

Once upon a time there was a merchant (which, who, where) lived on a farm with family and many animals. This merchant (had, have, has) a wonderful gift – he had the power (and, so, to) understand the speech of (all, every, much) kinds of animals and birds. However, he (can't, could, couldn't) not tell anyone what he heard the animals say (and, if, or) he would die immediately. One evening as he was watching (his, them, all) children play, he heard his bull speaking. "Donkey, why are you treated (good, better, same) than me and have servants sweeping your stall?" The merchant was (and, many, very) interested and continued to listen. The bull complained that he had to work too hard, was whipped and had to carry heavy loads. The donkey laughed and (advised, suggested, thanked) the bull not to be so willing to work. "They will soon get the message and leave you alone," he said. The next day the merchant's servant (did, came, had) running into the office. He informed the merchant that the bull (was, is, were) refusing to move and wondered what they should do. Of course, the merchant (told, see, knew) what was wrong and decided the donkey should be taught a lesson. He told his steward to let the bull rest and (sit, make, stand) the donkey do the work.