



The Wolf, the Goat and the Cabbage

**Are you ready for
today's story?**

**It is 1000 years old,
and it is a *riddle*...**

**... and you have to
find the answer!**





**A man is going to the market with
a wolf (...*arh wooooo...*),
a goat (...*blaaaaaa.....t*)
and a cabbage (... *shhh! ... cabbages can't
talk!*)**

**He has to cross a river but the
boat can carry only him and one
other thing at a time**

**Therefore, he can't take them all
in one trip. Understand?**

Now he has a **big problem**

The goat will eat the cabbage if they
are left alone together...



...and...

the wolf will eat the goat if they are left
alone together!

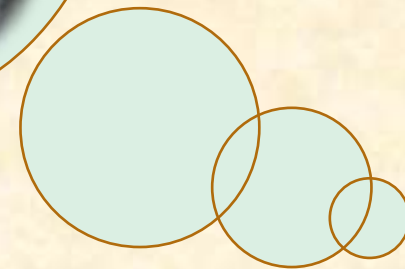


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How did he get them all across the
river without anyone eating anything?



... Time to think...



How did the man get them to the river without anybody eating anything?

Err... He had them on chains... A short one for the wolf and a long one for the goat. The goat didn't have to get close to the wolf

And the cabbage?

It was on the wolf's back!

... Time to think ...



Can the wolf swim?

Er...I don't know dear... why do you ask?

Well... if the wolf can swim behind the boat with the cabbage on the back, the goat can go in the boat with the man!

Well done dear! That's a good answer. However, I just remembered that the wolf is scared of water!

... Time to think ...



***I know... I know! The man takes the goat first...
Then comes back and takes the wolf. He ties the
animals to two trees with the chains so they
can't get close. Then he comes back for the
cabbage!***

**Oh very good dear! Apparently the chains are
too heavy and can't be taken on the boat!**

... Time to think ...





Can the man swim?

I think so dear!

***Then I know the answer... The man puts the wolf
and the cabbage in the boat and swims behind
the boat pushing it across. Then he comes back in
the boat for the goat!***

**Excellent answer! Actually, I don't think the man
can swim!**



... Time to think ...

A lot of questions...

Did he bring the boat with him too?

Did he take somebody else's boat without asking?

Isn't it naughty?

How was he going to return the boat?

**I think it is a boat that anybody can use... and he
will return it when he goes back home**

... Time to think ...





... and some thoughts...

Isn't the wolf dangerous? It can bite the man!

The man must have been really thin like a skeleton. Wolves don't eat skeletons

Where is the silly man taking these things anyway?

Wolves are dangerous but some of them are tame and won't bite people. The man is taking them to the market to sell

... Time to think ...



... more thoughts...

Market? Who wants to buy a wolf?

Who wants to buy a goat?

Who wants to buy cabbage – they taste awful!

***The man buying the goat may buy the cabbage...
to feed the goat!***

**Wait! The question is about getting them across
the river safely. Not about what happens
afterwards... or what happened before they go to
the river!**

... Time to think ...



*Mum ... Do **YOU** know how they went across?*



Yes dear... It is not difficult.

You have to do more than one trip...

**... and you have you bring something with you on
the way back too!**

... Time to think ...



***I wouldn't bring anything BACK – I only want to
get them to the other side!***



You know what I want to do?

What do you want to dear?

I want to have dinner!

And without cabbage!

No goats or wolves for me

How about we ask dad – he will know the answer



Daaaaaad!!!





*Hey dad... Have you heard this
one before?*

**Yes... I heard it when we were
kids... long time ago!**

But do you know the answer?

**I'll tell you... but remember that
story is very old... more than one
thousand years!**



In last 1000 years, the country has changed a lot!

***Now there is a bridge across the river... and
the man has a truck!***

***Better still, he doesn't even go to the market
any more...***

***He sells wolves, goats and cabbages on the
Internet!***

Sneaky! But we like it!

Thankyou daddy! I think it's time for dinner!





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