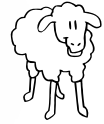




THE OBEDIENT GOAT KIDS



There was once a **nanny-goat** who had three little kids. One afternoon she said to them: 'Children, today I am going to market. If anyone should knock (1) _____ the door, be sure not to let them in. _____'

The kids (2) _____: 'We shall open the door to no one!' and the nanny-goat went to market. **In a little while** there was a loud knocking at the door, and a **gruff** voice said: 'Open up, children!'

The little goat kids were frightened and (3) _____ said together: 'Be-eh! That is not our mother dear, for her voice is **soft** and clear.'

It was the wolf. He **went** (4) _____ **off to** the blacksmith and told him: 'Blacksmith, **file away a piece of my tongue!**' _____ . When he (5) _____ filed a piece of the wolf's tongue away, the wolf went back to the goats' door, knocked, and said in a **softer** voice: 'Open up, children!'

(6) _____ again the goat kids said: 'That is not our mother dear, for her voice is soft and clear!' The wolf was angry, but he went back to the blacksmith, and asked **him to file away another piece of his tongue**. The blacksmith pulled out the tip of the wolf's tongue with a **pair of pincers**, and filed, and filed, (7) _____ there was only a **small piece left**.

The wolf went back to the goats, knocked on the door, and _____: 'Open up, children!'

This time the kids said: 'Well that sounds like mother's voice. But show (8) _____ your **hooves!**' So the wolf **pushed his paw through the window**. When the goats saw it they _____ and said: 'Our mother (9) _____ nice **smooth** hooves, not ugly **clawed** ones like that! It (10) _____ be the wolf!' _____ .

So the wolf ran off **in a rage**. When he was (11) _____ away, the old goat returned **from market** with her basket. She knocked and **called out**: 'Open up, children!' The kids **recognized her voice** at once and opened the door. They ran into their mother's arms, calling out: 'Mother, we are so glad you (12) _____ come! The wolf was here.' And they told her everything. The nanny-goat told them what good kids they were for (13) _____ so careful. Then she _____ and took out **all sorts of good things** to eat: bread rolls, biscuits, nuts and much, much (14) _____. The good little goat kids had a lovely time!



a) and they didn't let him in

b) **burst out laughing**

c) he ran up the steps

d) it might be the wolf, and he would **eat you up!**

e) said in a soft and **silky** voice

f) so the blacksmith laid the wolf's head on his **anvil**, and filed and filed

g) **time passed**, and

h) **unpacked** her basket

