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**The Deer and the Meerkat.**

One day Monty the Meerkat was out looking for some food. He was near a clear lake and ran over to find a worm in the damp ground.

When Monty found a worm near the lake he gave a big cheer. When he cheered he made a nearby deer jump with fear, and the deer ran into Monty. Monty could not move.

“Oh dear,” said the deer, “I appear to have hurt a meerkat here.”

The deer put Monty on its back and walked near to the clear lake. He gently washed Monty, and smeared the clear water all over him.

Monty woke up. “Oh dear,” he said, “I have a very sore head!”

The deer took Monty home. “I will live near to you for a year”, said the deer, “and help you to get better.”

So Monty and the deer became good friends, and after a year they gave a big cheer when Monty was better again. They wanted to live near each other for many many years.

The end.

**How many ‘ear’ sounds did you spot? There are 28**