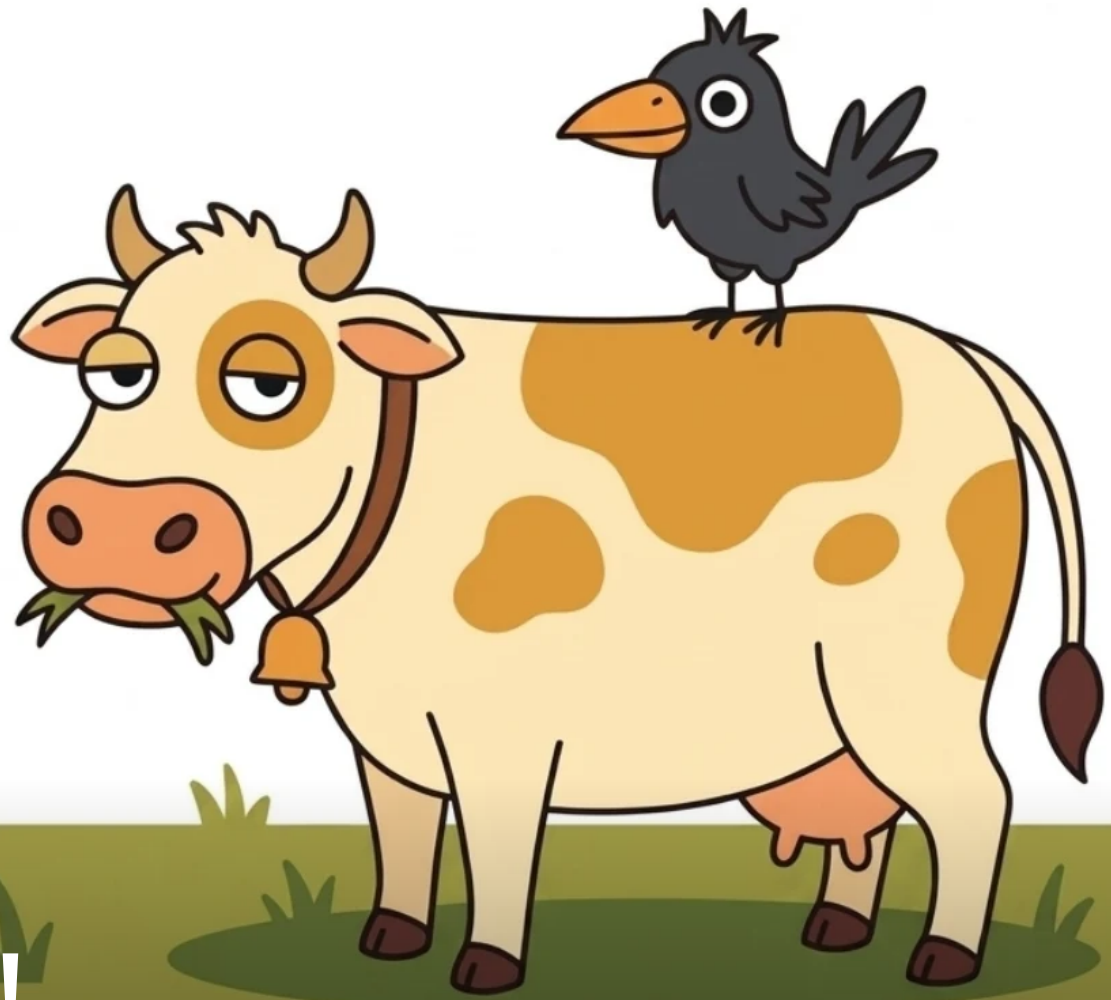


ਵਾਹ!

The Race

Set 2, book four. The crow wants a race. The cow lies down. So he races alone, and your child shouts ਜਾ! to start him. New words: ਜਾ (go) and ਵਾਹ (wow).

WORDS YOU'LL READ

ਗਾਂ	ਦੇਖ	ਪਾਣੀ	ਆ	ਨਾ	ਹਾਂ	ਜਾ	ਕਾਂ	ਵਾਹ
gaan	dekh	paani	aa	naa	haan	jaa	kaan	vaah
cow	look	water	come	no	yes	go	crow	wow!

Your child's word in this book: **ਜਾ**

On the pages where the crow stops and waits, pause and let your child shout it.

HOW TO READ THIS BOOK

This is a read-together book. It uses only a handful of Punjabi words, repeated often, and the pictures show what each word means. Your child doesn't need to speak Punjabi to enjoy it.

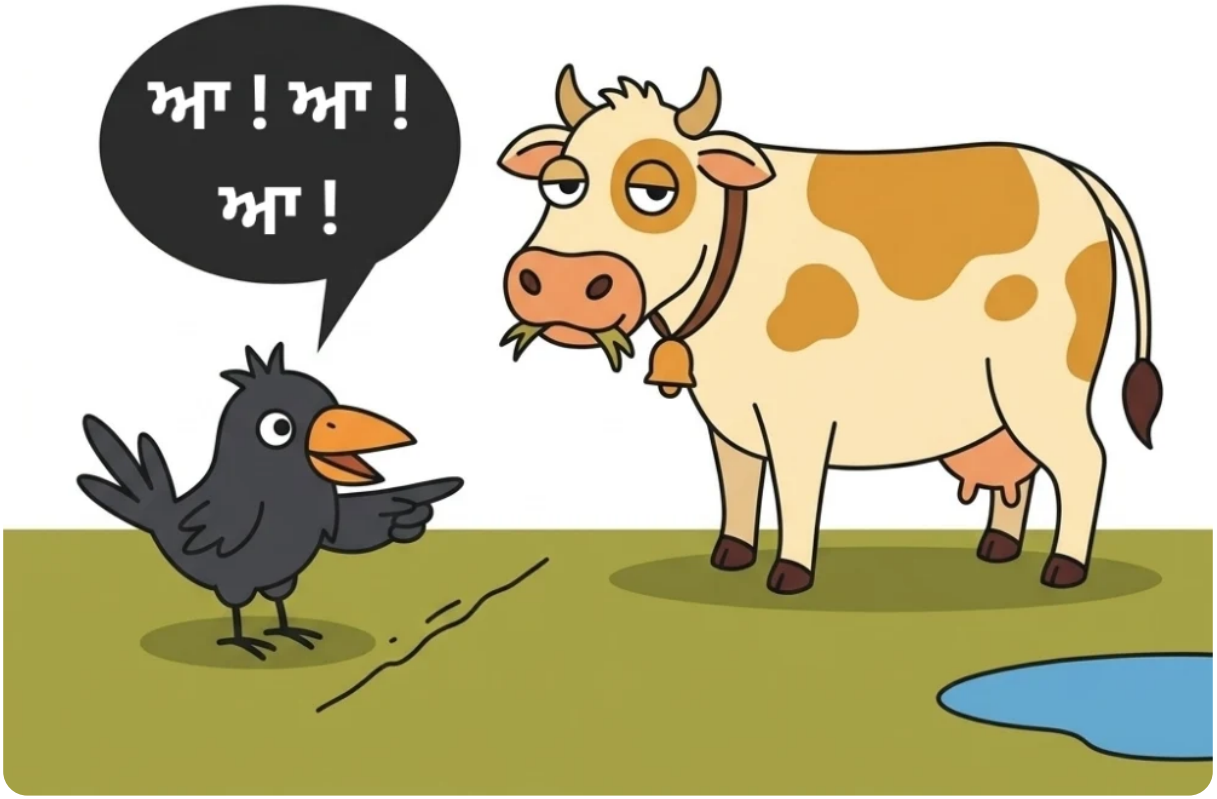
- You read, your child joins in. Point at each word as you say it. The English under each picture is there for you.
- Use the pauses. When a speech bubble is empty, it's your child's turn to answer.
- Reread it. Children reread what makes them laugh. After a few reads, let them read the words back to you.

WHAT THIS BOOK IS REALLY ABOUT

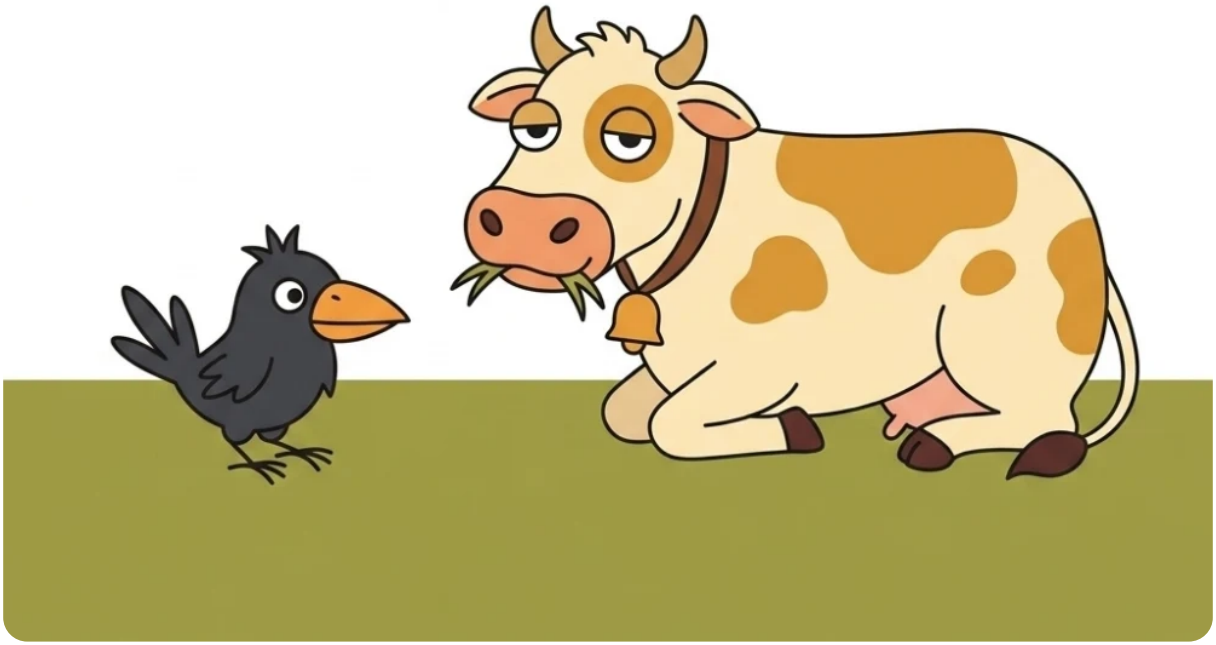
For grown-ups: the crow challenges the cow to a race to the pond, and she lies down in the grass. He races anyway, alone, and asks your child to start him: they shout ਜਾ! (go!) and he is off. He wins every time, because nobody else is running, and cheers for himself: ਕਾਂ! ਕਾਂ! ਕਾਂ! and ਵਾਹ! (wow!). Then the cow strolls over for a drink and gives him the last word, deadpan. Nobody learns anything. Your child just gets to say go.



“Cow! Cow! Look! Water!”



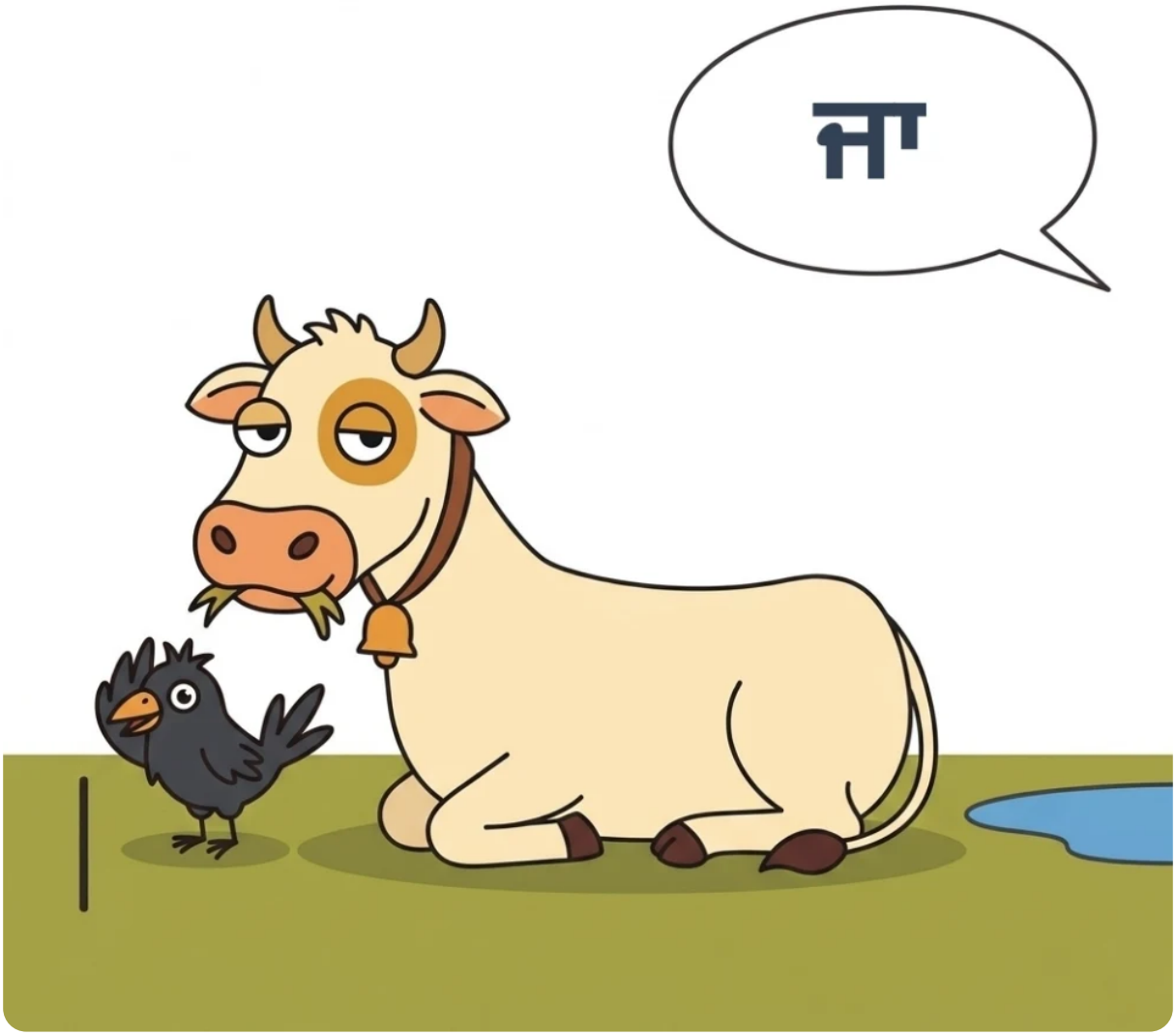
“Come! Come! Come!”



The cow lies down.



“No? No? Yes! Yes! Come!”



He needs someone to start the race. (Your turn: shout ਜਾ! Go!)



“Go! Go! Go! Go!”



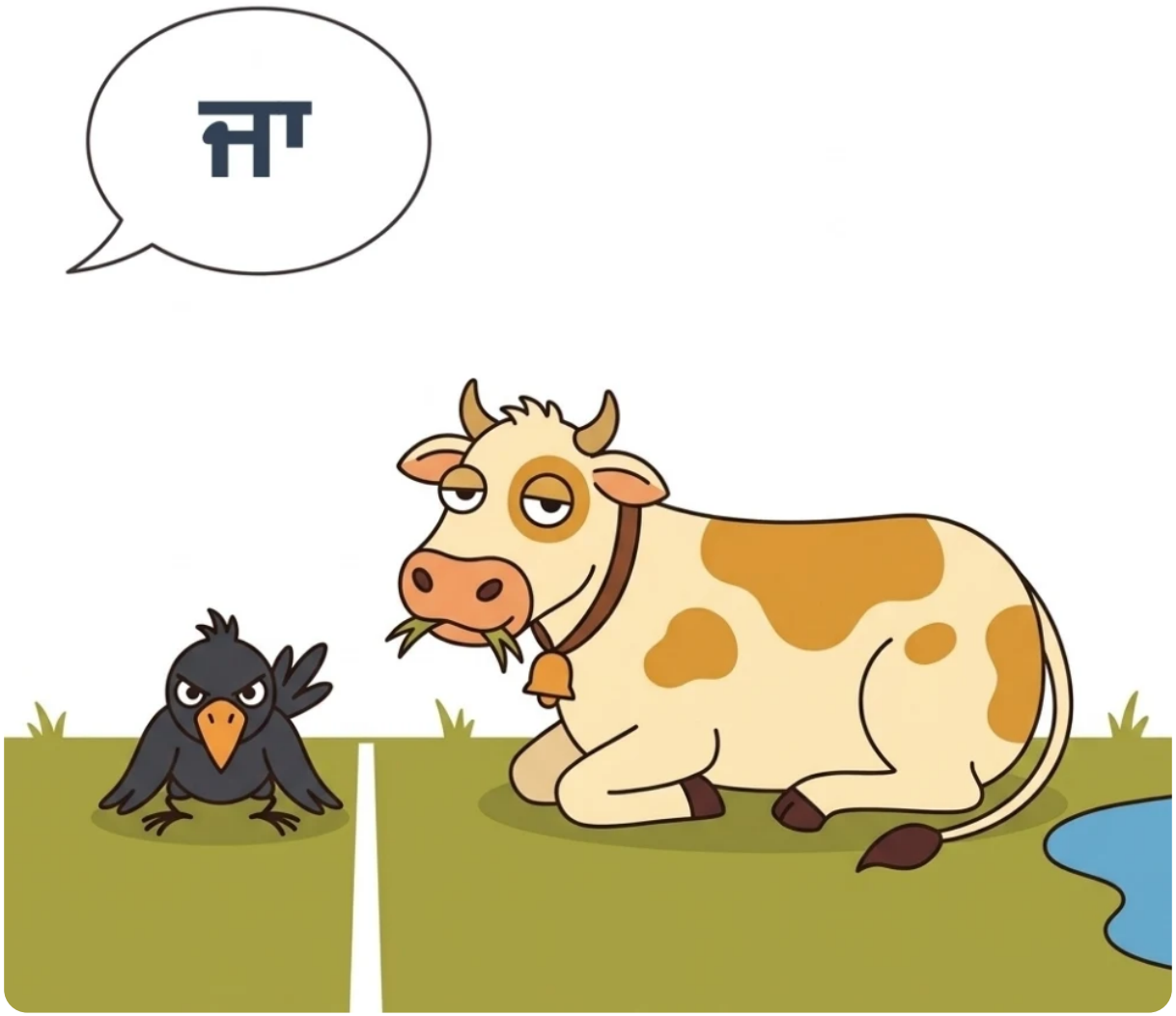
“Crow! Crow! Crow!”



“Wow! Wow! Wow! Crow! Wow!”



The cow hasn't moved.



Again! (Your turn: shout ਜਾ!)



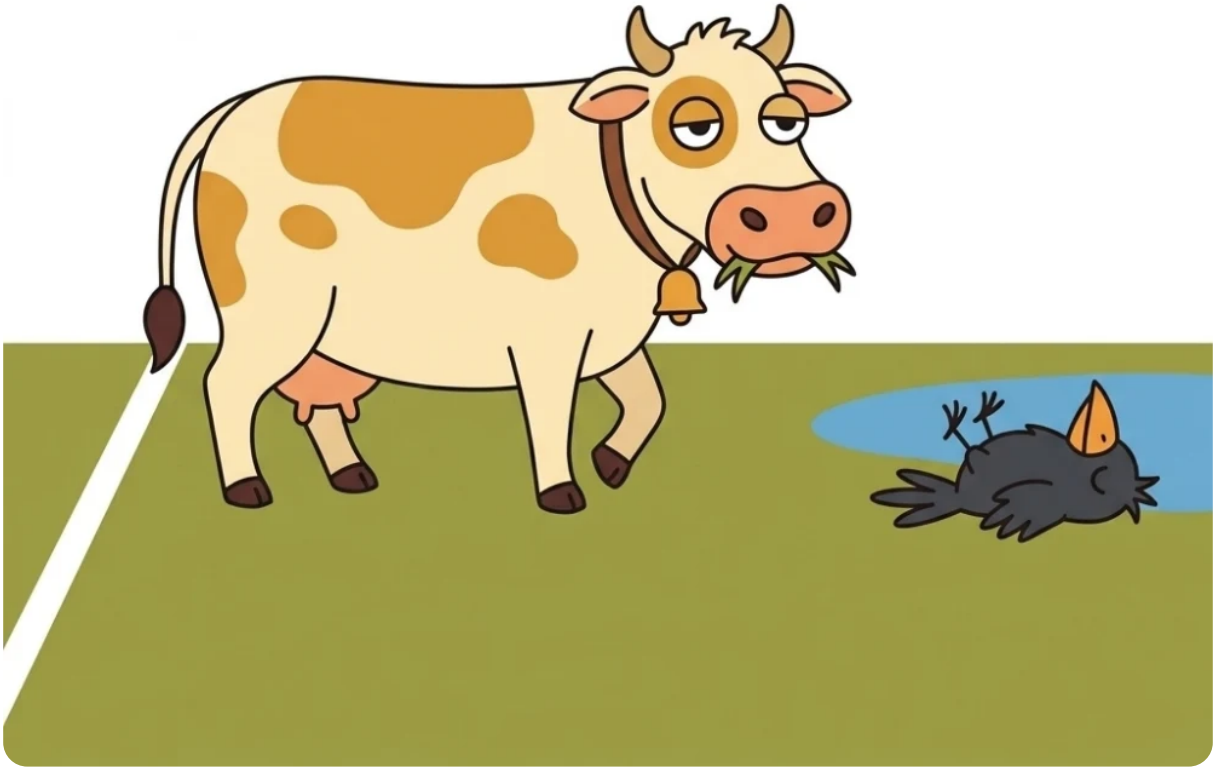
“Go! Go! Go! Go!”



“Crow! Crow! Crow! Wow!”



“Wow... crow... wow...”



The cow gets up.



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“No! No! Crow! Crow!” He won. Didn’t he?



“Wow,” says the cow.

Words in this book

ਗਾਂ	gaan	cow
ਦੇਖ	dekh	look
ਪਾਣੀ	paani	water
ਆ	aa	come
ਨਾ	naa	no
ਹਾਂ	haan	yes
ਜਾ	jaa	go
ਕਾਂ	kaan	crow
ਵਾਹ	vaah	wow!

After this book, your child can read 9 Punjabi words. Read it together, then let them read it back to you — the repetition is where the reading comes from.

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