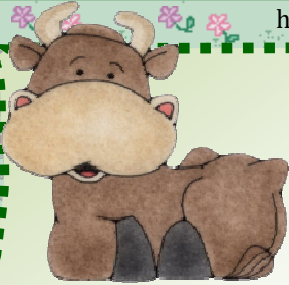




# Ferdinand, the bull



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CGTVRbpAuRo>



Once upon a time in Spain, there was a little bull and his name was Ferdinand. All the other little bulls liked running and jumping and fighting. But Ferdinand didn't like that. Most of the time, he sat daydreaming under an old cork tree.

It was his favourite tree. He liked sitting there all day and smelling the flowers.

Sometimes his mother was worried about him. "Why don't you run around and play with the other bulls?" she asked. But Ferdinand shook his head. "I like it better here where I can just sit quietly and smell the flowers," he answered. So his mother let him just sit there and be happy.

With the years, Ferdinand grew up and he became very big and strong. The other bulls who had grown up with him liked fighting all day long. But not Ferdinand, he still liked sitting quietly under the cork tree, daydreaming and smelling the flowers.

## A Tick off - true or false!

1. Ferdinand loved fighting like the other bulls.

true  false

2. And he was often dreaming during the day.

true  false

3. His mother was worried about his dreams.

true  false

4. He loved sitting under his favourite oak tree.

true  false

5. When he was older he was very strong and big.

true  false

## B Answer the questions!

What did the men want to find?  
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What did the other bulls do?  
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What stung him?  
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Where did they take him to?  
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What did Ferdinand do in the arena?  
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Why did they take Ferdinand home?  
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Where is Ferdinand now?  
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One day five men came. They wanted to find a strong bull for the bullfights in Madrid. All the other bulls ran around wildly so that the men could see that they were very strong. Ferdinand didn't care.

He went to his favourite cork tree to sit down. But there was a bee in the grass. He sat down on it. The bee had a shock, so it stung him. Wow! That really hurt! Ferdinand jumped up and ran around wildly. When the five men saw him they were happy. They had found the biggest, fastest and strongest bull of all. Just the right one for the bull fights in Madrid! So they took him away to Madrid.

The bullfight was a big event. They had a parade in the arena. Then Ferdinand came and he ran to the middle of the arena and everyone shouted and clapped because they thought he was a very strong bull.

The matador looked at Ferdinand and his strong horns. He was a little bit afraid. Ferdinand looked around. He saw all the lovely ladies with the flowers in their hair. He saw the matador. He looked at him, but he didn't want to fight and he just sat down quietly smelt the flowers and started daydreaming.

The matador shouted at Ferdinand and ran around, but Ferdinand didn't care. This went on quite a long time, and then they had to take Ferdinand home.

And there he is still sitting under his favourite cork tree, smelling the flowers and dreaming.



## C Find the opposites!

sit .....	weak .....
big .....	always .....
take .....	worried .....
like .....	brave .....
long .....	loud .....
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bull .....	come .....
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ask .....	right .....
find .....	whisper .....

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What did the other bulls do?

**They ran around wildly.**

What stung him?

**A bee.**

Where did they take him to?

**To Madrid.**

What did Ferdinand do in the arena?

**He looked around and saw all the lovely ladies with the flowers in their hair and he saw the matador.**

Why did they take Ferdinand home?

**He didn't want to fight.**

Where is Ferdinand now?

**He's at home sitting under the old cork tree.**

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sit - stand  
big - small  
take - give  
like - hate  
long - short  
day - night  
bull - cow  
wild - calm  
ask - answer  
find - look for

weak - strong  
always - never  
worried - happy  
brave - cowardly  
loud - quiet  
fast - slow  
come - go away  
lovely - ugly  
right - wrong  
whisper - shout