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One afternoon, Mrs. Smith wanted to take a nap,
but her cats were making noises.

One was rolling a pencil,
another was chasing a ping-pong ball,
and a third was pulling a newspaper.



"Why do cats love
to play so much?"





Playing is really fun. It's not only cats;
most animals love to play!
But animals do not play just for fun!
They are practising their skills.





Different animals play in different ways.
Animals like lions, bears, or tigers
always play by chasing and biting.
They are practising hunting for food.



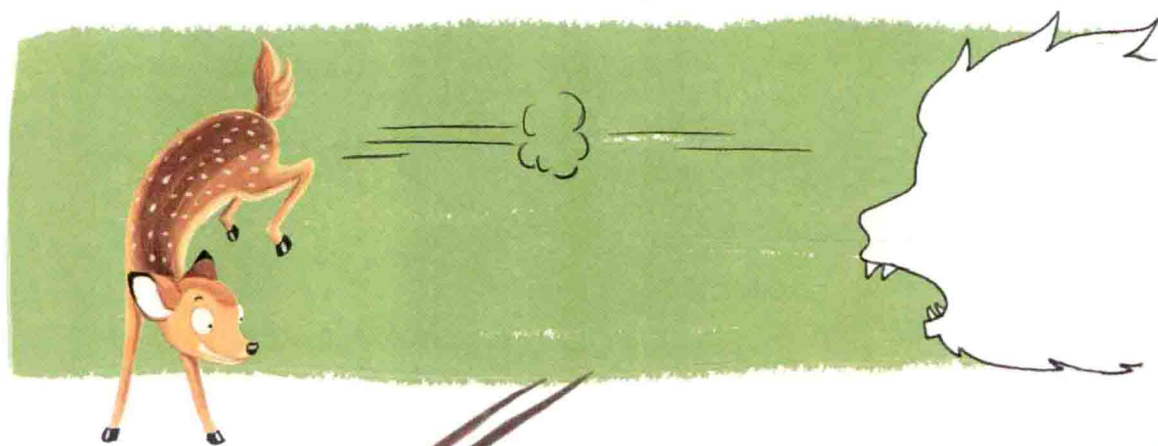


"I'll catch you!
I'll catch you!"

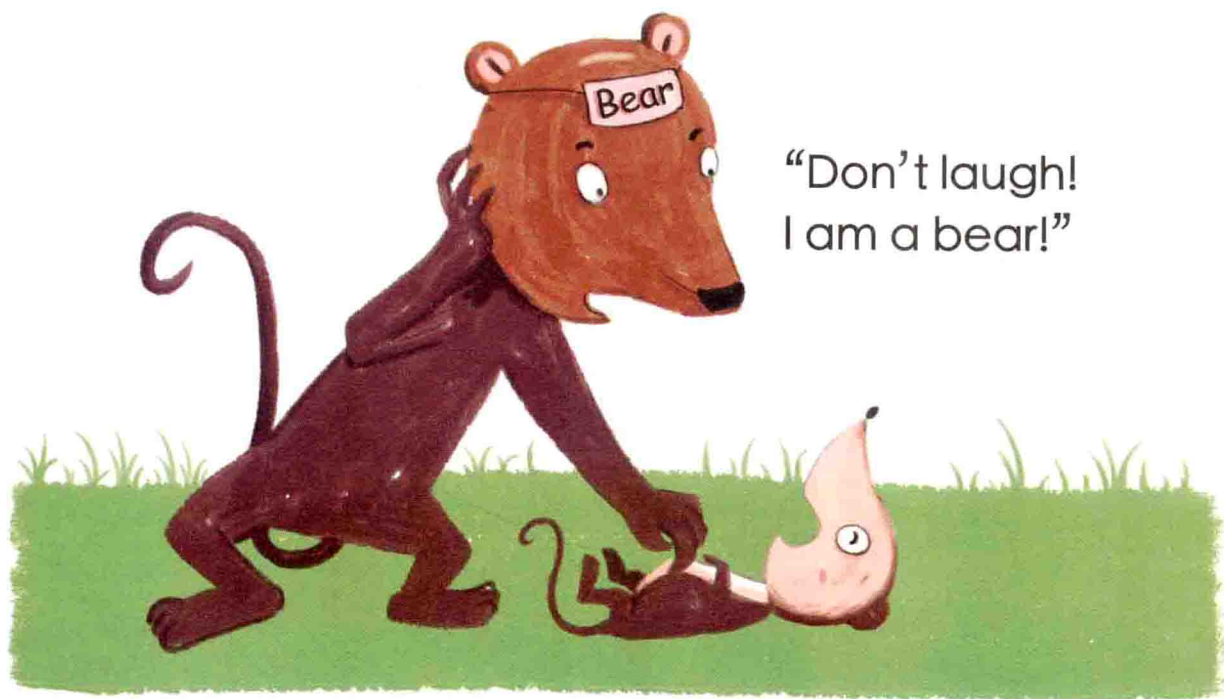


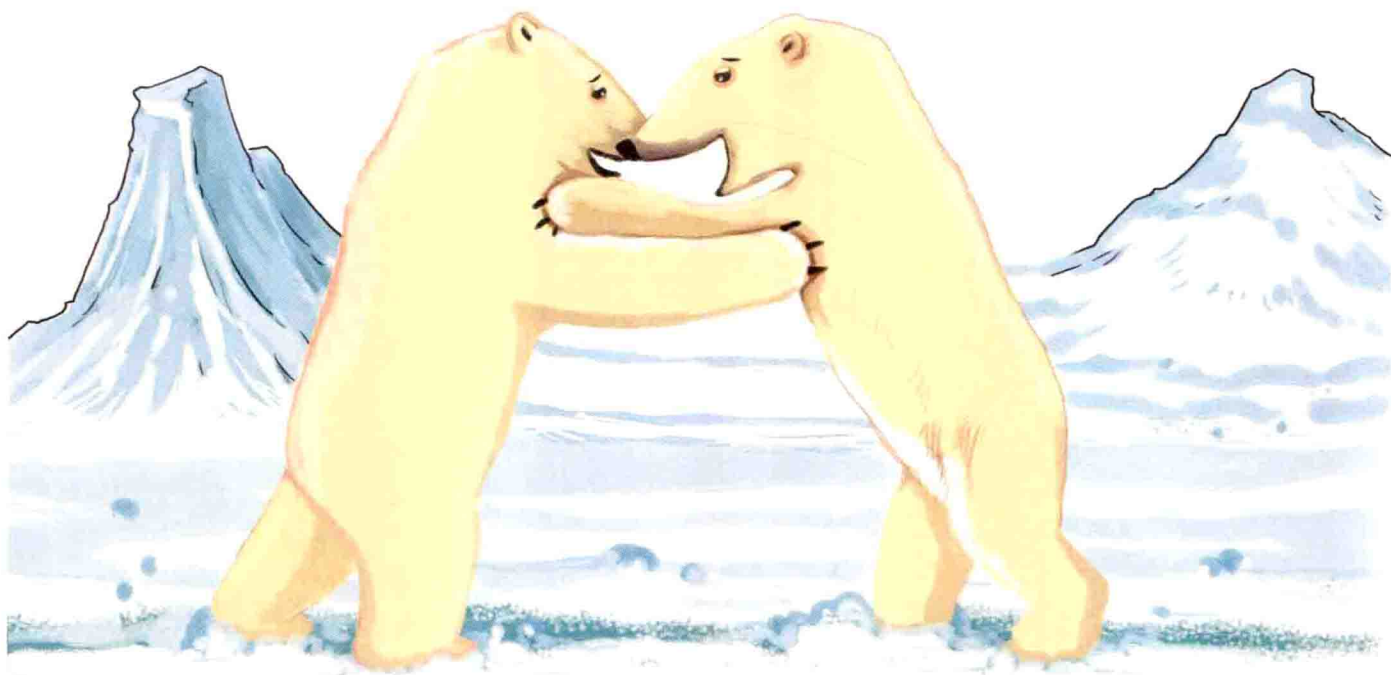
Now you know,
Mrs. Smith's cats are practising catching a mouse.

Animals like deer, antelope, or goats
always play by jumping and turning.
They are practising escaping from their enemies.



What about possums?
They can't jump high or turn fast.
They play dead.



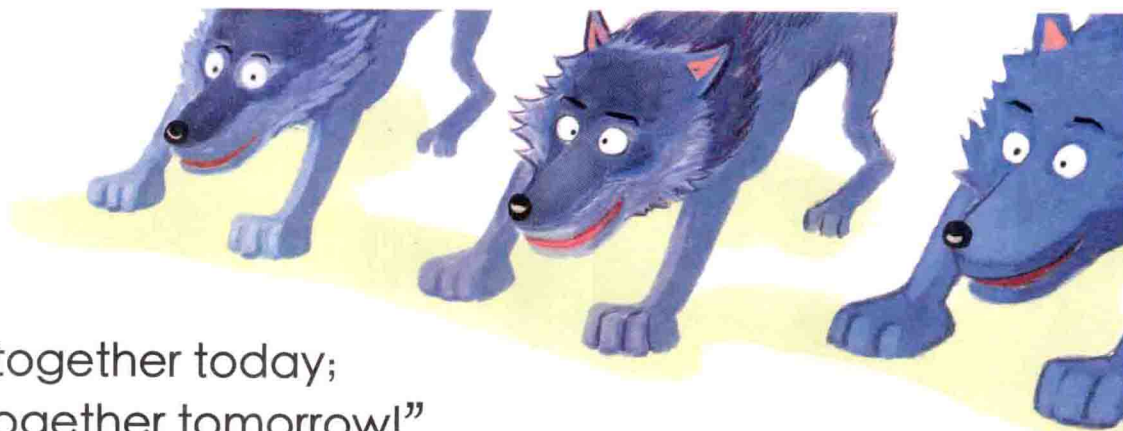


In a word, animals play to survive.

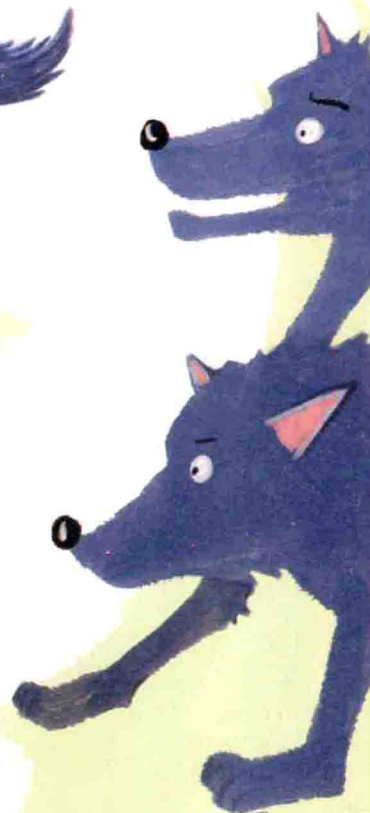
Some animals play to connect with their pack.
The wolf is a good example.

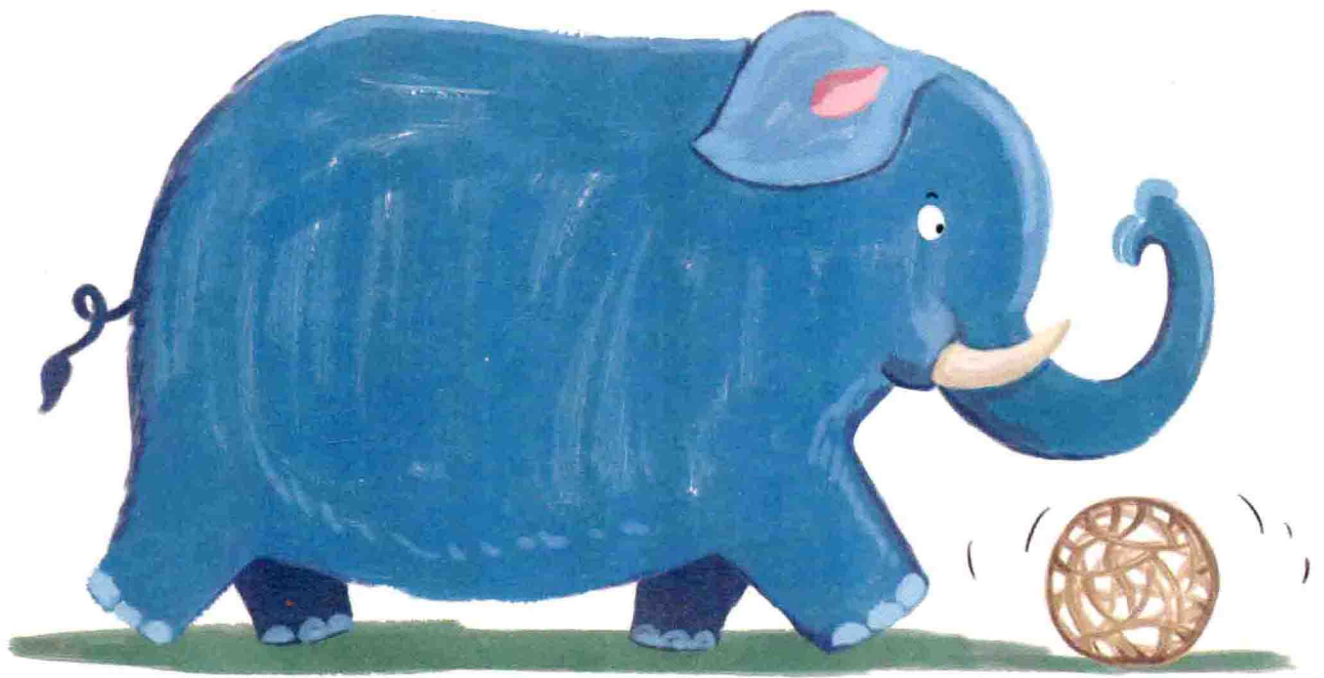


“Be nice!
We’ll hunt together,
so we must take care of each other!”



“Play together today;
hunt together tomorrow!”







Animals love to play.
Playing is a part of an animal's life.
But some animals play more, and some play less.
Why?

