

Cheer up Donkey!

One day, Sarah and Duck were playing in the garden. They were excited because they were looking after their friend **Donkey** for the whole day. When Donkey arrived, Sarah didn't think he seemed very happy.

"Why do you look so sad, Donkey? What's wrong?" asked Sarah.
"**Eee-aw!**" said Donkey.

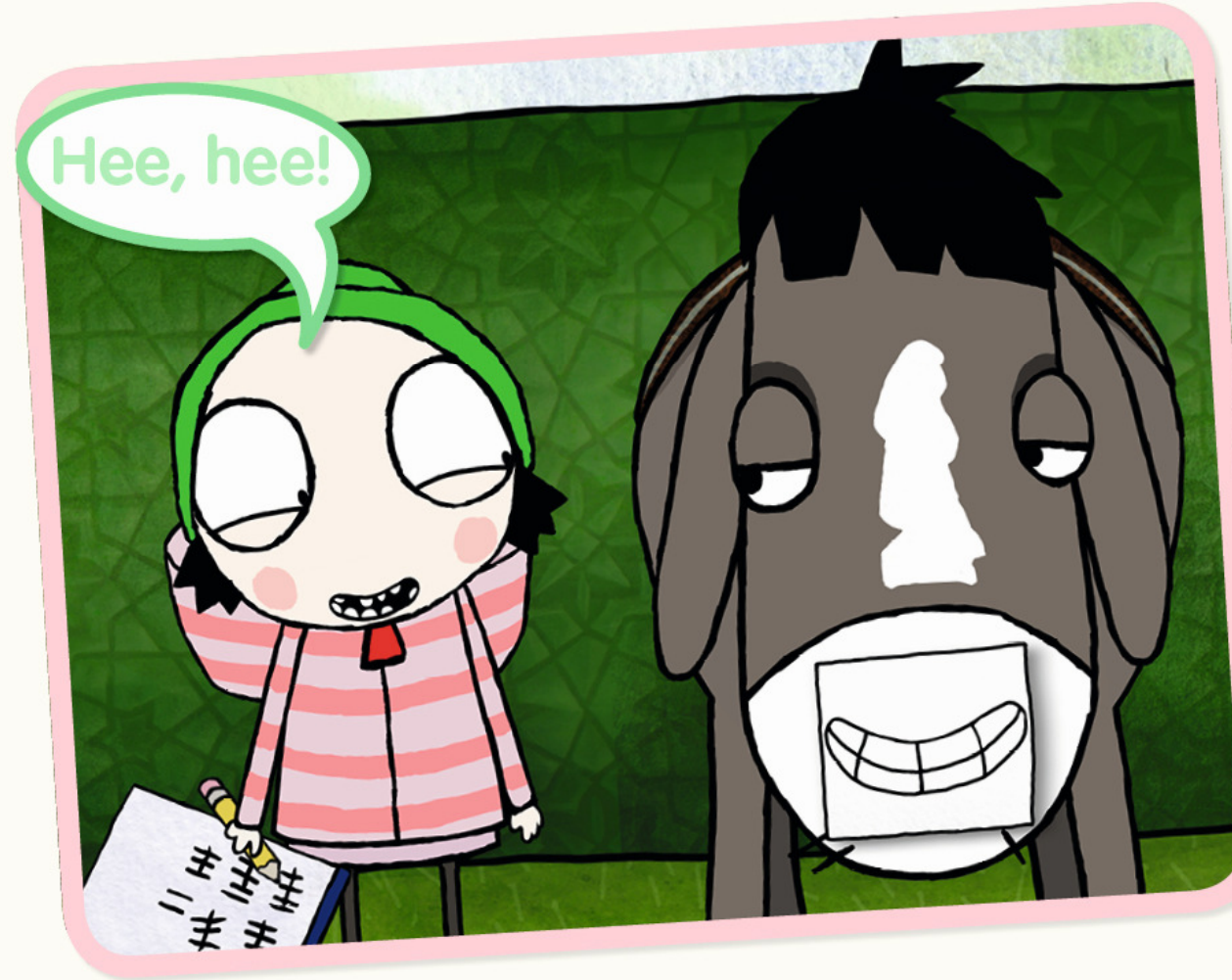
Sarah took a **crunchy carrot** out of her pocket and gave it to Donkey. Maybe that would cheer him up?

Donkey crunched his carrot sadly. "**Still not happy,**" said Sarah. "Quack!" agreed Duck.



Sarah decided to play Donkey a **tune** on her tuba.

"**EEE-AW!**" said Donkey. He didn't seem to like the tuba at all. It was time to try something else.



Then Sarah had a great idea! She drew a **big smile** on a

piece of paper and stuck it on Donkey. "**Smile, Donkey!**" said Sarah.

Donkey just sighed, and blew the paper off... and it landed on **Duck's bottom!** "Quack!" said Duck.



At the bread shop, Duck went in and bought a really big loaf of bread. **Yum! Yum! Yum!**

Duck was very happy, but Donkey just looked sad. "It didn't work, Duck," said Sarah. They decided to go to the **library** and find a book about making donkeys happy. "The library has lots of books. **They know about everything!**" Sarah told Duck.

"**Happy bottom!**" giggled Sarah. But Donkey still looked sad. Sarah thought she'd try something that made Duck happy. "Let's go to **the bread shop,**" said Sarah. "**Quack! Quack!**" said a very excited Duck.



"Wow!" said Sarah, when they went inside the library.

"Shh!" said the librarian, so they tip-toed off to find their book. "Donkeys help to dig fields, but they can also be **pets**," said Sarah. "We need to go to the **pet section!**"

Donkey found the book first. **"Clever Donkey,"** said Sarah, and they all settled down to read it.

"Donkeys are friendly animals. They look sad but they are not. As long as they get lots of **hugs** and **carrots** they are quite happy," read Sarah.

"Eee-aw!" said Donkey. So Donkey had been **happy all along**, his face just looked sad sometimes!



Now they knew Donkey was happy, Sarah and Duck decided to

take him to the **park** so they could sit on their bench and read library books.

Later that day, Sarah's friend Scarf Lady came along to pick up Donkey. "Thank you for looking after him," said Scarf Lady. "He looks happier than usual!" **"Happy Donkey,"** said Sarah, and she and Duck gave him a big hug!

