

Why the Sea Has So Much Water

Once upon a time a man led some oxen to the sea. They tasted the water but didn't seem to want to drink it. The day was warm and because they were thirsty they should have taken a drink.

"What's wrong with these oxen? Why don't they drink the water? It seems to me it's time for them," said the man.

After awhile he said, "Well, I'll try the water myself." He tried it, but it was salty and bitter.

Then the man said, "Eh, that's why there is so much water in the sea and why no one wants to drink it: it's so salty and bitter!" And the man felt very wise and pleased with what he thought was a great discovery.