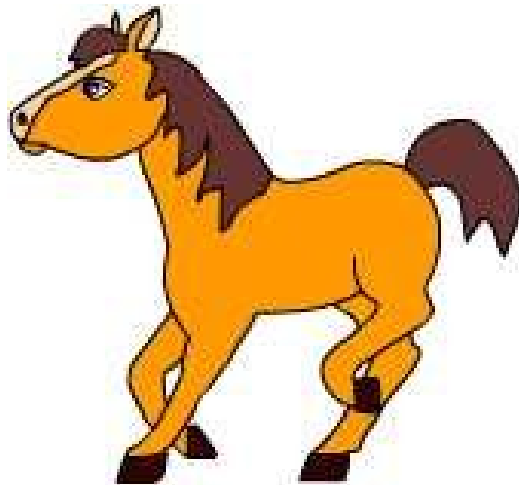


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THE ITTY BITTY HORSE



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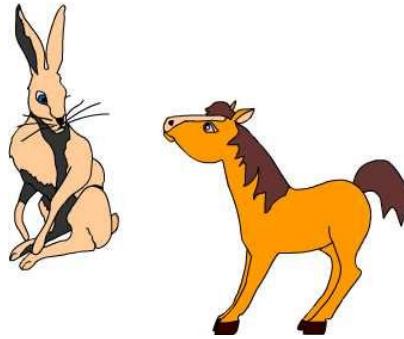
The Itty Bitty Horse

Once upon a time
There was an Itty Bitty Horse.
The Itty Bitty Horse was so small
That he was only two hands tall!

The Itty Bitty Horse
Tried playing with another
(The “another”, of course
Was a regular-size horse!)

But because of his size
He couldn't even
Look in his eyes!
MY, OH, MIZE!

So the Itty Bitty Horse
Tried playing with a hare
Which is like a rabbit
With huge ears way up there!



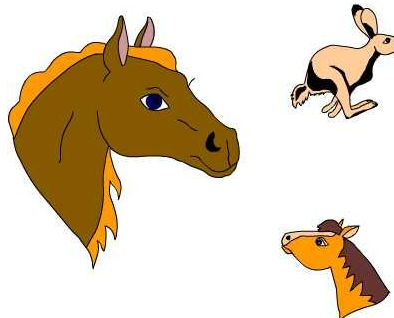
The hare would hop
Way high in the sky
So the Itty Bitty Horse
Tried it also—of course!

He would jump and jump, but “NO!”
He could not go
As high in the air
As the jumping hare!

Soon the hare
Got tired of the Itty Bitty Horse
Who couldn't even hop!
Even his hop was a flop!

The mother of the Itty Bitty Horse
(That is called a mare, of course)
Watched with remorse
At the plight
Of her Itty Bitty Horse.

“My son, my son,
“My Itty Bitty Horse
“You are not a hare
“So don't you dare”



“Hop like one
“Or jump like one!
“It just does not fit
“Not even a teeny-tiny bit.”

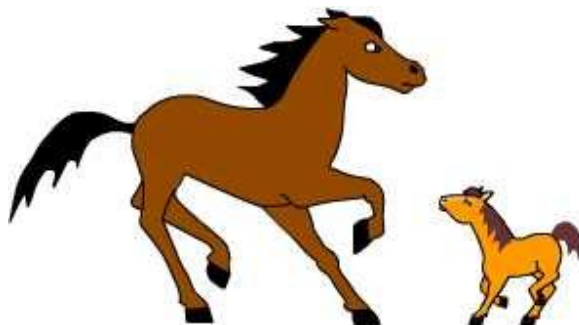
“You are a horse
“And not a hare
“You can't jump
“Way up in the air!”

“You are made to run and run.
“You are made to run in the sun.
“You are made to gallop and trot.
“But jump like a rabbit?
“I think not!”

From that day on
The Itty Bitty Horse
Ran and galloped
And trotted, of course.

His size was small
Small like an elf
But he was an Itty Bitty Horse
And liked himself!

And he lived happily ever after...



LESSON PLAN

What animal did the Itty Bitty Horse try to act like?

Why couldn't the Itty Bitty Horse do what the hare did?

Who talked to the Itty Bitty Horse, and told him he wasn't a hare?

Name some rhyming words in the story...

Should we try to be something we are not meant to be?

What have you tried to be and could not be?