

Read

Before you read

Look at the picture on this page and discuss what you think the story is about.

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Long, long ago a spoilt king, who was used to getting everything his way, complained that his feet always hurt. King Hoppalot wanted someone to cover the entire forest with soft material so that his feet would not hurt when he walked about.

A very clever young man named Bright heard that the king offered gold to the person with the best plan. He told the king to cover his feet instead of changing the entire forest. The King had a pair of covers made from animal skin and his problem was solved!

Sometimes a little bit of logic can go a long way.



After you read

1. Answer these questions:
 - a) What is the moral of this story?
 - b) What does it mean when we say "a little bit of logic can go a long way"?
 - c) Why do you think this King made such a ridiculous request?
2. Think of some ways in which you can change your behaviour to help others. For example, by throwing rubbish in the bin instead of letting someone else pick it up.
3. A good rule to remember is: "Do unto others as you would like others to do unto you." Discuss what this means.