

### 3. Tenali Raman Draws a Picture

Tenali Raman is standing in front of a drawing board.

**Messenger** : Good afternoon, Sir, the King wants you.

**Raman** : Shh! Don't disturb me. I am busy.

*(Messenger goes away.)*

**King** : *(Walks in)* Raman, I was waiting for you.  
What are you doing?

**Raman** : Your Majesty, I was drawing a picture.

**King** : I see. We would like to see the picture.

**Raman** : Here, Your Majesty. This is my picture.

**King** : Is this a picture? What have you drawn, Raman?  
Please explain.

**Raman** : I was drawing a cow, a cow eating loads of grass.

**King** : Loads of grass? I can't see any grass here!

**Raman** : Ah! That's because the cow ate it up.

**King** : And where's the cow?

**Raman** : After eating up all the grass, the cow walked away,  
Your Majesty.

**King** : Ha, ha, ha ! Raman, you always make me laugh!



#### Things to do :

1. Read the skit aloud and enact it.
2. Answer the following questions :
  - (a) What did the King see on Raman's board ?
  - (b) Had Raman really drawn a cow eating grass ?
  - (c) Can a cow walk away from a picture ?
3. Retell the above story in the form of a joke.

In this skit, Raman gives a funny explanation of why there was nothing in his picture. Can you think of other such funny explanations?