**The Donkey and the Dog**

 A donkey and a dog were traveling together when they saw a letter on the ground. The donkey began to read the letter to the dog. It concerned hay, barley, and bran, which the dog was not interested in.

 He interrupted the donkey. “Who cares about hay, barley, and bran? Skip a few paragraphs, Donkey. You might find something interesting about meat and bones.”

 The donkey, who did love hay, barley, and bran, skimmed the letter. “You’re right! Here’s something about free bones.”

 The dog whirled in excitement. “Where? Where?”

 “Be still, and let me finish reading the letter,” the donkey answered. “It says that free bones will be given out at Shipley’s Farm on—“

 “I know where that is!” the dog said, and he ran down the road.

 “Wait!” the donkey cried. “There’s more!”

 When the panting dog reached the farm, he found out that the bones were to be given out two days later.

**The Boar and the Fox**

 For one day, a boar was standing next to a tree, sharpening his tusks on the truck. A fox stopped to watch. The boar was working so hard that the tree and nearby shrubs shook.

 “Why are you sharpening your tusk?” asked the fox. “There aren’t any hunters around.”

 “The answer is obvious,” replied the boar. “If I were attacked, I certainly wouldn’t have time to sharpen my tusks. But if I have them ready and sharp, I’ll be able to put them to good use!”