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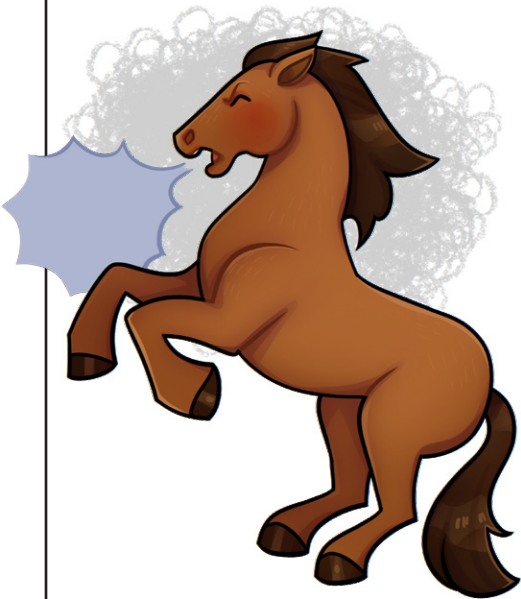
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and she couldn't neigh,
what would a,
what would a
hoarse horse say?

She would sound,
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she would sound like a goat
with a frog,
with a frog,
with a frog in her throat.

So how would she feel,
this horse who's hoarse
like a goat with a frog
in her throat?

Of course...

She'd be mad,
she'd be mad,
she'd be mad, and how!
She'd be having,
she'd be having,
she'd be having a cow.



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 - d. prepositions
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