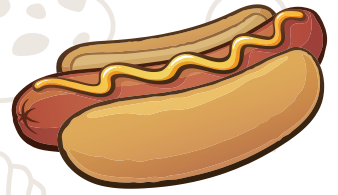


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Storytelling – Big Letter H and His Hot Dogs

One day, Big Letter H bought four yummy hot dogs and he placed them in his basket (named H). While Big Letter H was walking through a forest, the delicious smell of the hot dogs attracted Horse.

Hiding behind the trees, Horse saw the yummy hot dogs in Big Letter H's basket. Quietly, Horse took one of the hot dogs and ate it behind the trees! Big Letter H heard some chewing sounds and turned around. He did not see Horse. But when Big Letter H looked into his basket, he saw three hot dogs only! He counted his hot dogs one more time, 'One hot dog...two hot dogs...three hot dogs.' There were only three hot dogs left in his basket. Big Letter H said, '**Oh no! Who took my hot dog?**' He looked around but could not find the hot dog, so he continued walking.

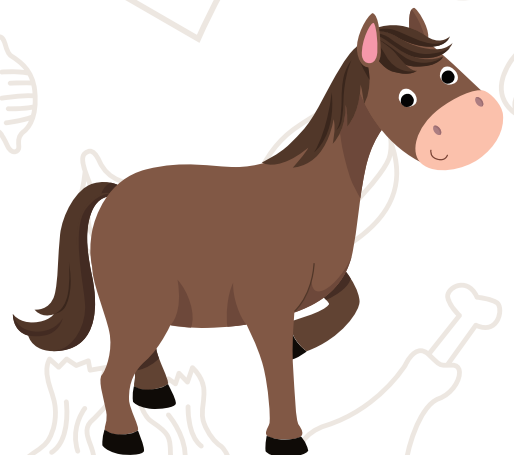
Horse was still hungry and he wanted to eat more hot dogs. Quietly, Horse took another hot dog from the basket and ate it behind the trees! Big Letter H heard some chewing sounds and turned around. He did not see Horse. But when Big Letter H looked into his basket, he saw two hot dogs only! He counted his hot dogs one more time, 'One hot dog...two hot dogs.' There were only two hot dogs left in his basket. Big Letter H said, '**Oh no! Who took my hot dog?**' He looked around but could not find the hot dog, so he continued walking.

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Suddenly, Big Letter H saw a small hedgehog and he had an idea. Big Letter H placed the hedgehog in his basket to cover the hot dog and he continued walking. Soon, Horse wanted to eat another hot dog so he reached into the basket. 'Ouch!' shouted Horse. Big Letter H turned around and saw Horse's face full of quills! Horse felt sorry and told Big Letter H that he ate his hot dogs. Big Letter H asked Horse to go home with him to remove the quills.

Extended activity related to the story

- Game: Who took my hot dog?
 - Invite children to form a circle and sit on the mats.
 - Invite one child to pretend to be Big Letter H and stand in the centre of the circle.
 - Give him/her a basket with a hot dog (a cutout/a toy) inside and ask the child to close his/her eyes.
 - Invite one child to pretend to be Horse and take the hot dog from the basket and hide it under his/her mat.
 - Ask the child in the centre to open his/her eyes and guess who has taken the hot dog. He/she will have three guesses. Invite two other children to be Letter H and Horse in the next round.



Real-life experience activity – Making honey hot dogs

- Show children the stick puppet of Big Letter H and ask them to recall the name of the food in his basket.
- Take out the hot dog (cutout/toy) from the basket.
- Tell children that the teacher is hungry and wants to have some hot dogs.
- Tell children that Big Letter H's brother, Small Letter h, can help.
- Show a stick puppet of Small Letter h and invite children to greet him.
- Invite Small Letter h to demonstrate how to make honey hot dogs.
- Invite children to make honey hot dogs by guiding them to:
 - take a hot dog bun.
 - use tongs to place a cooked sausage in the bun.
 - use a spoon/squeeze bottle to add some honey.
- Provide children with ample chances to listen to and say the names of the objects: honey, hot dog.
- Guide children to make association between the letter and the words (e.g., honey, hot dog).
- Invite children to thank Small Letter h and enjoy the honey hot dogs together.

Other possible real-life experience activities and extended activities

- Playing a game: Matching hats
 - Prepare pictures of hats in different pairs of colours (e.g., two green hats, two yellow hats).
 - Shuffle the pictures and turn them over.
 - Invite children to find the matching pairs.
- Putting together 4-piece puzzles of a horse/a house/a bottle of honey
- Making a paper hat and gluing on horse/heart/hot dog pictures
- Making a ham sandwich
- Making a horse puppet and sticking some letter H/hs on it



Suggested books

Book Title

1. *Hooray For Hat!*
2. *I Need a Hug*
3. *This is Not My Hat*

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