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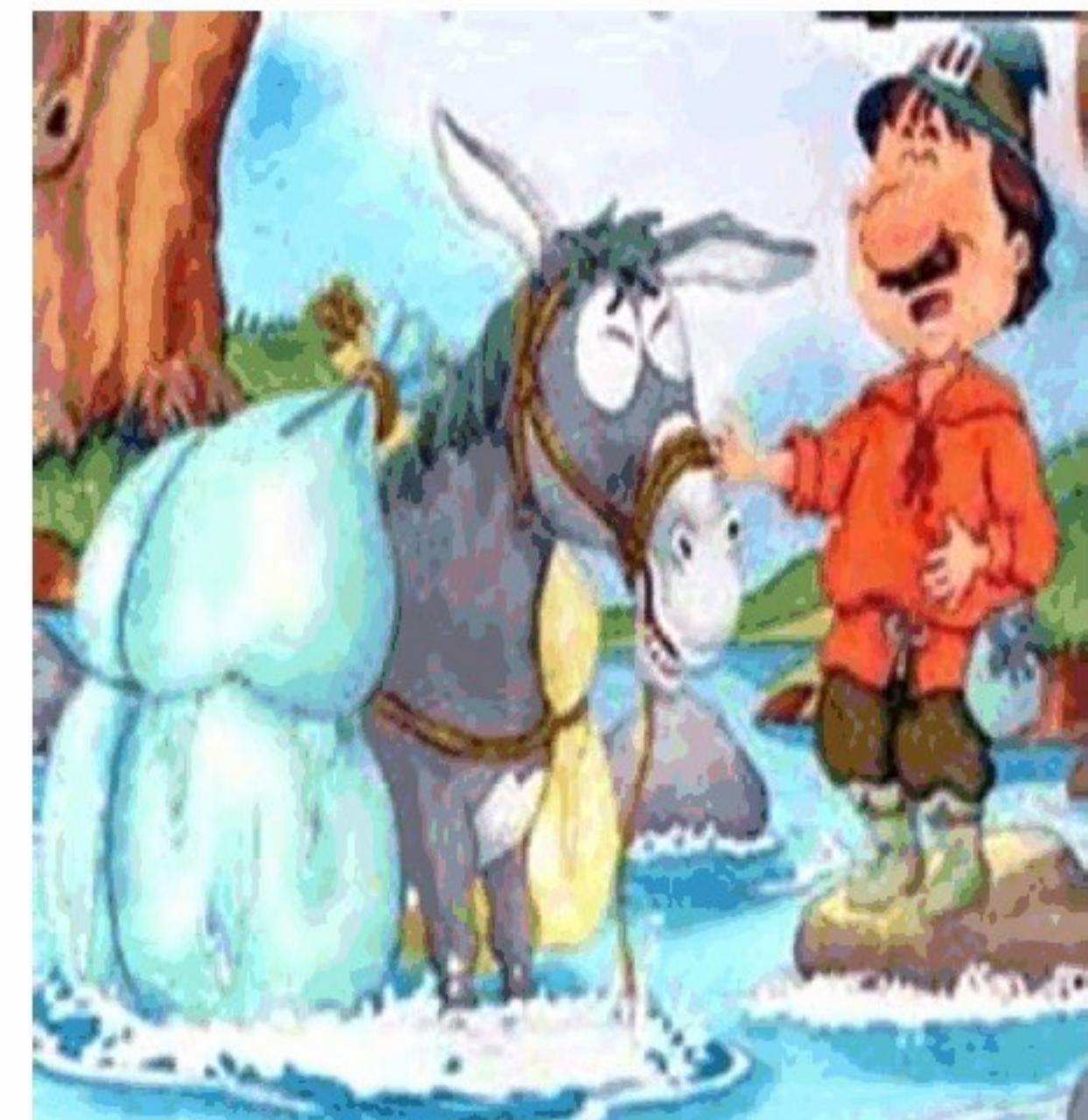
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Grade 2 Reading Comprehension Worksheet

THE ASS AND THE LOAD OF SALT

Read the story below.

A merchant, driving his Ass to home from the seashore with a heavy load of salt, came to a river crossed by a shallow ford. They had crossed this river many times before, but this time the Ass slipped and fell when halfway over. When the Merchant got him to his feet, much of the salt had melted away. Delighted to find how much lighter his burden had become, the Ass finished the journey very happily. Next day the Merchant went for another load of salt. On the way home the Ass, purposely let himself fall into the water. The angry Merchant immediately drove the Ass back to the seashore, where he loaded him with two great baskets of sponges. Ass again tumbled over; but when he had scrambled to his feet, it was under the load ten times heavier than before.



Answer each question.

1. **Where was the Merchant driving his Ass?**

2. **What did happen with them when they crossed the river?**

3. **Much of the salt had melted away.**

4. **Why did the Ass purposely let himself fall into the water?**

5. **What did angry Merchant do with the Ass?**

6. **The load ten times heavier than before.**
