

The Horse and the Donkey

One day, a man went on a journey, and took with him his horse and his donkey. He put a very heavy load on the donkey's back, but nothing on the horse's back. After a while, the poor donkey asked the horse to help him. But the horse, who was very selfish, refused.

- 5 Further along the road, the donkey started to feel very tired, and again asked the horse to take some of the load. And again the horse refused.

Finally, the donkey fell exhausted at the side of the road and died. So the man took the whole of the heavy load and put it on the horse's back, together with the skin of the dead donkey, and they continued on their journey.

- 10 *Moral: You get nothing from being selfish.*

(by Aesop)

Vocabulary: selfish = 'egoistic, caring only about oneself'; exhausted = 'tired, worn out after hard work'.

Questions:

1. What happened? (Retell the story!)
2. Give some examples of the moral from your experience!
3. What do you personally think of this moral?