

The Monkey and the Fish

There was once a valley with a mighty river running through it.

Every few years the rains would fall much heavier than usual and the river would flood, filling mile after mile of its flood-plain in the valley bottom.

As the floodwaters rose, everything that could run would run from the valley.

Everything that could fly, would fly out of the valley.

Everything that could crawl, would crawl out of the valley bottom and everything that would climb, would climb out of the reach of the rising flood.

A monkey sat on a branch of a tree just above the water and stared down into the rushing torrent.

As he looked, he saw a mighty fish struggling in the tide just below where he sat, flicking its tail furiously, just to keep from being washed away.

The monkey watching the fish struggle, felt compassion for the fish and reaching down, he scooped the fish out of the water and placed it safe in the top of the tree where to the monkey's disappointment, that was the end.

Vocabulary

Translate the words:

to struggle	
to crawl	
to stare	
a branch	
a flood	
mighty	
a heavy rain	
valley	

Write the sentence above the correct picture:

The balloon is above the clown.

The woman is staring at the man.



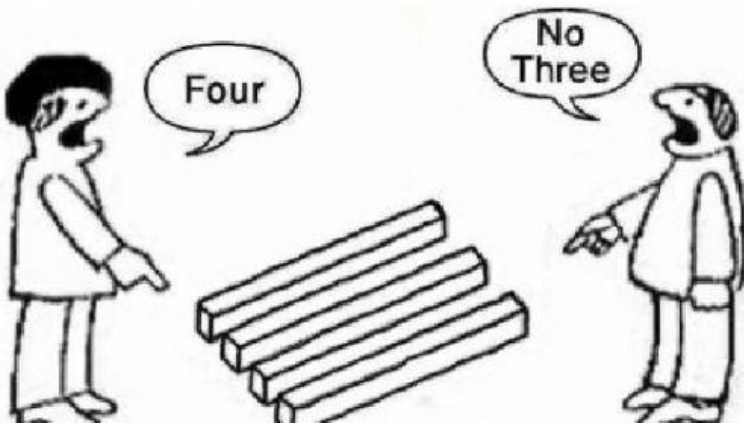
LOTS

1. Why did the animals run away from the valley?

2. What did the monkey think about the fish?

3. Did the monkey save the fish?

HOTS (Distinguishing Different Perspectives)



1. What is happening in this picture? Do these people see the same thing? Do they think differently about it?

2. What happened to the monkey and the fish? What did the monkey need to do when the flood came? Did the fish need to do the same thing?
