



A man and a goat are on one side of the river. They have a boat. How do they cross?



To solve this classic river crossing puzzle, we need to establish some rules which are typically:



1. Only the man can row the boat.
2. The goat cannot be left alone on either side of the river because it will go unchecked and might cause trouble or run away.

With these rules in mind, here are the steps needed to get both the man and the goat across the river safely:

1. The man takes the goat across the river first and leaves it on the other side.
2. The man then returns alone to the original side to get the boat for the next crossing.
3. The man crosses the river again, but this time no one needs to be transported since the goat is already on the other side.
4. Finally, the man and the goat are now safely on the opposite side of the river.

If there were other animals or objects involved, the solution could be more complex, but with just the man and the goat, it's a straightforward process of making two trips with the boat.