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Ralph is a dog. He is always hungry. His master is a very lazy man. He only feeds Ralph once a day.

Ralph: When will my master wake up?
When will he feed me today?
I'm really **hungry** right now.
I can't wait any longer.
I'll get some food **by myself**.

Ralph goes out of the house. He walks and walks. He looks for food. He can't find any anywhere. Ralph also gets lost.

Ralph: I can't find any food.
And now **I am lost**.

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I should have stayed at home.

My master might be awake by now.

I am so hungry. Boo-hoo-hoo.

Ralph is very tired and sits down to rest for a while. He hears music coming from a house.

Ralph: Hey, what's that sound? **It's music.**
It's coming from **that house**.
I'll get closer and take a look.

Ralph looks inside the house through an open window.

Ralph: There are lots of people inside.
Any it is very noisy.
They must be having **a party**.

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Oh, I see lots and lots of food inside, too.

How can I get some food?

Ralph tries to think of a way to get inside.

Finally, he waits until no one is looking and quickly runs in. everyone is singing and dancing and having fun.

Ralph: Look at all the happy people.

Look at all the food.

They are not even eating it.

I hope I can just get **a piece of meat.**

Someone please throw me **some meat.**

Oh, please, please, please.

Ralph closes his eyes and prays. He is so

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hungry. He is about to faint.

Man: Hey, look at that **poor Dog** over there.

Man2: He looks **tired and hungry.**

Man: **Throw him something.**

Man3: You're right. What a poor Dog!

I'll throw him this piece of meat.

Here Doggie, have this.

It's very good.

Ralph smells the meat and opens his eyes.

Ralph: Arf! Arf! Oh my goodness!

It's a piece of meat.

My prayers came true.

I wonder who threw it to me.

That's not important right now.

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I better just **take this and run.**

Ralph quickly takes the meat and runs out of the house.

Man: Look at that Dog run !

He is really fast.

Man2: I guess he was **really hungry.** Poor Dog.

Ralph is very excited. He wants to take the meat to a safe place and eat it there all by himself. He looks for a good place to eat.

Ralph: Over there looks like **a good place.**

I better **cross that bridge** first.

Ralph is crossing the bridge. He looks down

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into the water.

Ralph: Hey, who's that Dog down there?

He has a **bigger piece** of meat.

What shall I do?

I know. I'm a good swimmer.

I'll **jump** into the water and **take** the meat away from him.

Then I can eat **two pieces** of meat.

Yahoo! Today is my lucky day.

Arf, arf, arf!!!

Ralph jumps into the water.

Ralph: **Where did that other Dog go?**

I can't find him anywhere.

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Ralph looks everywhere, but the other Dog is gone.

Ralph: Oh, forget it.

I better **get out of** the water.

I might catch cold.

Ralph gets out of the water and quickly shakes his whole body.

Ralph: That's strange.

I wonder where the other Dog went?

But wait!

Where is my piece of meat?

I had it when I jumped into the water.

Now it's gone.

Oh no! **That's it!**

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I dropped it when I went into the water.

My meat is gone now.

Boo-hoo-hoo!

As he is crying, Ralph sees another Dog crying in the water, too. This time Ralph sneezes and the other Dog sneezes, too.

Ralph: Achoo! Hey look!

He sneezes **just like me.**

He also cries **just like me.**

Who is he? Let me look closer.

Ralph looks closer into the water. He is surprised, because he sees himself in the water.

Ralph: This can't be. **It's just me.**

It's just **my reflection** in the water.

Then the other Dog was also just my own
reflection?

I can't believe it.

I lost my piece of meat because of my
reflection.

Oh, how foolish I am!!!

Today is **my unlucky day!**

I'm lost. And I am still hungry.

What shall I do?

Boo-hoo-hoo!

MORAL

If you are too greedy, you may even lose what you
have.