



MONKEY BREATH

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What to do when ya gotta wear leaves.



In the Banana Tree jungle, between Hippo Lake and The Spill-a-little Waterfall, is
Monkey Town.

The Monkeys there are very happy.





When all the little monkeys wake up in Monkey Town they stretch and yawn.
Can you stretch & yawn?



Then they go to Hippo Lake to wash and play.
They swing thru the banana trees. Swing like a Monkey with me!
Good swinging!





At Hippo lake they have to lookout for Hippos and be careful not to get too close.

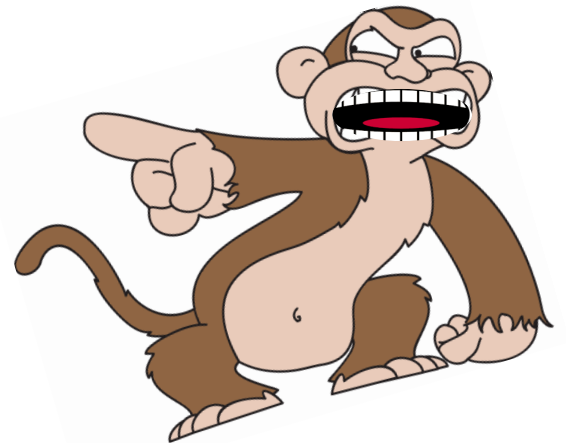
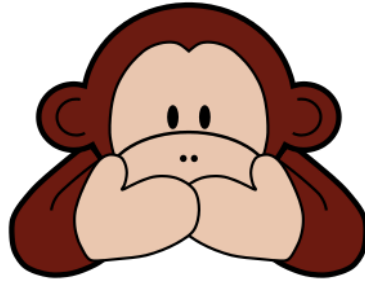


But on this day, when they got to the Lake, there were no hippos. They thought that was good because they could splash and swim and take a monkey bath.





Well, all this play made them thirsty. But... before they got a drink... They all started to smell something Really Bad!



"Ewwww! What's that?!" One said holding her nose.

"Ewww! You smell!" Another said.

"You got bad monkey breath!" Said another pointing at his friend.

"You got monkey breath!

"I don't have Monkey breath, you do!"

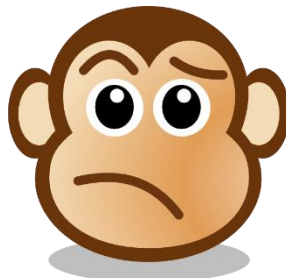
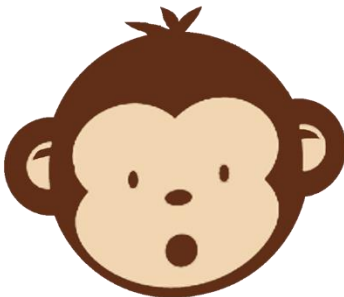
"No you do!"



Well just then,

The wise old monkey came from the jungle. "STOP!" He said, very loud.

And all the little monkeys stopped and froze right where they were.





The wise old monkey said...

"You little monkeys cannot drink from Hippo Lake today.
You shouldn't even be playing in it!" He looked very mad.

The little ones asked... "Why not?"



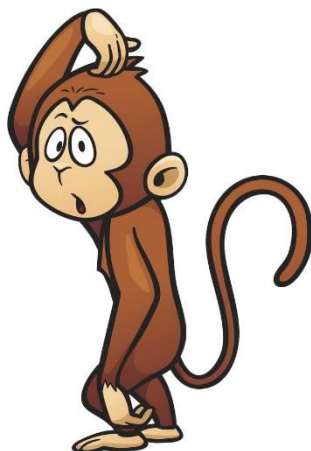
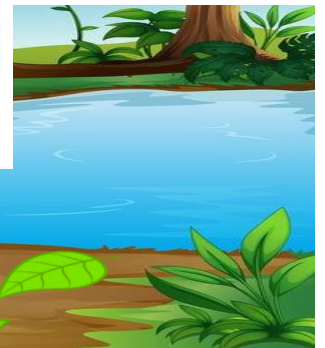
"Because, It's very dangerous! Something has been spilled in the water here
that is bad for us. It can make us sick."

One little monkey looked at the water in the lake.

"I don't see anything wrong."

And another felt the water.

"I don't feel anything."



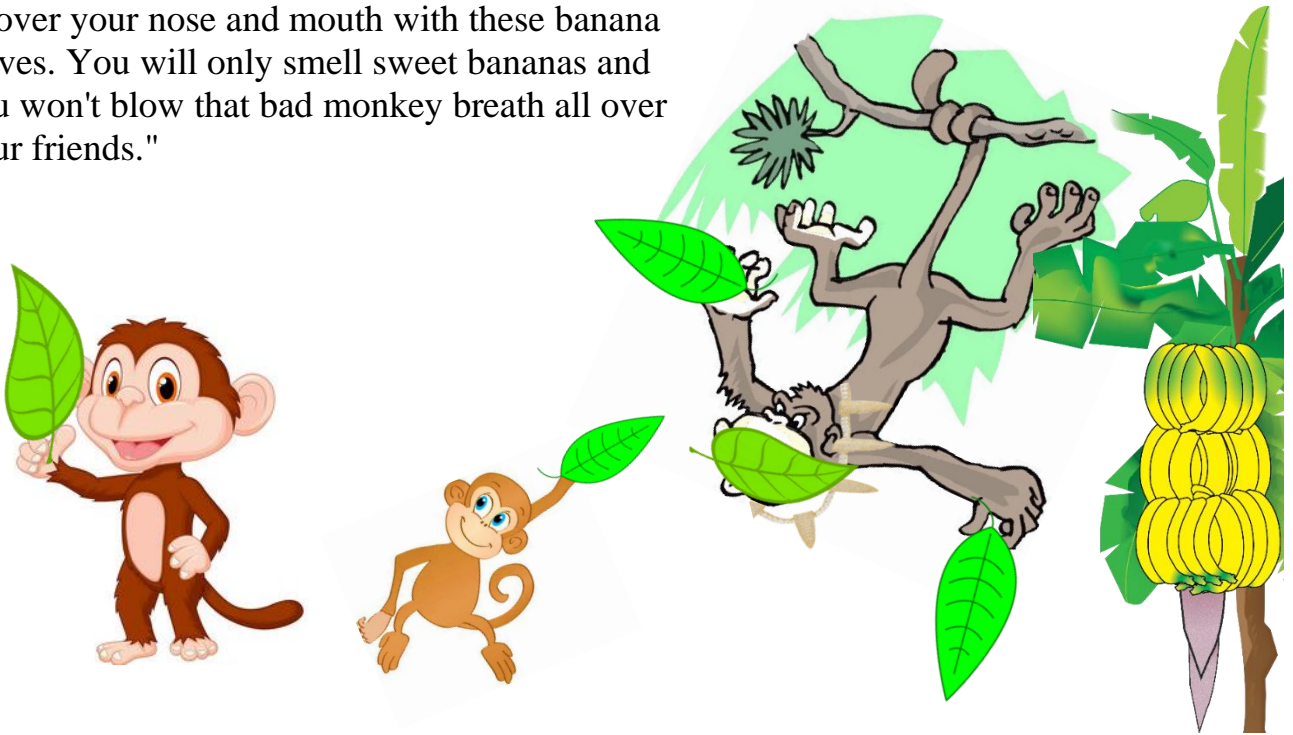
The wise old monkey said...

"You cannot see or feel or sometimes even smell
everything that can hurt you. But a good sign that
water is not good is when nobody else is drinking it.
You see no other animals at the lake because the water is bad.
Didn't you smell it? I can smell it on you from here."

The little monkeys said, "You mean it isn't Monkey Breath?"



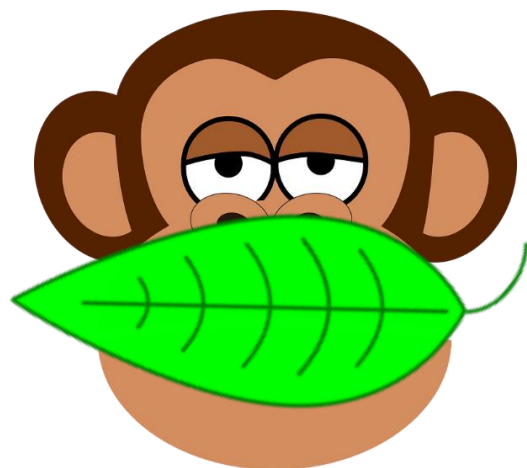
"Hahaha well It could be if you got some bad water in your mouth."
He grabbed some banana tree leaves and he covered his face with one
and gave leaves to all the little monkeys.
"Cover your nose and mouth with these banana
leaves. You will only smell sweet bananas and
you won't blow that bad monkey breath all over
your friends."



All the little monkeys did as he said and they DID smell bananas.

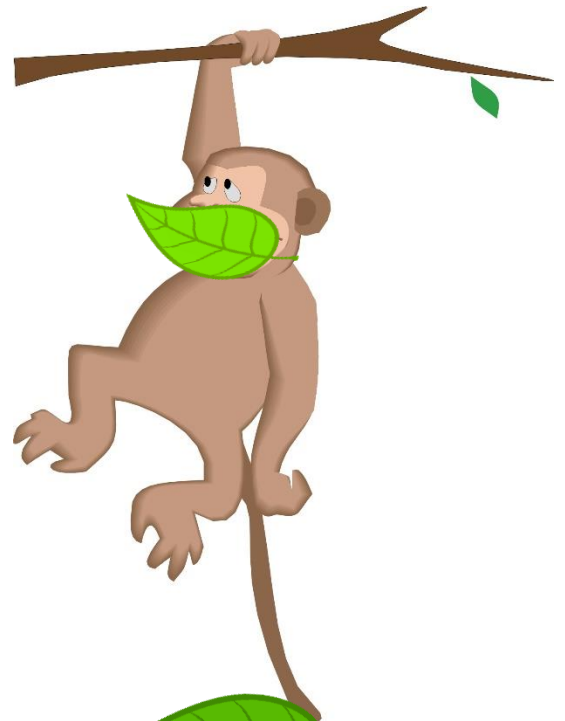
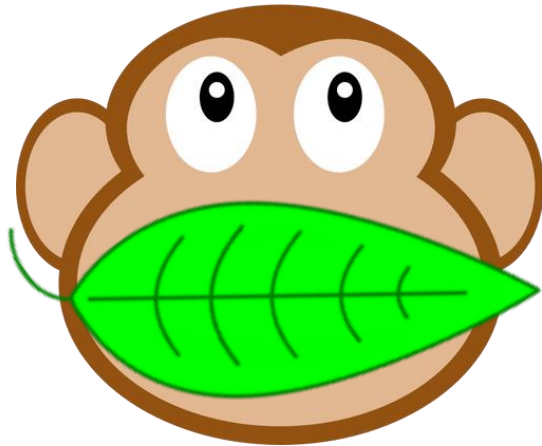
The wise old monkey said, "You will all need to go wash at the waterfall where the
water is clean. Go wash at the waterfall.
And stay away from each other until you wash!"

The little monkeys felt bad and did as they were told and started walking to the
waterfall staying a little bit away from each other.





They held their leaves to their faces and stayed away from each other. They didn't want to get sick. But it sure didn't feel like fun to wear a leaf and stay away from their friends.



Then one of the monkeys looked at his friend and said...
"That leaf makes you look like Spiderman."
"Yeah I'm Spiderman!"

"Hey! Who am I?!" Said another.
She struck a pose using leaves like a Cape and mask.
"You look like Bat Girl!"





"Hey we can still play games and stuff as we stay away.
Let's play 'what am I doing?'"
"Look! What am I doing?"

"Eating a banana!!" They said.

Yeah I'm eating a banana. Great!



Then the little monkeys played Monkey Mirrors where you follow somebody else's movement.

Here! I'll be the leader. Try to follow my movement. We do it slow.



Yeah! Great!

Well, the little monkeys had fun all the way to the waterfall. And after they washed, they played and played.

But they always remembered what the old wise monkey had taught them.
Be safe. Because sometimes things around you, that you can't see or maybe even
smell can sometimes be dangerous. Stay away, wear a leaf and wash your hands.
Because someone close to you might have... **Monkey Breath!!**

