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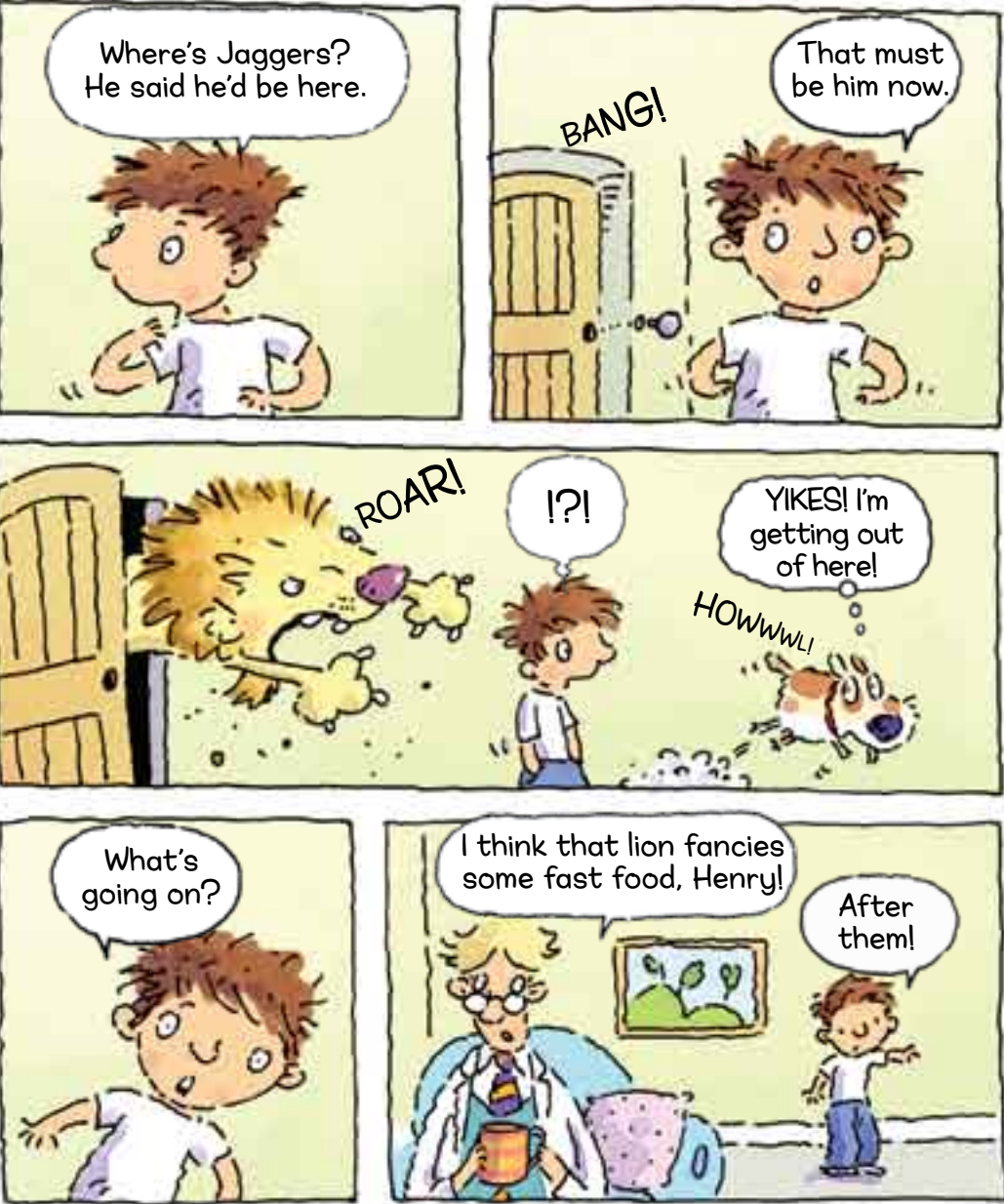
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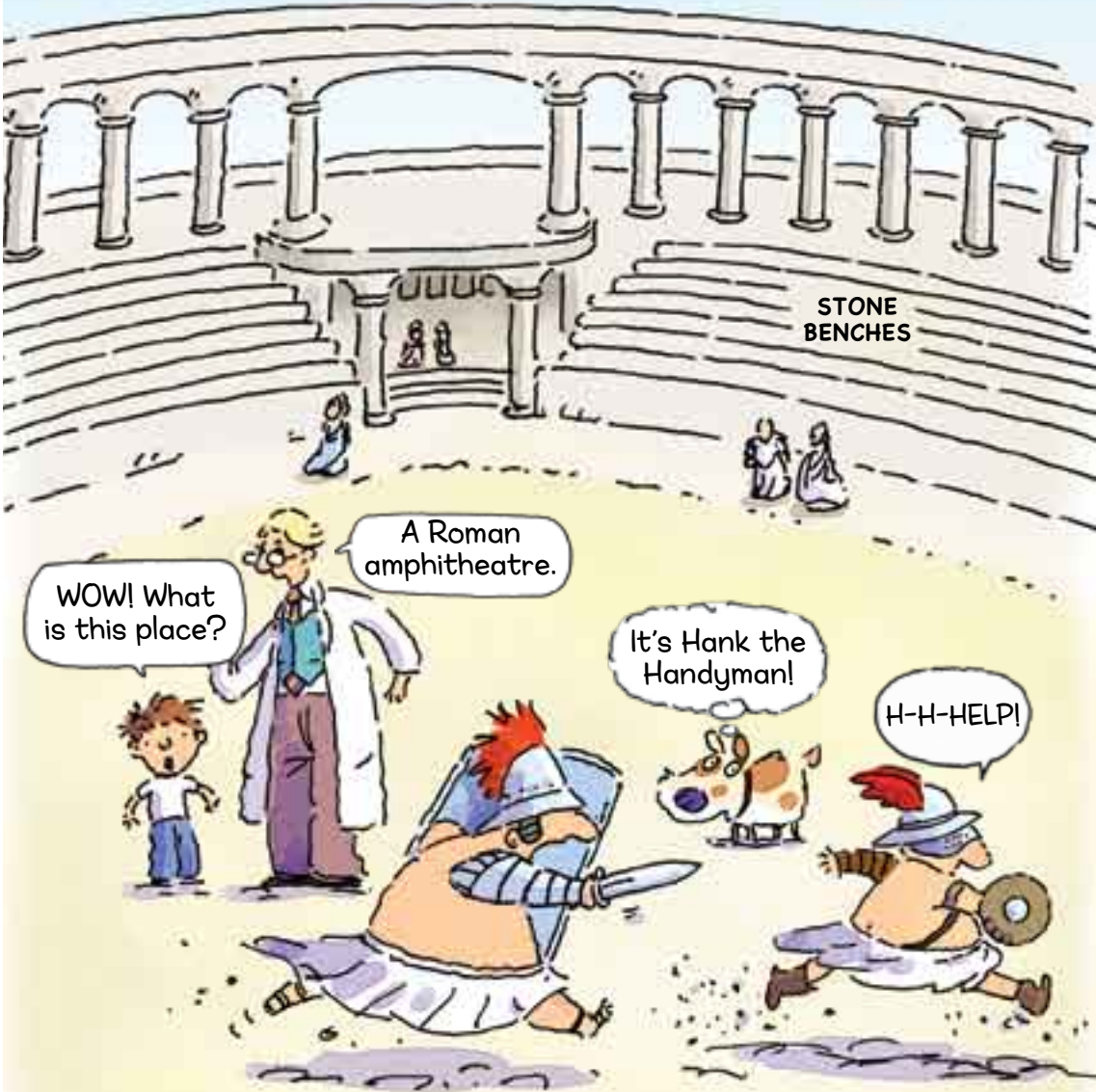


Gladiators!



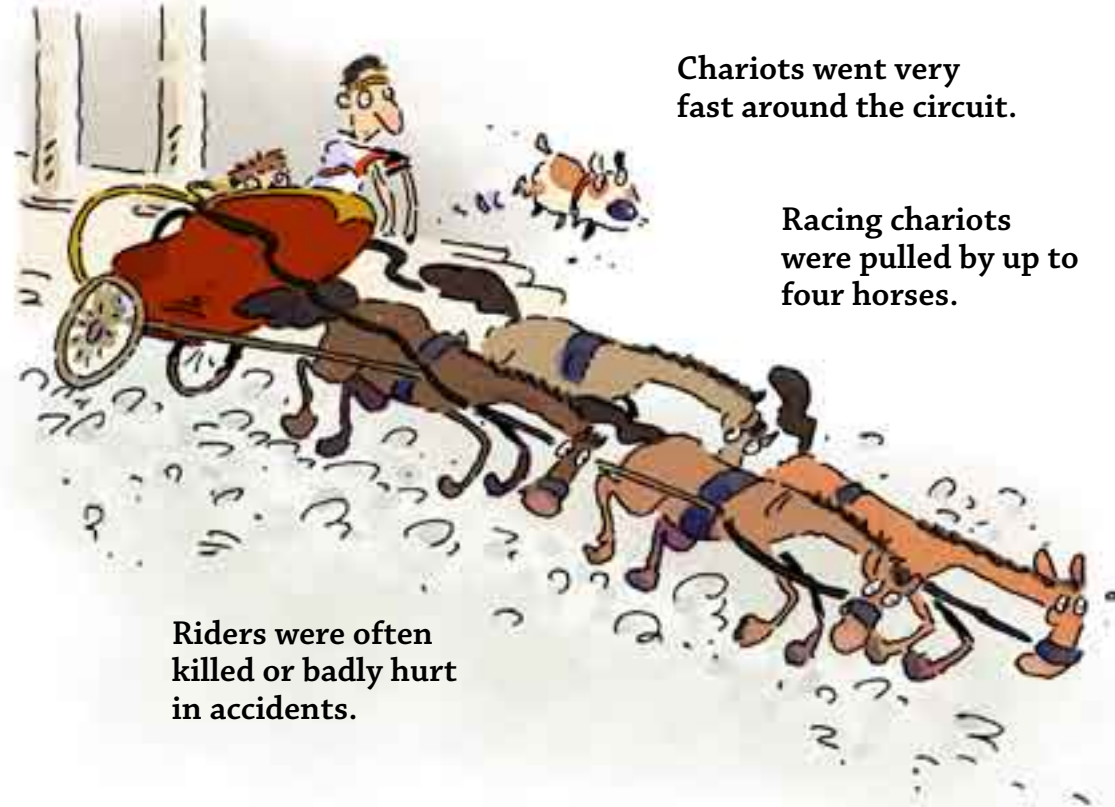
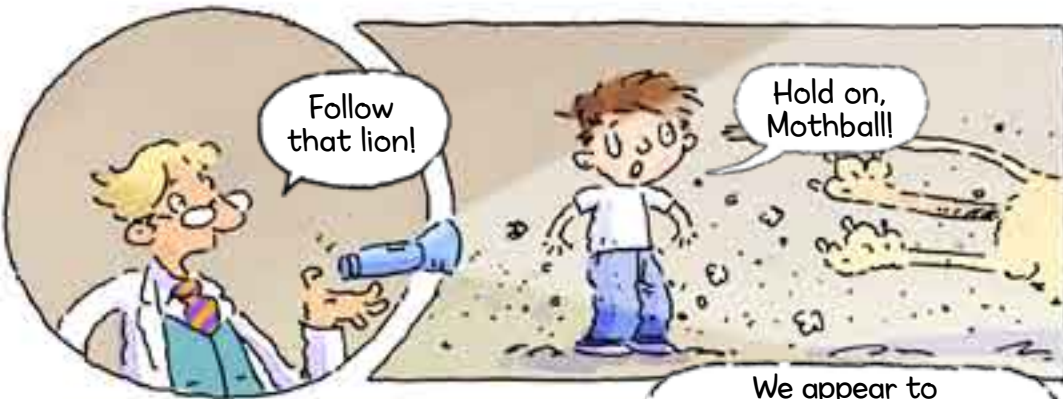
Big amphitheatres held up to 50,000 spectators.

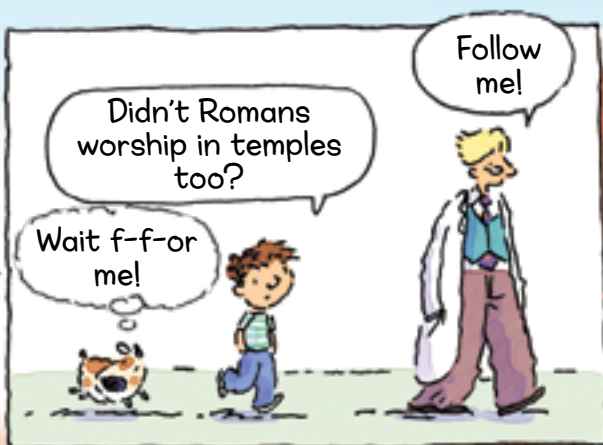
Romans came here to watch gladiators fight.



Gladiators were usually slaves or prisoners.

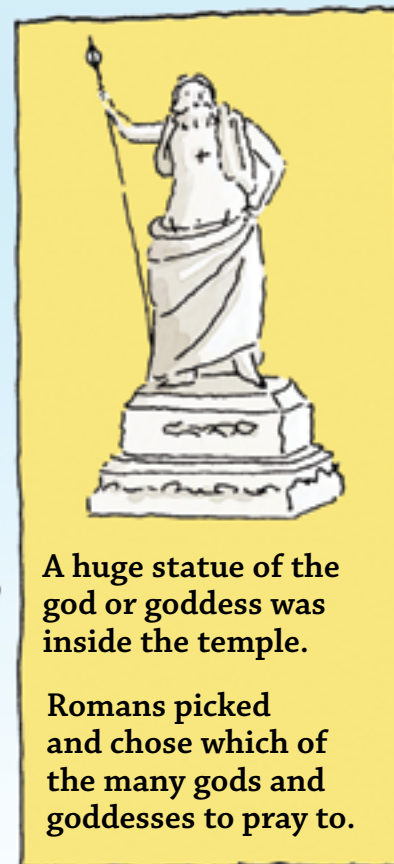
The race is on





Roman temples were copies of ancient Greek ones.

Temples were full of treasure. Rich Romans could keep their gold there – like a bank. It was looked after by priests and priestesses.



The bull is going to be sacrificed: killed as a “present” to a god as part of a festival.

Most ceremonies happened outside the temple.