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Once upon a time there was a little girl named Kittu. She was very naughty and lazy. Whenever anybody asked her to do something she would just say, "I would love to, but my legs just won't budge. Ask my legs first and if they are ready, I will be too." She felt very glad at her cleverness and avoided all work and just played all day long.

KITTU'S LAZY LEGS

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Dear Parents and Teachers,

Read out this story to the little ones with suitable gestures and voice modulation so that they listen to you with rapt attention.

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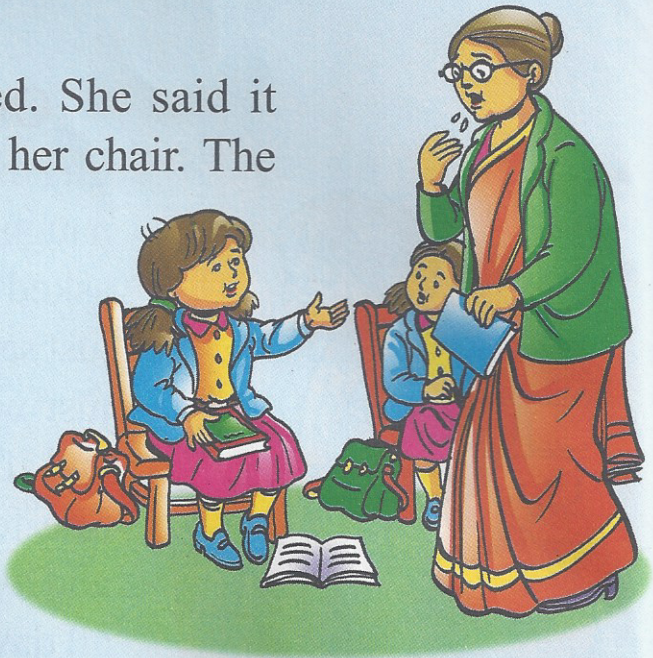
Her mother, her teachers and friends were all annoyed at her naughtiness and at her silly reasons but no matter how hard they tried, they couldn't change her.

And then one day, a new teacher joined the school. The teacher did not know about Kittu's habit of avoiding work, so she called Kittu and asked her to fetch the duster from the staff room downstairs.

Kittu was feeling very lazy on that day. "I would love to go Ma'am, but my legs just won't listen to me today. They refuse to walk. You can ask my legs yourself, if they go, I will too," she

concluded boldly and giggled. She said it without even getting up from her chair. The teacher was very surprised at first and then she was terribly annoyed. What sort of a silly reason was that! Whoever heard of legs having a mind of their own!

‘What a lazy girl,’ thought the teacher, ‘she needs to be



Who is lazy?

Draw a circle around the child who is not doing any work.



taught a lesson!’ And that is exactly what the teacher did.

The next day the teacher organized a musical chair competition for the students and the prize for the winner was a beautiful geometry box. Now, Kittu loved new stationery items and she definitely wanted to win the geometry box. What more, she was very good at playing musical chairs. Kittu excitedly ran to the teacher to enter her name.

As soon as Kittu told the teacher what she had come for, the teacher bent down and pretended to speak to Kittu's legs. "Hello legs!" the teacher said innocently. "Would you like to play musical chair, run around and strain yourself or would



you rather just sit and have fun?" And then nodding as if she got the answer, she looked at Kittu quite seriously and said, "I would love to include your name in the musical chair game Kittu, but you see, I asked your legs and they just refuse to play! I am awfully sorry." Everybody around laughed out loud and Kittu felt terrible. She ran away from there as fast as she could.

A few days after this, the teacher organized a wonderful trekking trip to the nearby hills, followed by a night camp in the forest. Now, naughty little Kittu loved outdoors and she was very excited at the news of the outing. And the whole class was going! What fun they could have. Sleeping in tents at night and a camp fire blazing, oh, what a nice excursion! Kittu wanted to be included and she rushed to the teacher to give her name for the same.

The teacher again bent down and asked, "Do you want to climb all those hills, legs? You could be bitten by mosquitoes at the night camp and it would all be such an inconvenience, you know?" she said. And then she got up looking very solemn. "Sorry Kittu, your legs are really lazy. They just refuse to budge. They say they

wouldn't want to tire themselves climbing hills, but would stay at home and relax. I am terribly sorry!" she concluded.

Kittu burst out crying on hearing the teacher. "Sorry Ma'am. Really sorry. I will not play such nasty tricks again. Please oh, please let me come. I promise to be good," she wailed.



The teacher felt sorry for Kittu. She decided to give Kittu a chance. "Well, if you promise not to be lazy again, you can come!" smiled the teacher, wiping Kittu's tears. Kittu was elated. She thanked the teacher profusely and rushed home to pack her bags for the trip.

Connect the word with the picture drawing a line.



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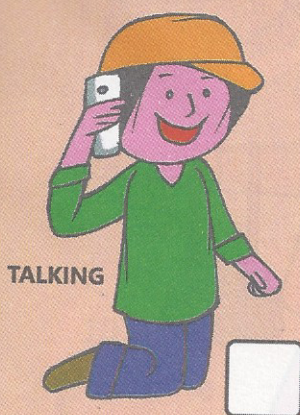
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While Kittu was packing her things, mother came and asked Kittu to fetch a coconut from the shop near Grandma's house. Kittu began, "But Mom, my legs..." and then suddenly she cut short her sentence.

She grabbed the money from mom's hand and ran to the shop.



Write 'L' near the actions which cannot be done without the support of the leg.



Mom was well prepared for the 'legs story' but the sudden change in Kittu surprised her and at the same time made her glad too. She was in fact very pleased not to hear the 'legs story.' She prepared a nice sweet dish for Kittu. But mom still wonders what changed Kittu so suddenly. Mom doesn't know, but we know, right!