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There once was a Job boy who was Adjective as he sat on the hillside watching the village Animal. To amuse himself he took a great breath and Verb Past Tense out, "Animal! Animal! The Wolf is chasing the sheep!" The Noun came running up the hill to help the boy drive the wolf away. But when they arrived at the top of the hill, they found no wolf. The boy laughed hard at the sight of their angry faces. "Don't cry 'wolf', shepherd boy," said the Noun, "when there's no wolf!" They went grumbling back down the hill. Later, the boy sang out again, "Animal! Animal! The wolf is chasing the Animal!" To his naughty delight, he watched the villagers run up the hill to help him drive the wolf away. When the villagers saw no wolf they sternly said, "Save your frightened song for when there is really something wrong! Don't cry 'wolf' when there is NO wolf!"

But the boy just Verb Past Tense and watched them go grumbling down the hill once more.

Later, he saw a REAL wolf prowling about his flock. Alarmed, he leaped to his feet and sang out as loudly as he could, "Wolf! Wolf!" But the villagers thought he was trying to Verb Base Form them again, and so they didn't come. At sunset, everyone wondered why the shepherd boy hadn't returned to the village with their sheep. They went up the hill to find the boy. They found him weeping.

"There really was a wolf here! The flock of Animal has scattered! I cried out, "Wolf!" Why didn't you come?"

