

Vote with Your Feet – Would You Rather

These are designed for use with children who are non-readers.

These sorts of questions may be familiar to you from books such as John Burningham's "Would You Rather". Sara Stanley has also produced a resource with some delightful examples which is available on p4c.com. You could also get your classes to create their own.

Although the initial questions are on the surface "matter of taste" questions rather than philosophical ones, they have "questions in waiting" to use Steve Williams's useful phrase, which are philosophically rich. By coming at these questions after some imaginative engagement with examples, you will get a richer response to them than if you tackled them cold.

Would you rather be...

...chased by a bear?

...slithered on by a snake?

...kissed by a monkey?

Is it worse to be scared, disgusted or embarrassed? "Aargh", "yuck" or "aw no"?

Would you rather...

...play snap with a crocodile?

...swim with a shark?

...lie down with a lion?

Are real animals more or less scary than animals in story books?

Would you prefer to...

...be sat on by a spider?

...sit on a pin?

...be pecked by a parrot?

Why are people scared of things that don't really hurt them?

Would you rather be...

...king or queen for one day?

...rich for your whole life?

...a superhero for a week?

Does being rich make you happy? Does being powerful make you happy? Is being a little happy for a long time better than being very happy for a short time?

Would you rather hear

...the world's funniest joke?

...the most surprising fact?

...the world's best story?

What makes things funny? Are things that are true more interesting than things that are made up, or the other way round?

Would you rather have

...dinner with a witch?

...a frog for dinner?

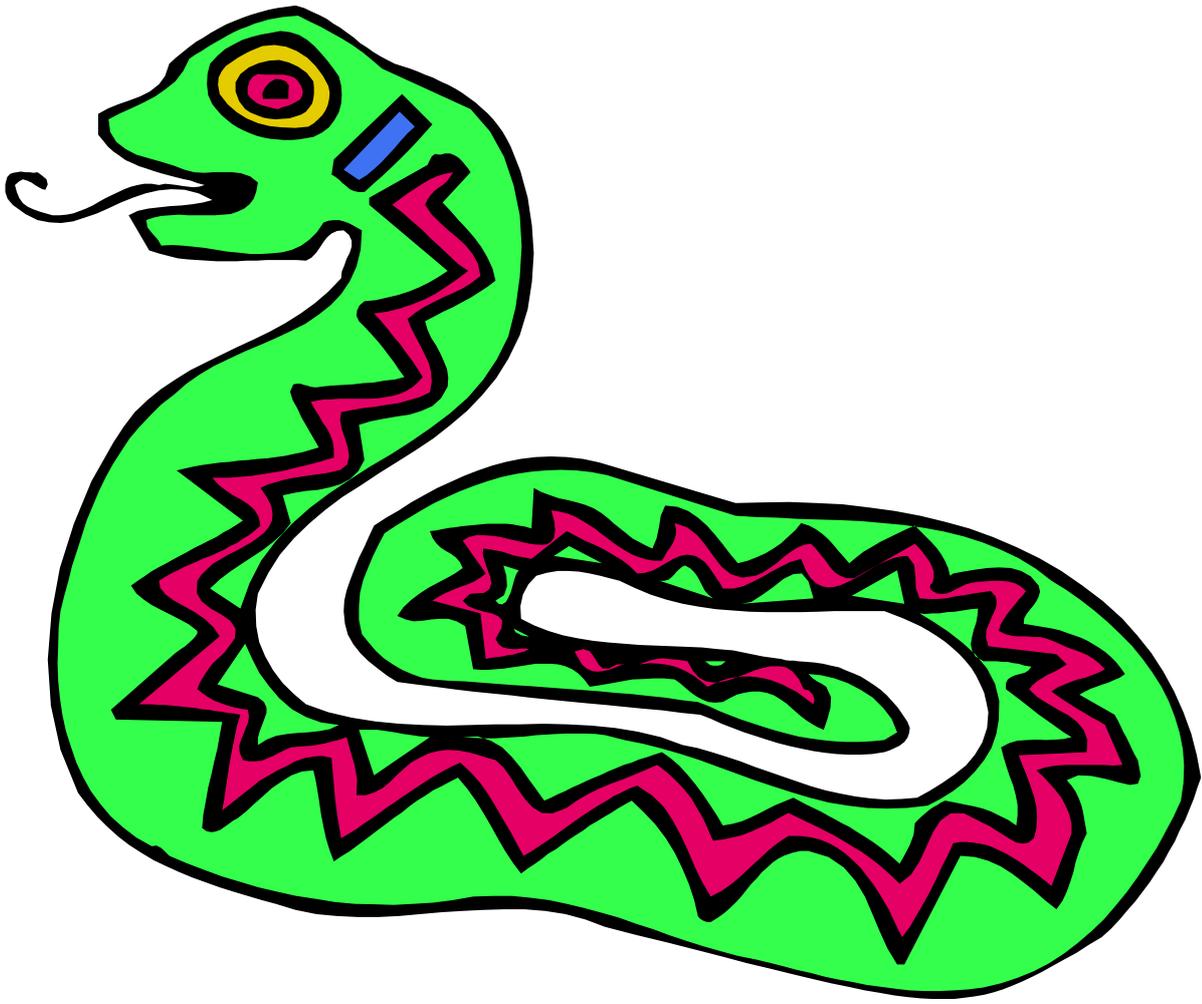
Are horrible people worse than horrible food? How are they different?

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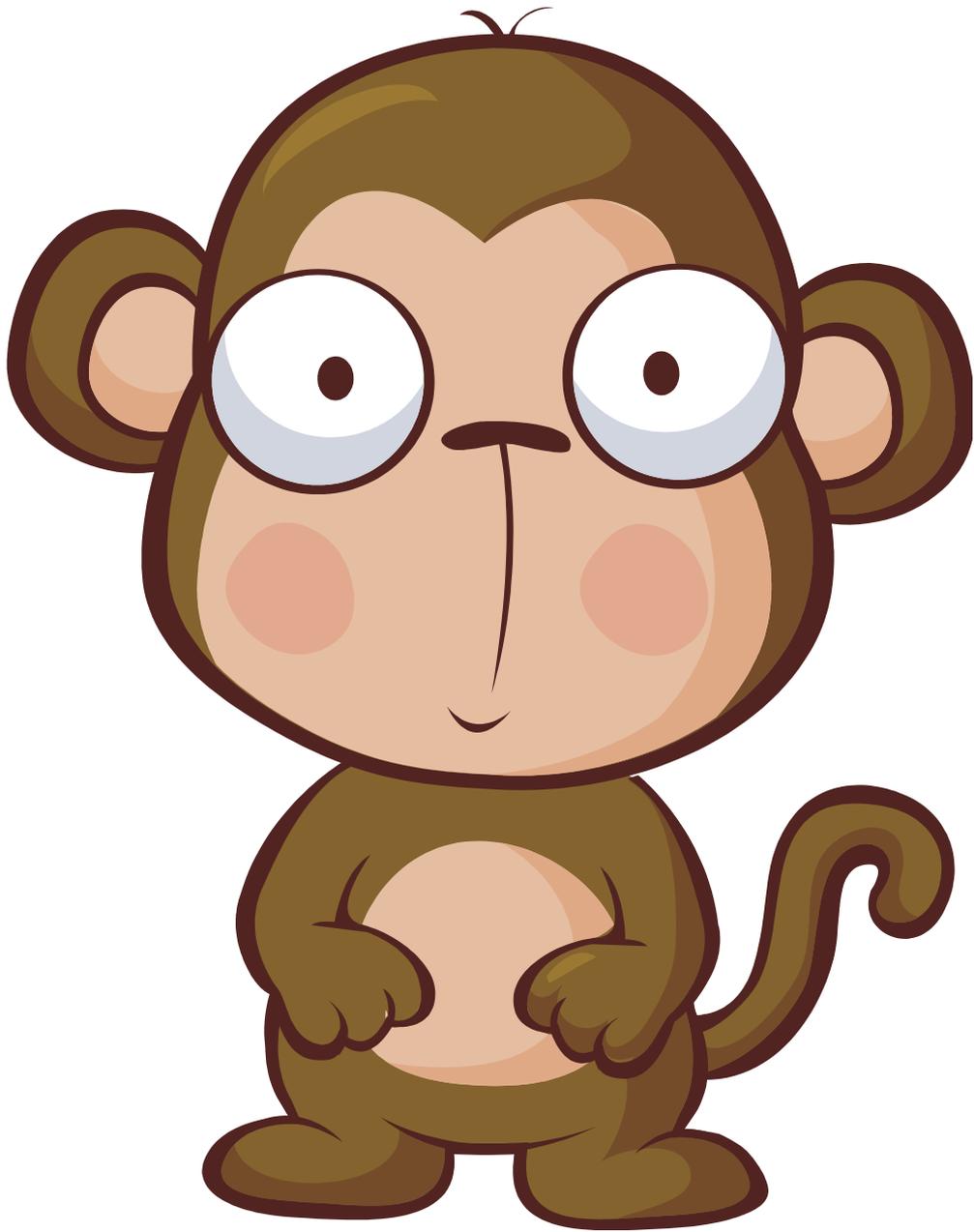
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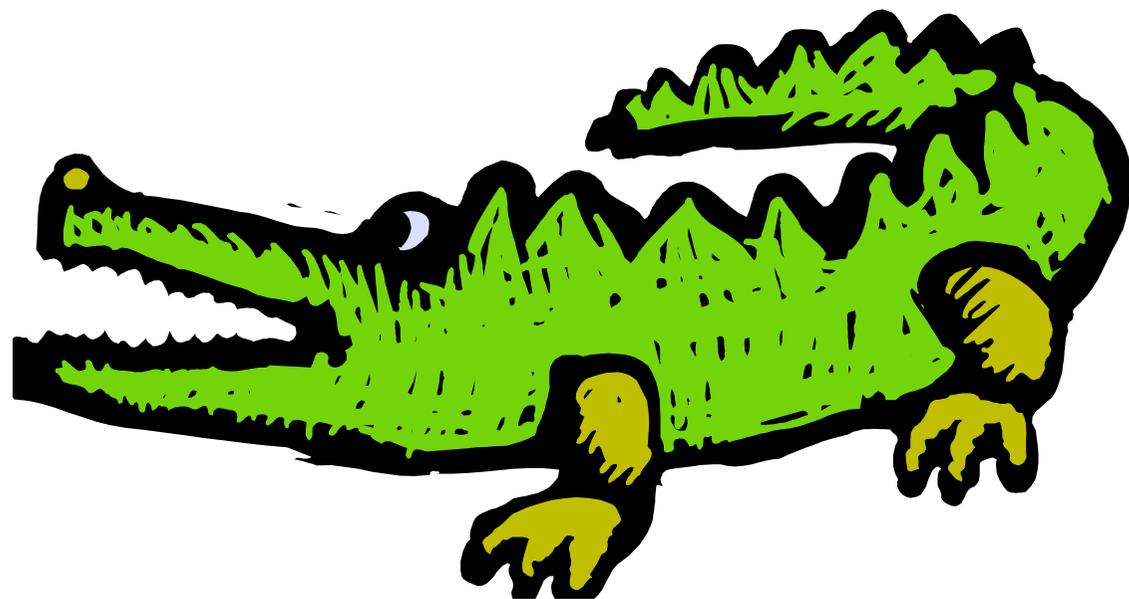
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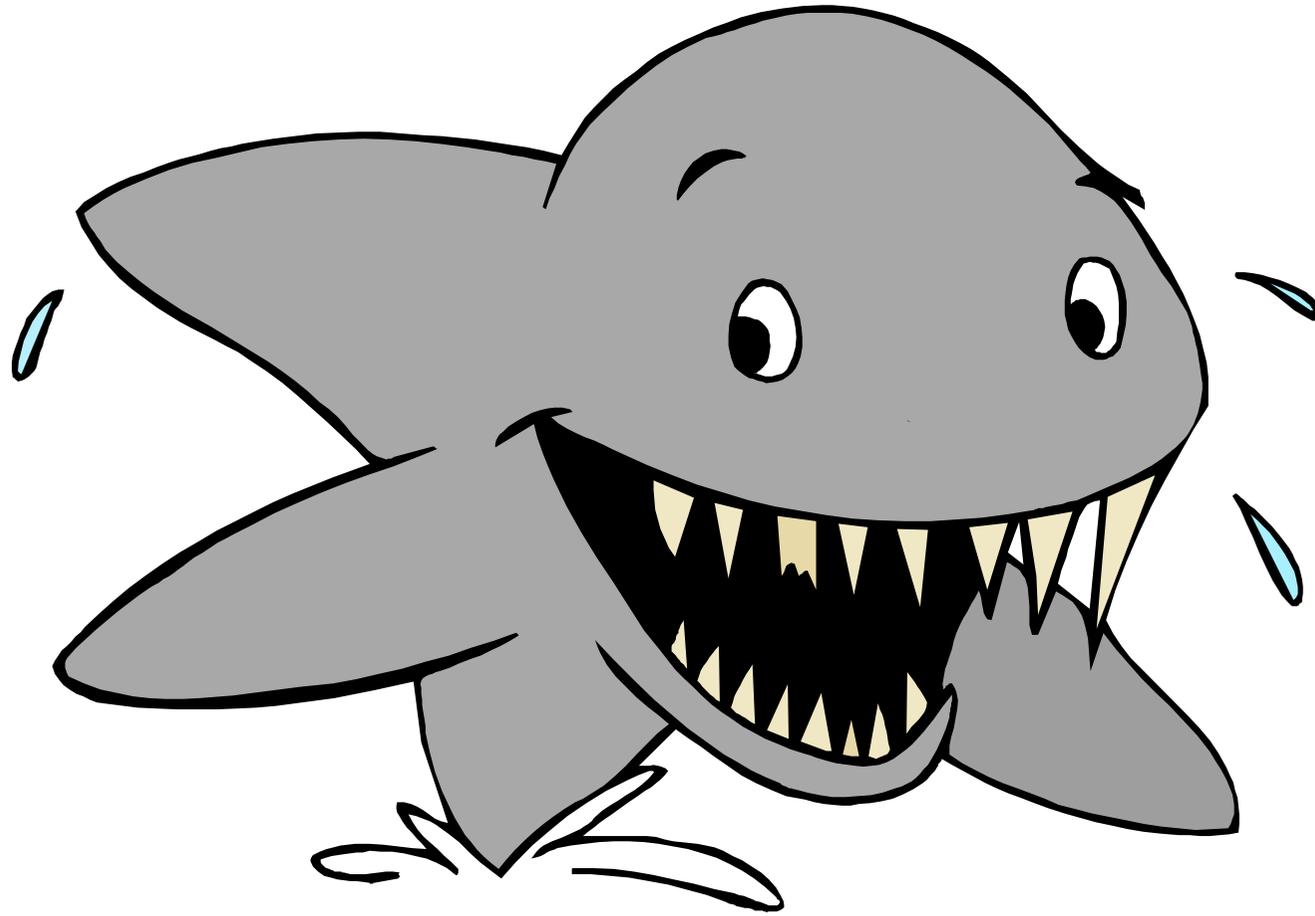


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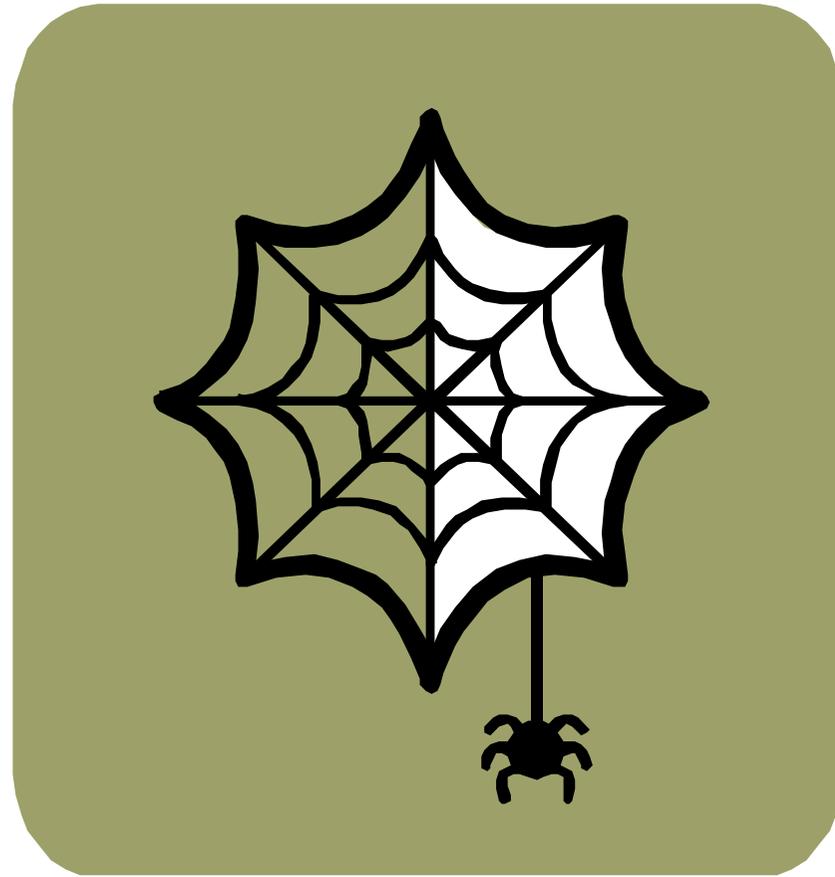
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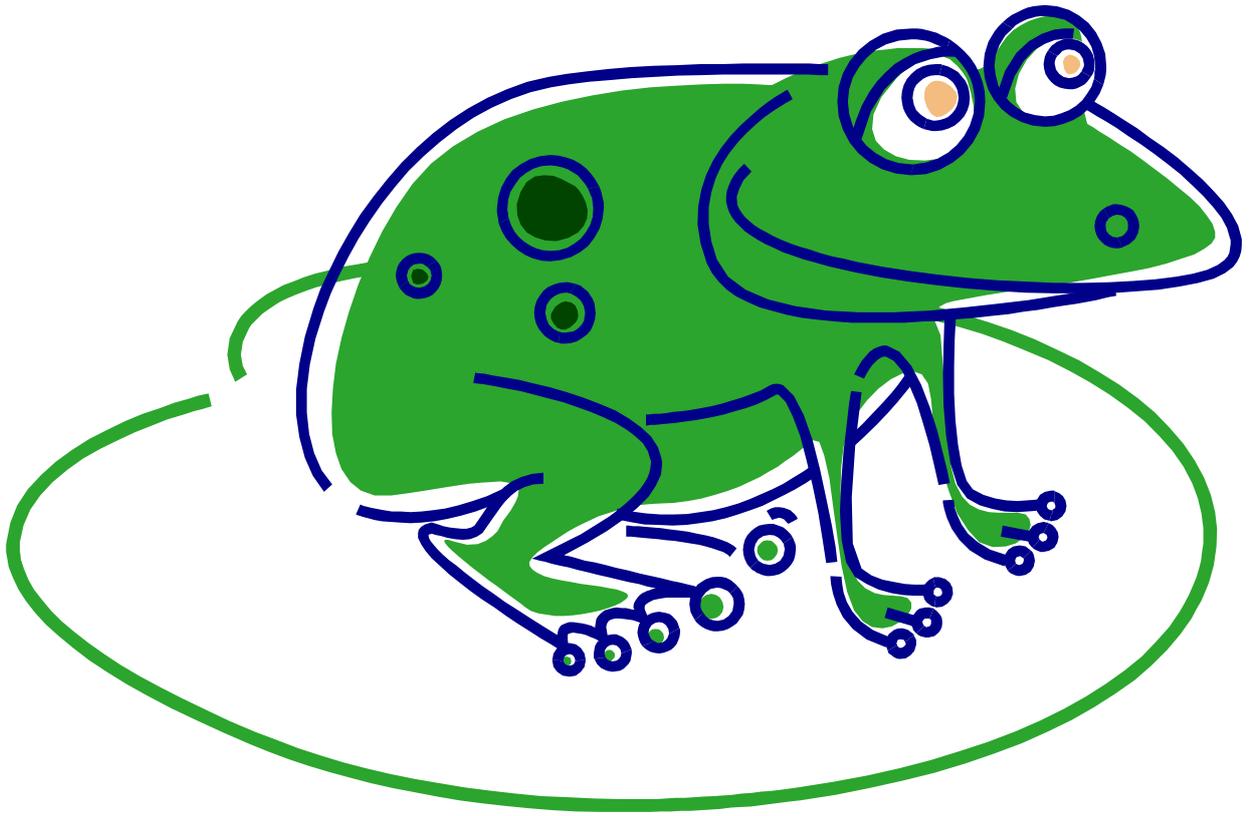
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