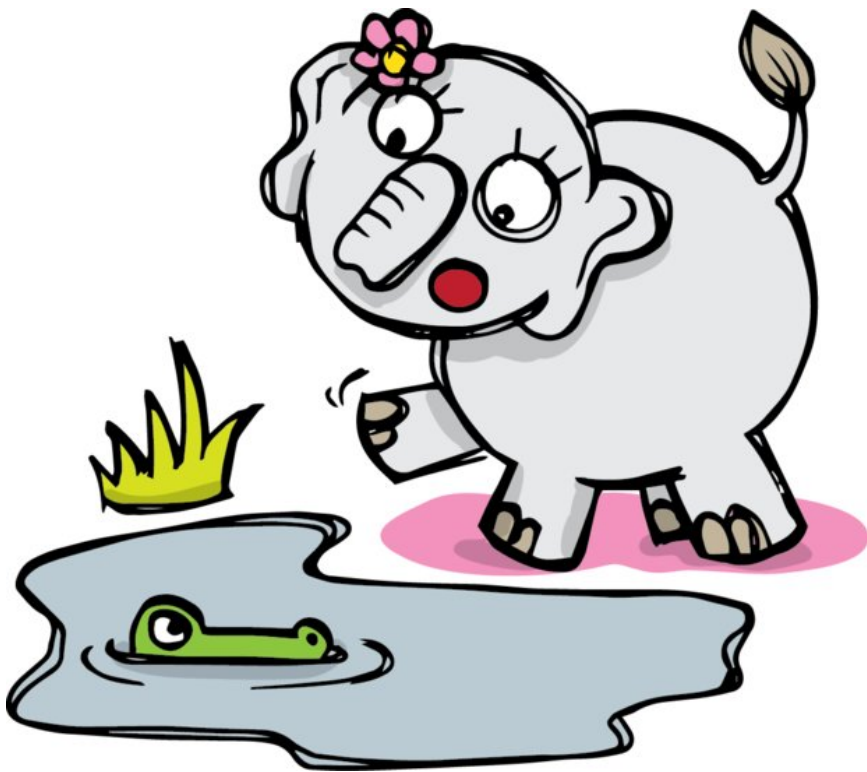


Mtoto wa Tembo
akamfuata Kunguru hadi
mtoni.

Alijipenyeza katikati ya
mianzi kwenye ukingo wa
mto.

Akatazama majini kisha
akauliza, “Mamba
mwenyewe yuko wapi?”





Jiwe lililokuwa karibu na mto lilisema, "Hujambo?"

"Sijambo." Alijibu Mtoto wa Tembo. "Unaweza kunieleza wanachokula mamba jioni?"

Jiwe lilimjibu, “Hebu inama
kidogo nikwambie
wanachokula mamba.”

Mtoto wa Tembo aliinama
chini karibu kabisa na jiwe
lile kisha...





“Tap!” Mara hiyo hiyo, pua la Mtoto wa Tembo lilikuwa kunywani mwa mamba.

“Mamba atakula nyama yako leo.” Kunguru mjanja aliyemshawishi Mtoto wa Tembo kwenda mtoni, akasema.

Mtoto wa Tembo akakita
chini miguu yake yenye
nguvu, akasimama imara
na akaanza kujivuta.

Wakati huo, Mamba
hakuliachilia pua la Mtoto
wa Tembo.



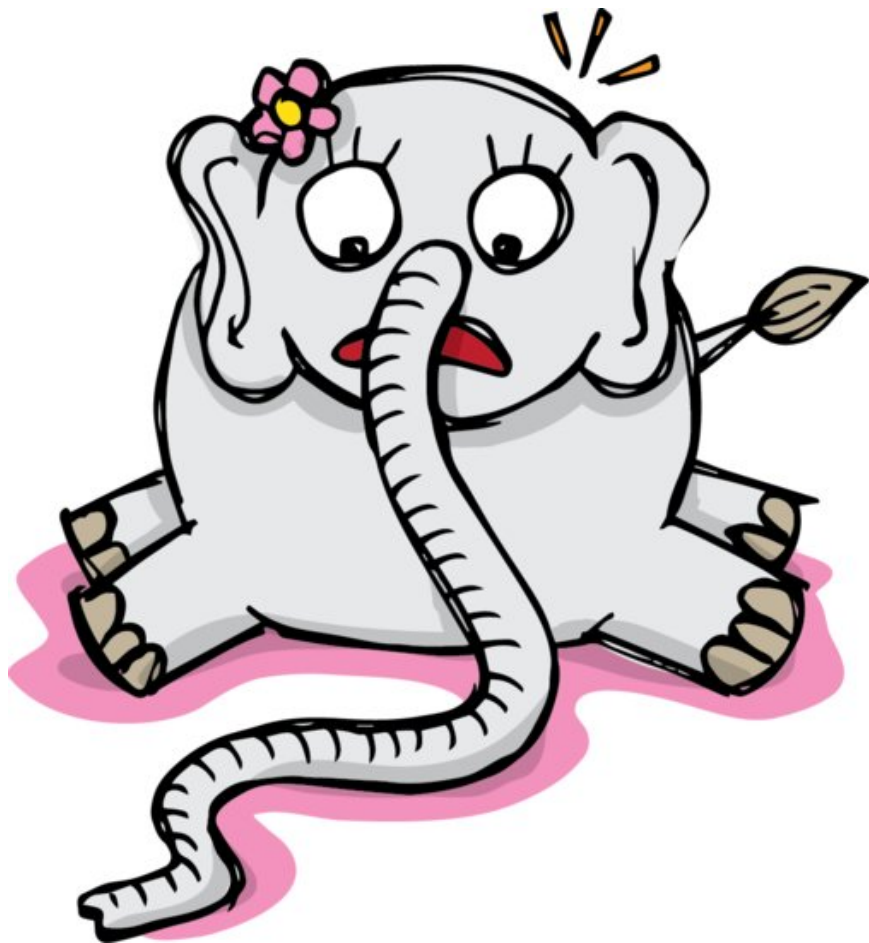


Pua la Mtoto wa Tembo,
likarefuka zaidi, mpaka....

“Puu!” Mtoto wa Tembo
akaanguka kichali chali.

Baada ya kukikosa chakula
chake, mamba alizama na
kutokomea majini.

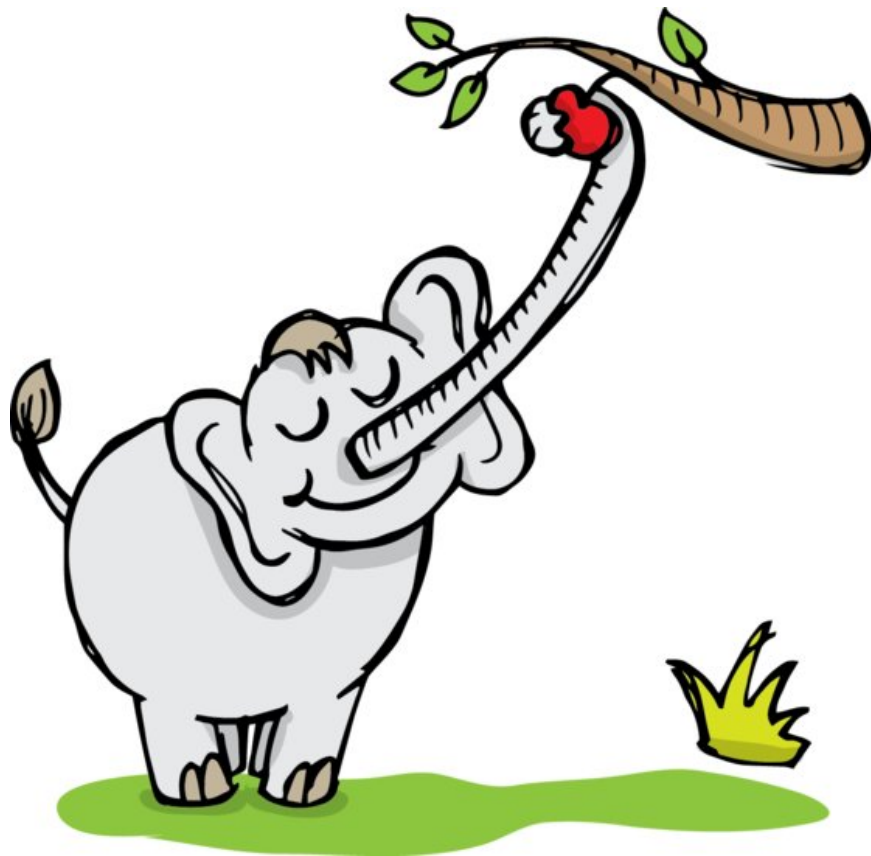




Mtoto wa Tembo
alilitazama pua lake.

Lilikuwa refu kama
mkonga na hakuweza
kuona lilipoishia.

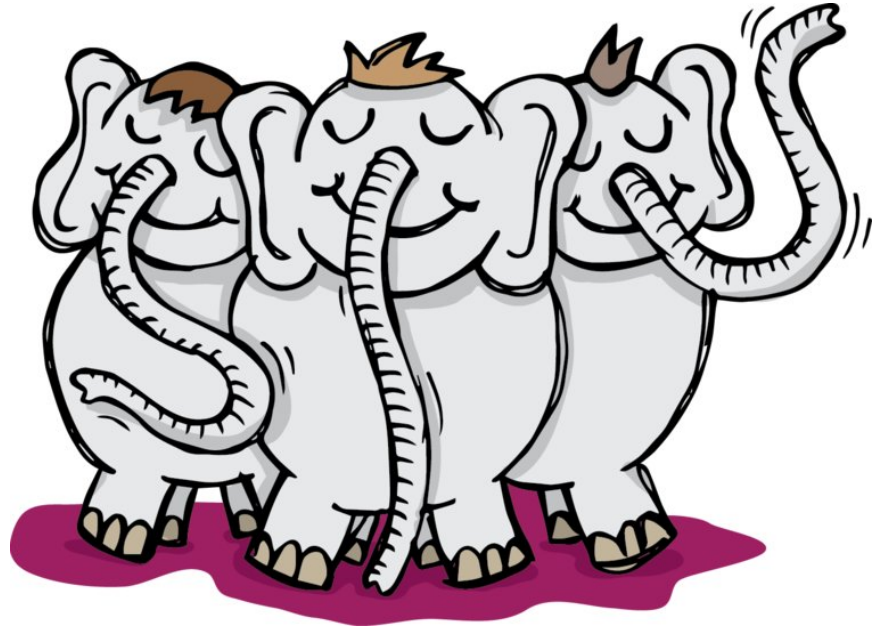
Mkonga wake mrefu
ulimwezesha kuchuma
matunda yaliyokuwa
kwenye matawi ya juu.





Pia, aliweza kuoga kutumia
mkonga wake wakati wa
joto.

Hadi leo, tembo wote huwa
na mikonga mirefu yenye
faida kwao.



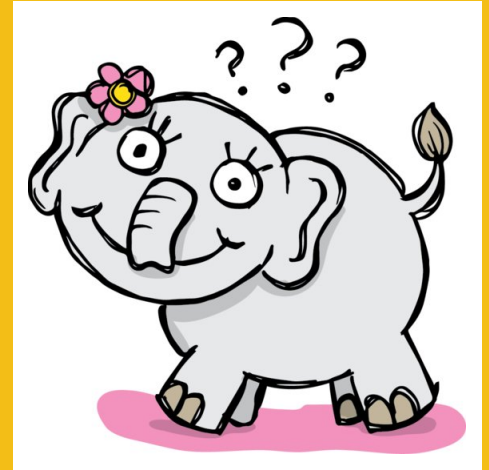
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