

# *A Hippo with Hiccups*

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There was once a hippo that had the hiccups. Hippo decided to go to his friend's house to see what he was doing. He knocked on the door and his friend, Tiger, answered.

"What are you doing?" asked Hippo.

"I'm doing my homework," said Tiger.

Hippo took a pencil and said, "Let me help you. Hiccup! Hiccup!"

"You just messed up my homework! Go away, Hippo," said Tiger.

Hippo felt bad, so he decided to visit another friend. He rang the doorbell and his friend, Monkey, answered the door.

"Hi, Hippo," he said. "I'm making a paper airplane."

"Cool!" said Hippo. "Can I see it?"

"Sure," said Monkey. "Why not? It's over here."

Hippo picked up the plane. "Hiccup! Hiccup!"

"Oh! No! You just crushed my airplane. Go away!" said Monkey.

Next, Hippo went to see his friend, Elephant. When he came to the door Hippo asked, "What are you doing?"

"I am playing a game with my sister," said Elephant.

"Can I join the game?" asked Hippo.

"Sure," said Elephant.

"Hiccup! Hiccup!" went Hippo.

The pieces of the game flew everywhere.

"Oh! No! You just ruined our game. Go away!" said Elephant.

Hippo felt so bad that he decided to just go home. He cried all the way, because he had upset his friends. In fact, he cried so much that when he got home he was very, very thirsty. He went into his kitchen and poured a big glass of water. Hippo drank it down as fast as he could.

Guess what! His hiccups went away. Hippo learned some very important things that day. If you have the hiccups, don't go near your friend's projects, and always drink a big glass of water to get rid of them.