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**Fed up of the hiccups?**

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Children have loved the little elephant ever since he hurt his trunk in Kamfu mir helfen? (Kink in the Conk). Now he has another problem: he can't get rid of his hiccups. "Water's the thing, I'll have a drink. A trunk-full should do it, I think."

And so he sets off for the nearest water hole. From afar he can see that lots of animals have gathered there: hippo, rhino, frog, giraffe, zebra, crocodile and monkey, a lion with a wild mane, guinea fowl, warthog and hyena. They all have a theory about how to get rid of hiccups: hold your breath, tell a joke, sing a song, count spots, do a headstand. Nothing works. But then the cheeky monkey has an idea.



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