

JOHA AND HIS TEN DONKEYS

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One day Joha bought ten donkeys from the market. He felt very pleased with himself and started to drive them towards his home. As he was on his way home he jumped up and rode on one of the donkeys. After a while, as he was going along the road, he counted the donkeys and found that there were only nine. So he got off the donkey he was riding and counted again. This time he found that there were ten! So he said to himself 'That's strange, if I walk I will gain a donkey and if I ride I will lose one!'