



# Unreliable friend

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Once upon a time, a snake had a beautiful friendship with a frog.

They were very good friends and loved one another.



One day, Frog said to Snake, "Let us go to the forest and collect fat flying ants."

Snake agreed to go with Frog.



The friends gathered flying ants in a big sack.

Frog gathered the most ants and was very happy.



On their way back home, Frog and Snake met with a gang of squirrels.

The squirrels were their enemies.



Snake cried, "Friend, we are under attack! If we lose what we have in the bag, we will have nothing to eat tonight!"



Snake hissed at the squirrels, "Get out of the way, otherwise one of you will be a victim!"

The squirrels decided that the best way was to run away!



Frog invited Snake for supper. "My wife prepares delicious flying ants," said Frog proudly.

The friends continued talking while Mrs Frog prepared supper.





The food was soon ready.

The friends washed, and then went to sit at the table.



Suddenly, Frog pointed at his plate and said, "Snake's portion of food is bigger than my portion!"



Snake replied, "No, your portion is actually bigger than mine!"

Frog ate his supper, but Snake was offended and refused to eat.



Eventually, Frog said to Snake, "If you are going to insult my wife's cooking, you should leave our house."



And that was the end of the beautiful friendship!  
Since then, frogs and snakes have never been  
friends.



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