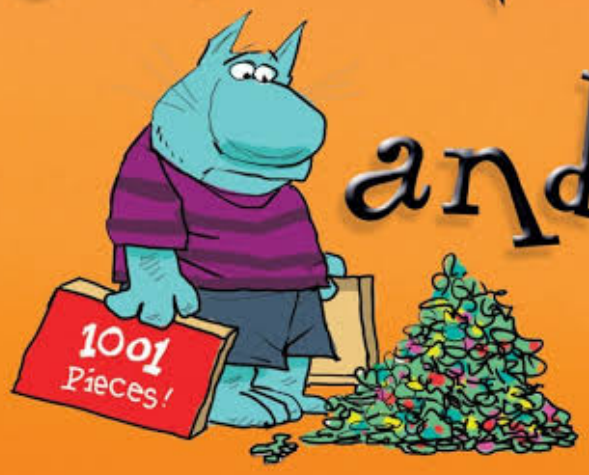


Words Are CAtegorical®



Madam and Nun and 1001



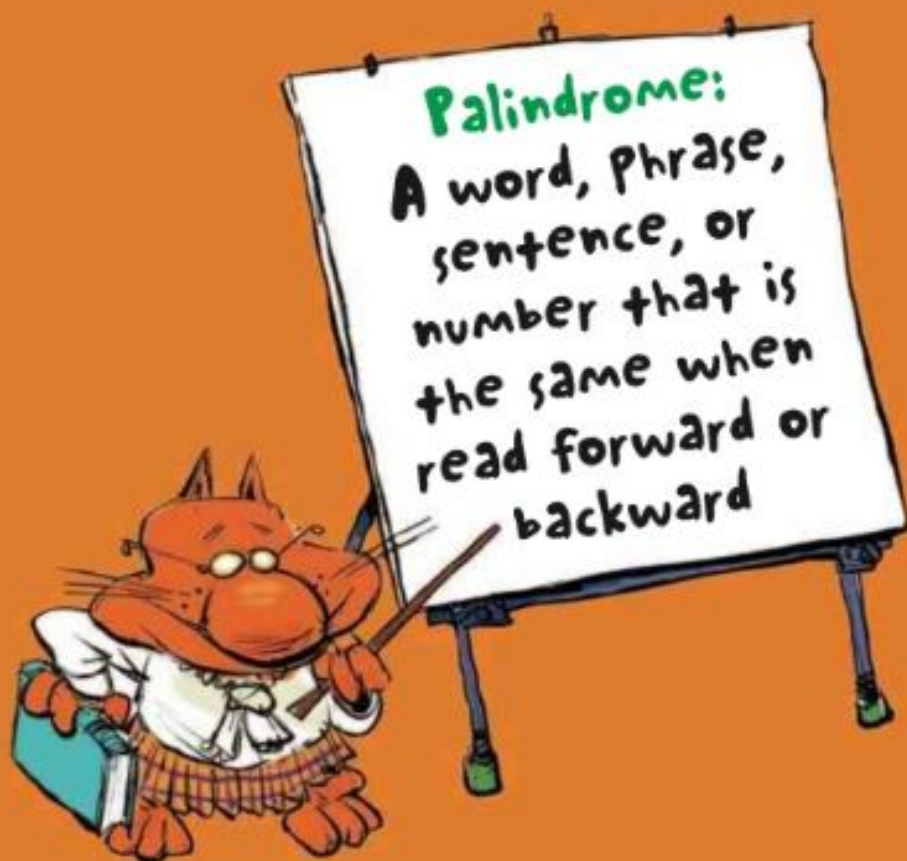
What Is a Palindrome?

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To my niece, Hannah
—B.P.C.



A palindrome's
a word or number,
sentence, phrase, or name





that—when it's read backWard—
is spelled and said the same.

HANNAH is a palindrome,
like MOM and DAD and SIS,



BIB



and NOON



and SOLOS.

Are you catching on to this?

WOW! There's **MADAM,**
GAG, and **BOB,**
REFER, and many more Words.





All are spelled the same if they're
read backWards or read forWards!

other palindromes are **RADAR**,



CIVIC,



RACE CAR,

NUN,



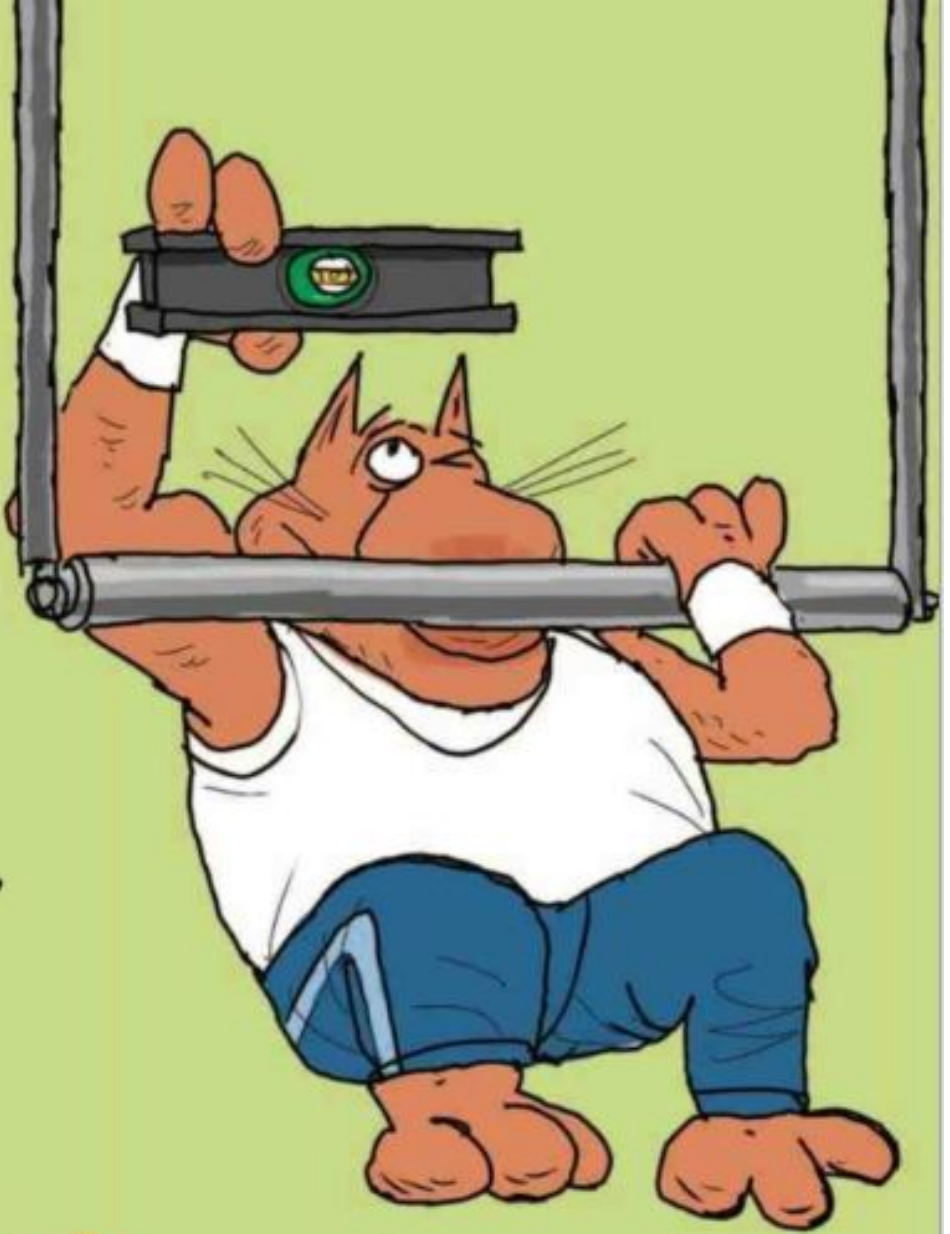
PULL-UP,

LEVEL,

EYE,

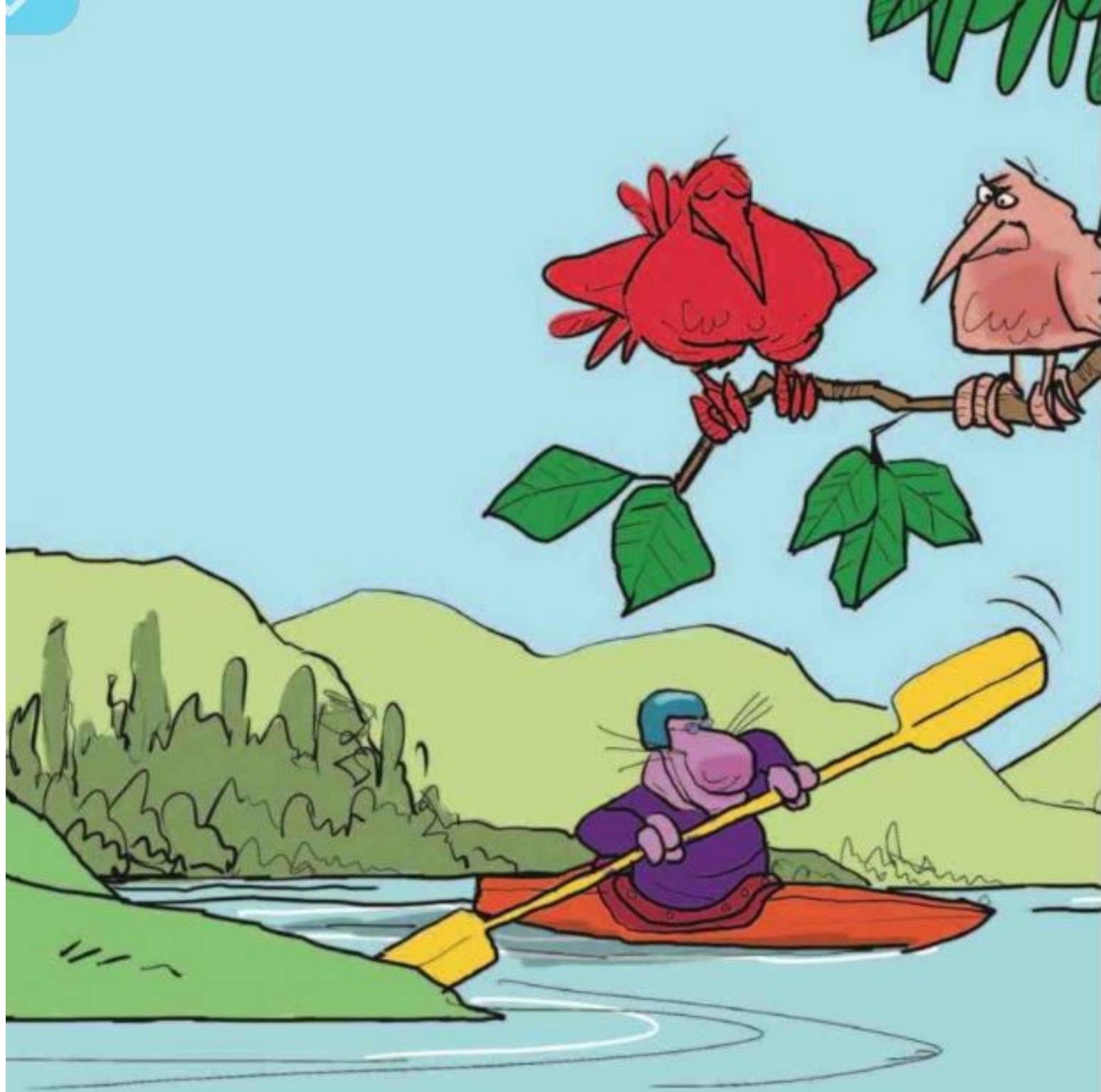
and DEED,

and 1991.





Some are long like **ROTAVATOR**,
KAYAK, also **REDDER**.



This kind gets more challenging
with every extra letter.

TEST SET is a palindrome.



like EWE

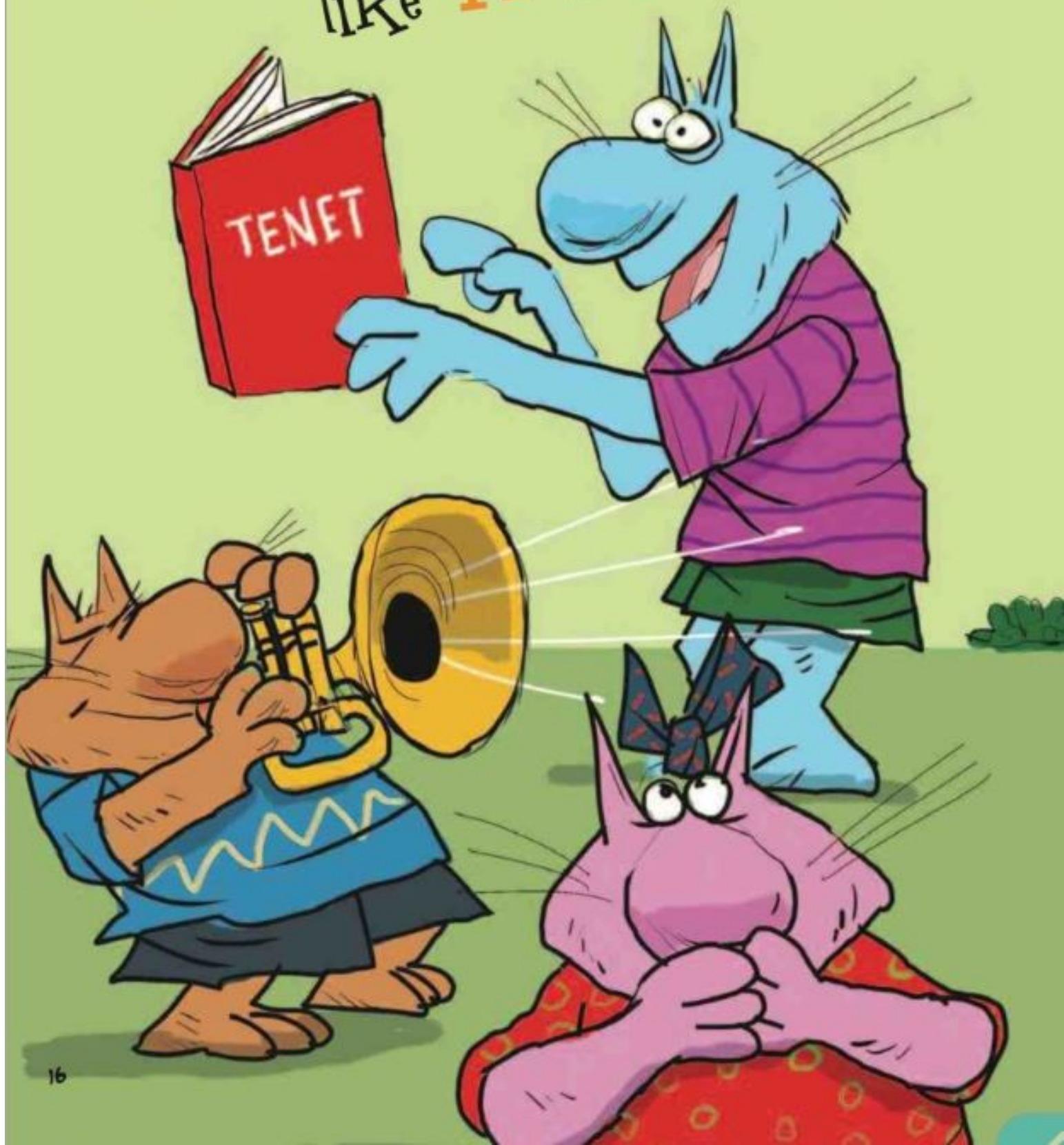


or A TOYOTA,



and soft drinks
some will say are **POP**
While others call them Soda.

TOOT and **MUM**
are palindromes,
like **TENET** and **AHA**,



as well as this whole question here:
"WAS IT A CAT I SAW?"



WAS IT A



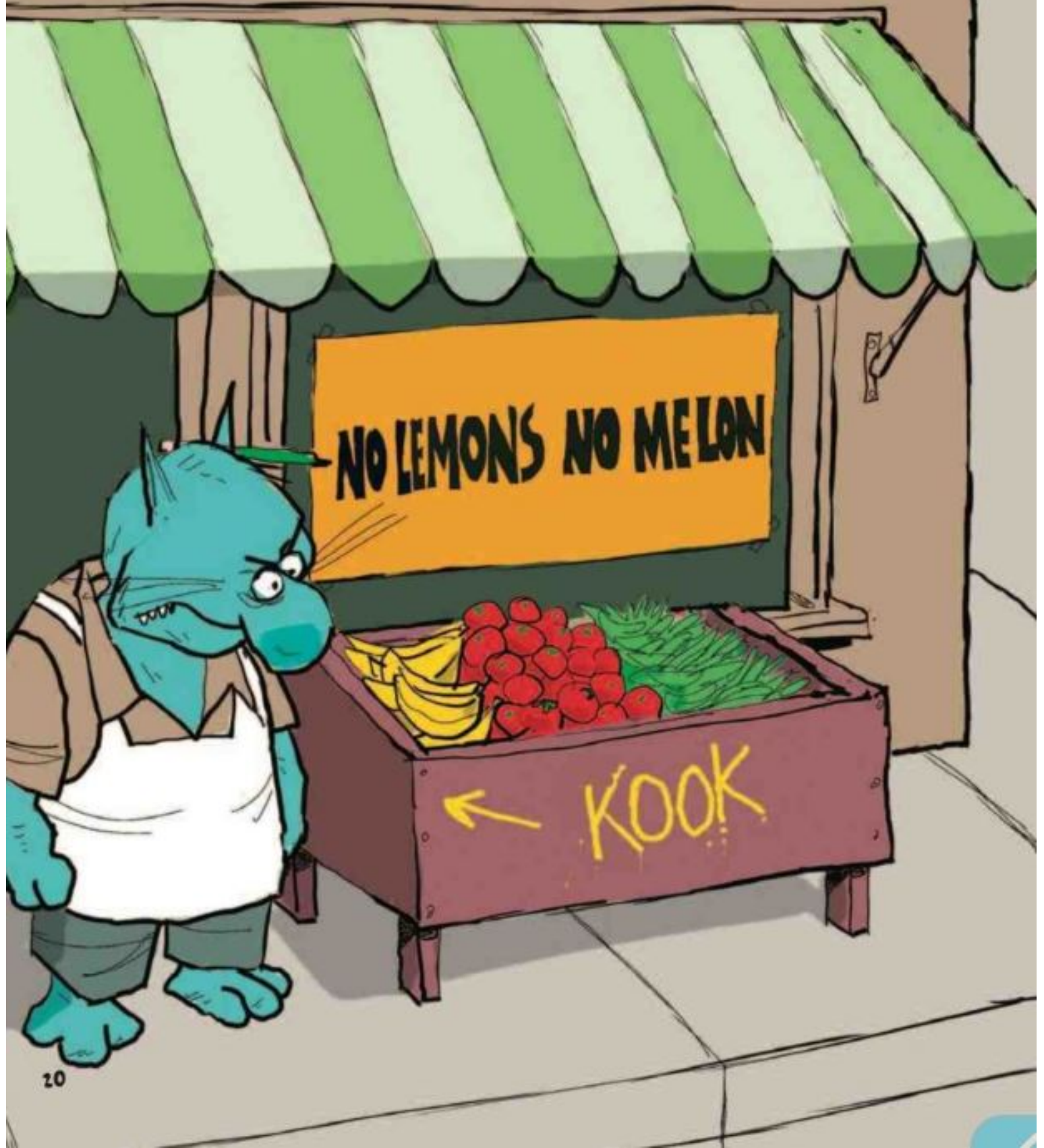
*See how, with that question,
you can read it left to right?*



CAT I SAW?

But if you read it backward,
it's the same words you'd recite!

You might see them at the store
or even in graffiti



or on a sign
that cautions grown-ups
not to be too speedy.



Palindromes can be commands



or ask a simple question.



YREKA BAKERY



They could show up in proper nouns
or even a suggestion.



Some are ancient, etched in stone,
and others soon could vanish.

Some are Portuguese or Greek
or Finnish, French, or Spanish.



They're like a type of puzzle
and can sure make language fun!



Does it take work to think of them?
Why, sure, but **NOT A TON.**





So, whether you're a **TOT** or teacher,
find a friend and play.

and put the "pal" in palindrome.
You've made one? Holler, "YAY!"



So, what is a palindrome?
Do you know?



