

THE INTELLIGENT DONKEY

There was once a **donkey** whose name was **Bruno**. He lived with his master, an elderly man called Alfred. **Every day, Bruno and his owner would go to the fields** to work the earth. They looked after it so well that no weeds grew, and they ploughed and sowed the seeds.

Bruno's job was very important, for he was responsible for the hardest tasks and that helped Alfred not to get so tired.

Like every day, today Bruno and Alfred were in the fields. While his owner snoozed under a tree, **Bruno took the opportunity to eat something**. Suddenly, **something began moving beneath the earth** where Bruno was eating... and up came **a mole!!**



"What are you doing eating my soil? **Silly donkey**... Can't you see this is private property!?! Go on! Get out of here!!" scolded the mole.

Bruno answered: "I'm sorry, Mr. Mole, but this soil belongs to my owner and I can eat anything I want. By the way, I'm not going to go away, and what's more **I can see you've tried to trick me...**"

The mole was surprised to see he hadn't managed to deceive the donkey; Bruno seemed to be **more intelligent than other donkeys** he knew...

"Don't be angry, donkey, I didn't mean to trick you! I didn't know this land belonged to your owner..." answered the mole.

Bruno replied: "Let me tell you one thing, Mr. Mole. **It's not right to take advantage of others.** You thought that all donkeys are silly, but you shouldn't be prejudiced."

And so the mole went back inside his molehill, blushing and reflecting on what had happened. **Our dear friend Bruno the donkey** had taught the mole a very valuable lesson: **there's no need to trick anyone, for you will achieve much more if you are a good and honest person.**