

The Short Necked Giraffe



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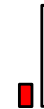
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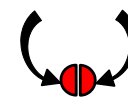
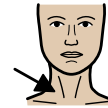
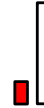
This is the story of Gerry the giraffe.



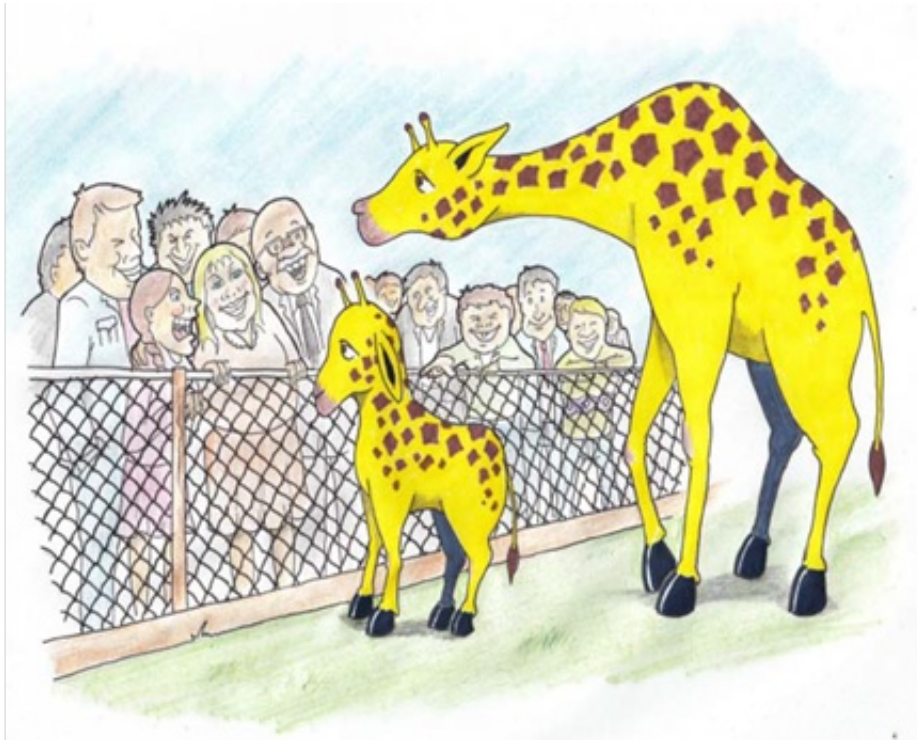
Gerry is not like most giraffes.








Gerry has a very short neck.






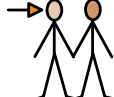



His short neck made Gerry very sad.



 People travelled miles to see Gerry.



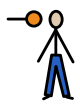


 His very short neck made them laugh.







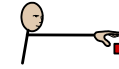
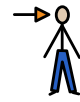
 This made Gerry's mum very sad.

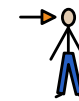
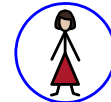
 Gerry didn't like his short neck.



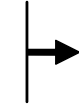
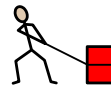
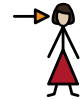
At feeding time Gerry was hungry.



He could not reach the leaves to eat.







His mum helped him with his meals.




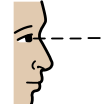





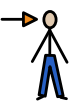


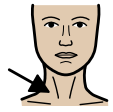
She pulled down branches from the trees.

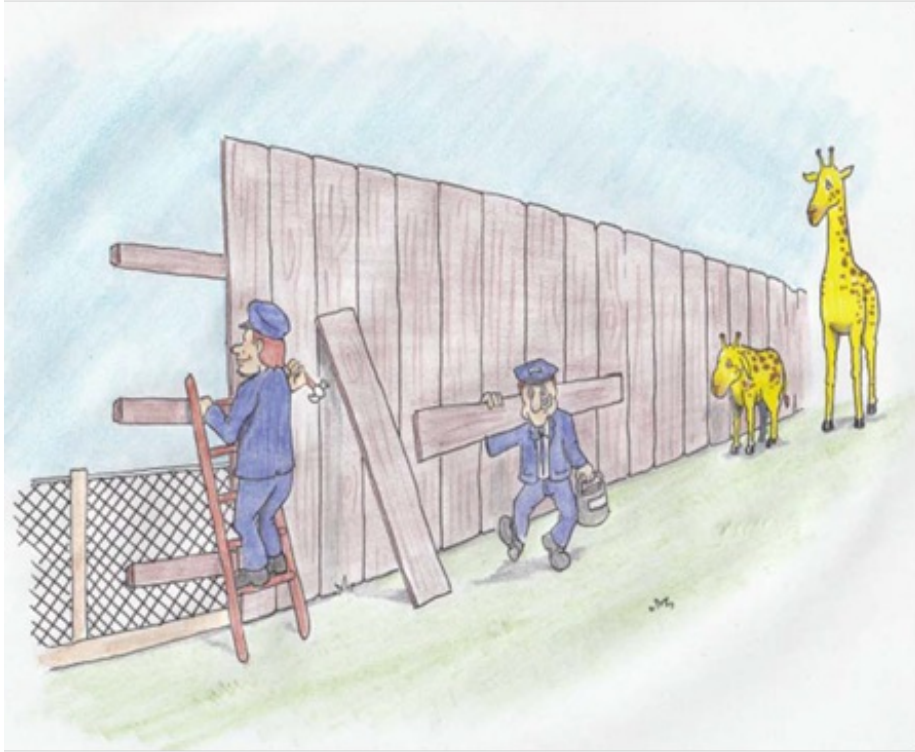




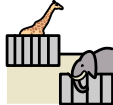

 was  hungry.

  could not  bend down to the  ground.

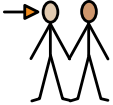
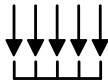


 People would  point and   stare at  Gerry.

 Gerry wished  he  had  a  longer  neck.


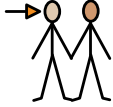


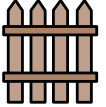


 The workers at the zoo were kind.

 They all looked after Gerry.

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 One day they built Gerry a fence.

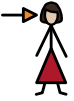



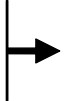










 Gerry could hide behind the fence.






 Gerry's mum was happy.

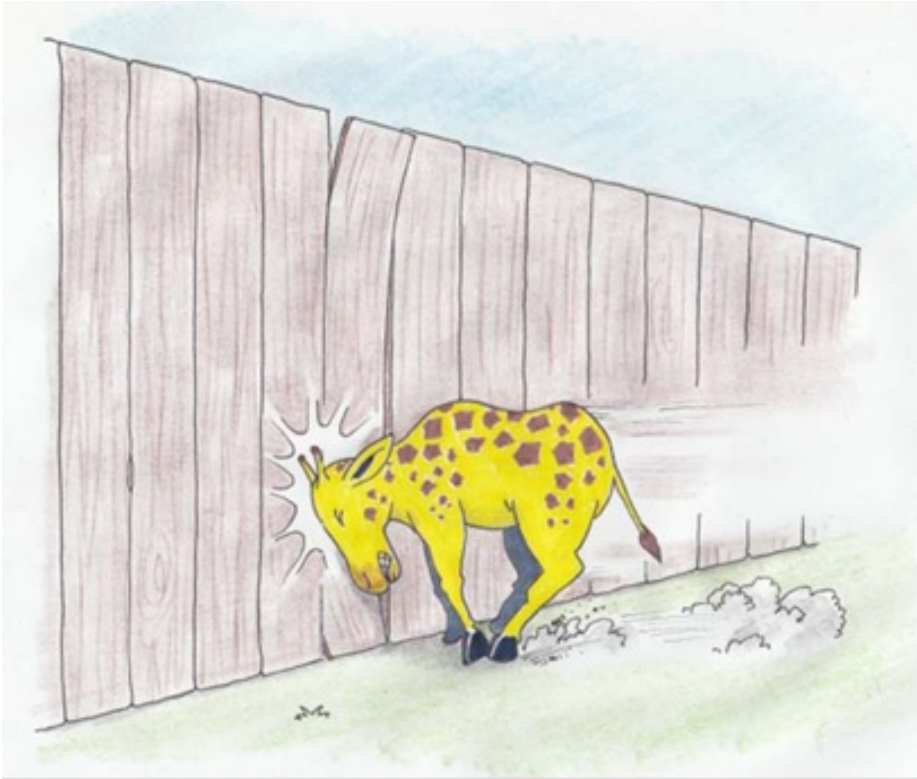






 She wanted to hide Gerry from visitors.


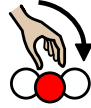

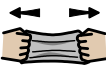






 Gerry missed seeing the visitors.




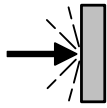

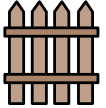









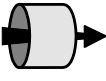



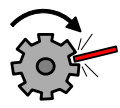

 Gerry could not see over the fence.




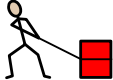

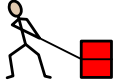


     
Gerry tried to stretch his neck.



      
He wanted to see over the fence.






       
Gerry hit the fence and made a crack.

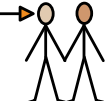
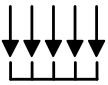



       
His head went through and Gerry was stuck!

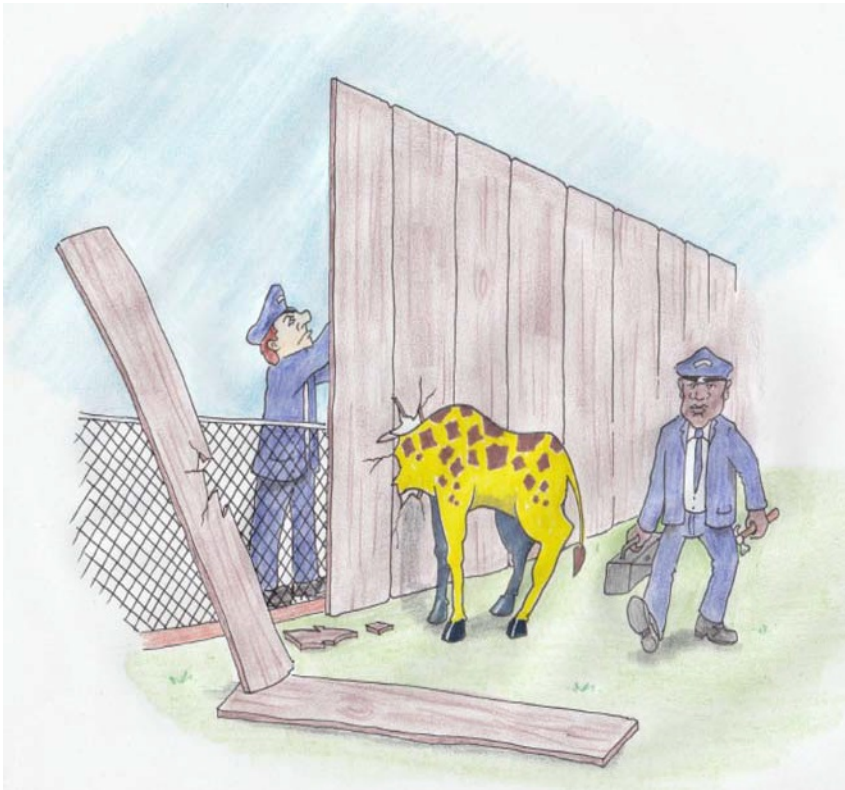


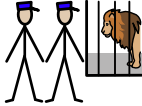


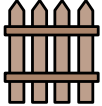
 Gerry  pulled  and  pulled  his  head.

 He  was stuck.


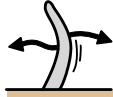





 Visitors  were worried  and  began  to shout.





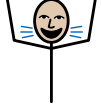
 They  all  wanted  help  Gerry.



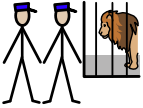



   
The keepers began to remove the fence.





  
At last Gerry was free.






      
He tossed his neck and danced around.




    
The visitors began to clap and cheer.







 The zoo keepers noticed Gerry's neck.





 The stretching and pulling had made






 Gerry's neck longer and longer.

 Now Gerry looks like the other giraffes.

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