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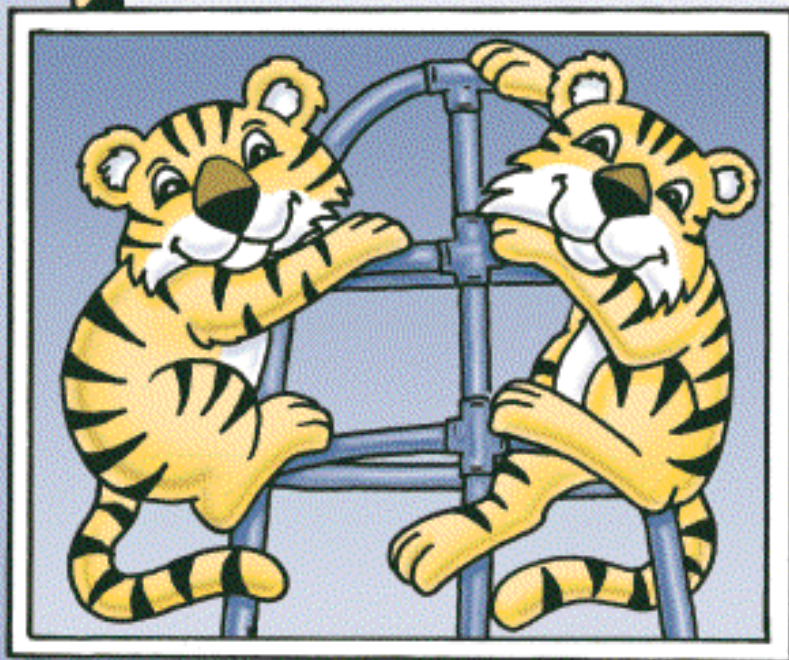
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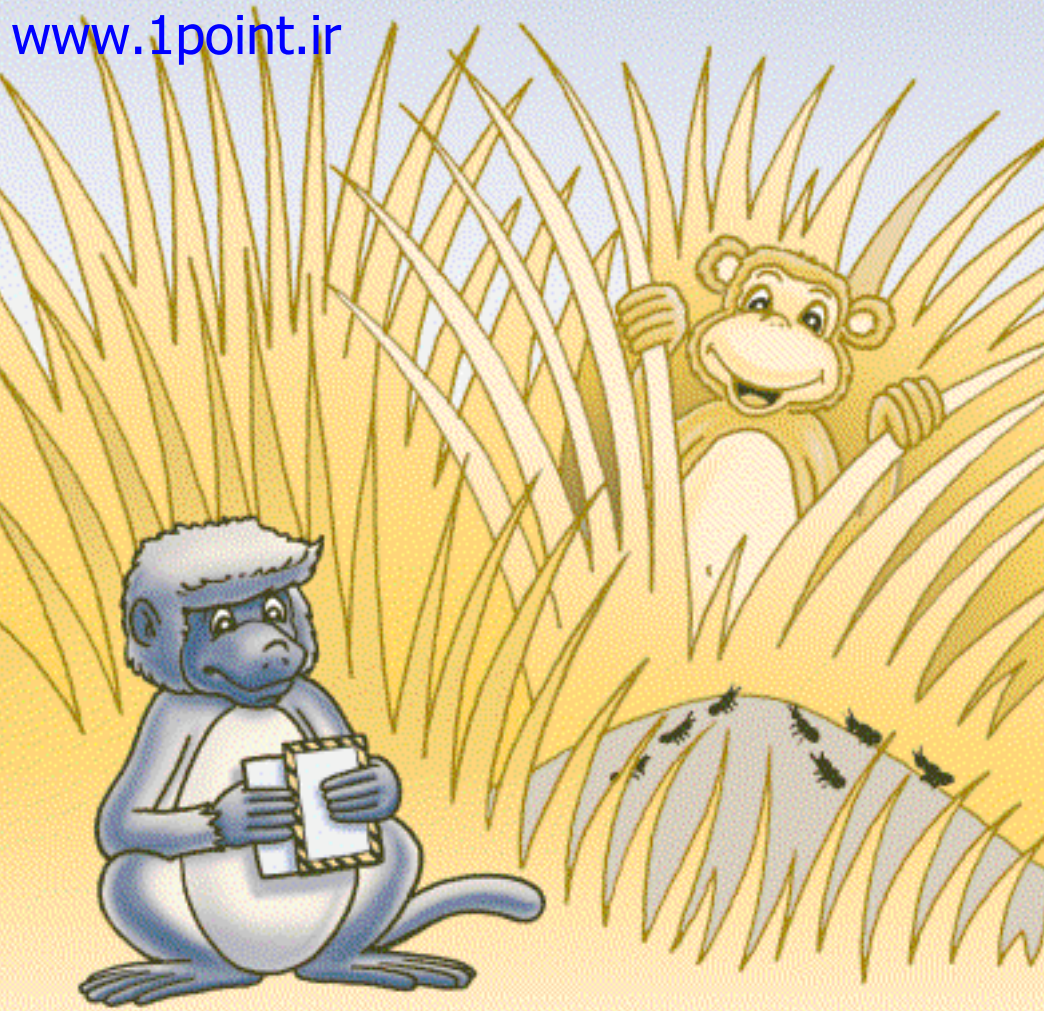


- ||| Tiger sent Baboon a card.
- ||| There was a picture, too.

🔊 Hello Baboon,
We played at the park
today. It was fun!

Love,
Tiger





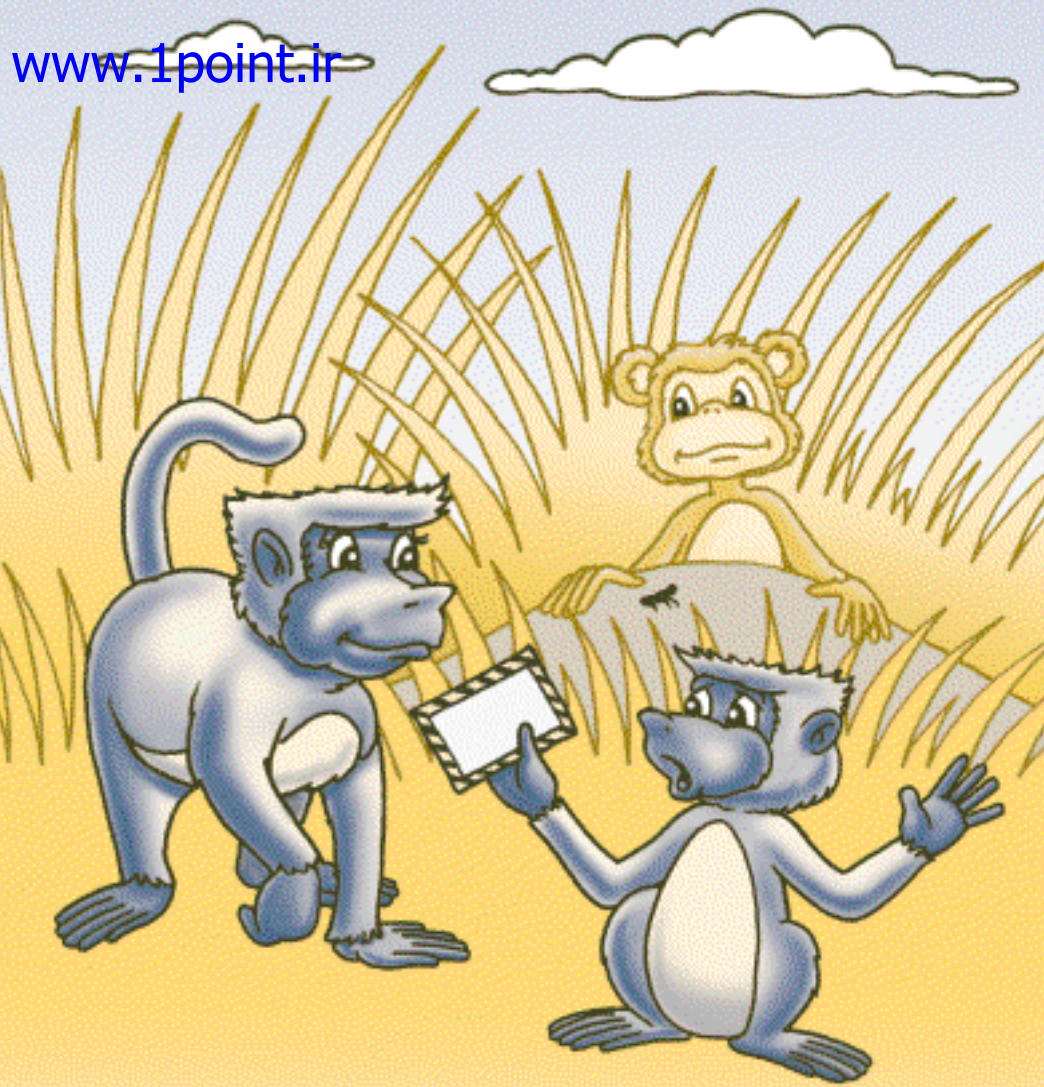
“Let’s play tag,” said Ape.

“I am not in the mood,”

Baboon said quietly.



- ▶ “Do you want some fire ants?” asked Ape.
- ▶ “I am not hungry,” said Baboon. He began to cry.



“I wish we had a park,” said Baboon. “It would be fun to slide and swing.”



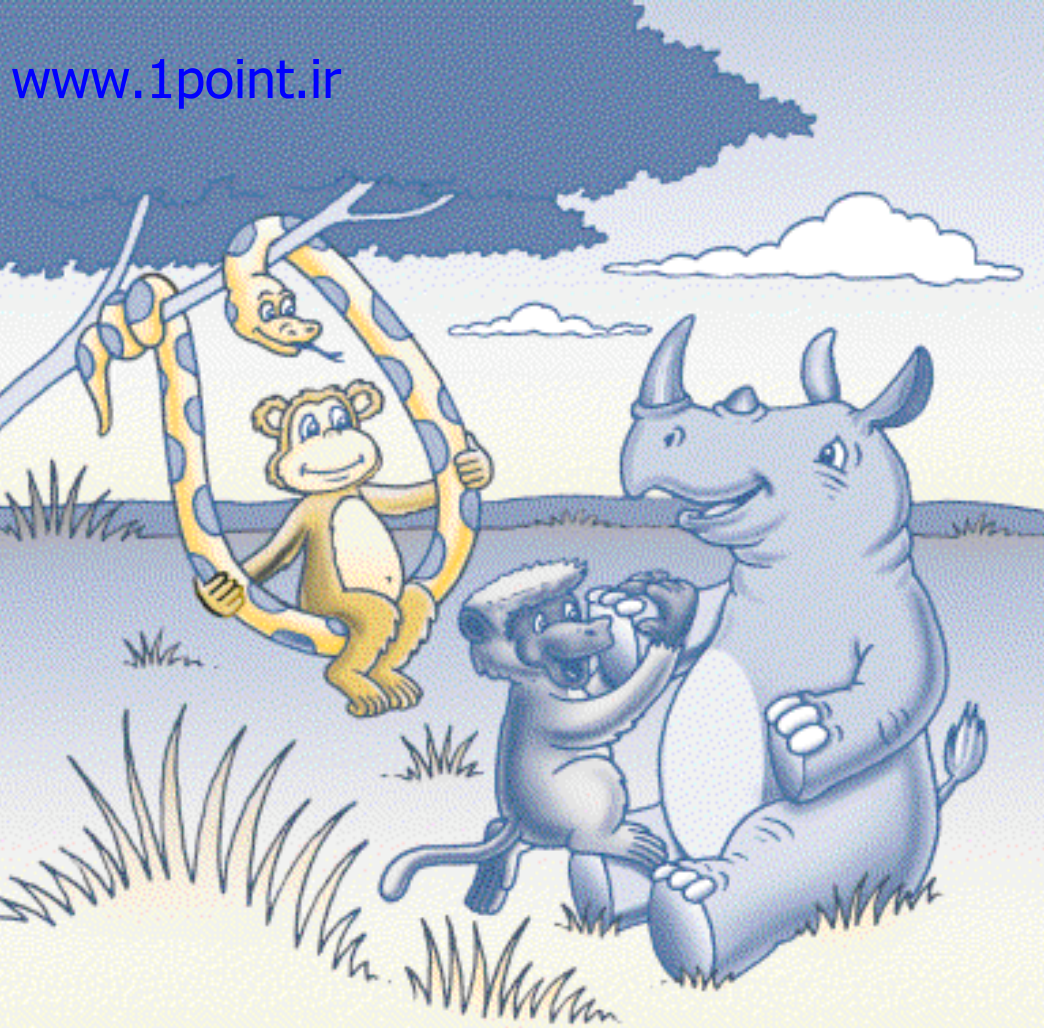
🔊 Mama put her arms around Baboon. He leaned against her. Soon he was sleeping.



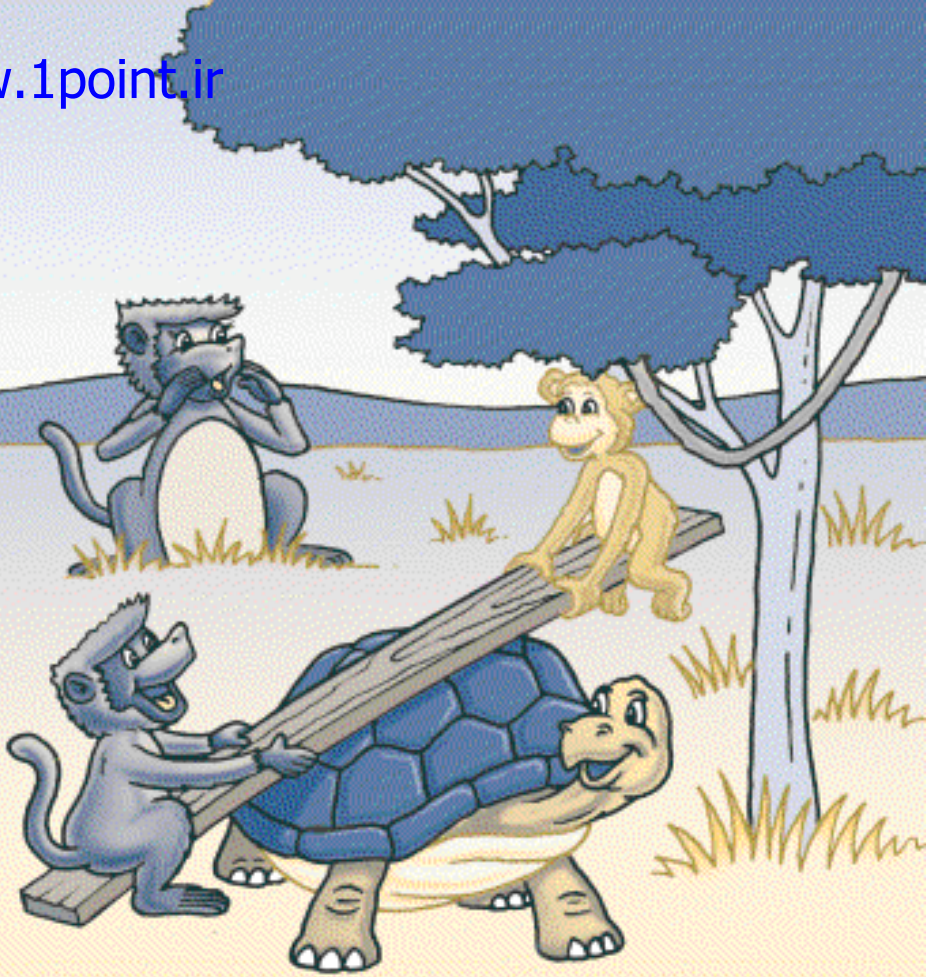
▶ Ape shook Baboon. “I’ve got a surprise! Wait until you see it!”



▶ “See? Your dad and my dad put it together,” said Ape. Ape and Baboon slid down Spot’s long, smooth neck.



- ▶ Ape saw a good swing.
- ▶ Baboon found a rhinoceros to climb on.






- ▶▶ “Be careful!” Mom yelled.
- ▶▶ “You could disappear!”
- ▶▶ “This is a great park!”
said Ape.

Hello Tiger,
We have a new park.
We can play in it together!

Love,
Baboon



Think and Respond

-  **1** What do Baboon and Ape's dads make?
-  **2** What do they use for playground toys?
-  **3** What animal would you like to have on your playground?



Play Safe What are the safety rules at your school playground? Make a poster that tells about one of the rules for safe play. Display it in your classroom or cafeteria.



School-Home Connection After children read the story, have them find and read the words *against*, *careful*, *fire*, *quietly*, and *shook*.