

Drop Them
Both!



The Boy sat on the
hill. He held up a
stone and a
feather. Then he
will drop them both.





Then an elephant grips the smooth stone. The sun is hot, but the stone is not. It will not snap!

'This thing has mass!' says The Boy as he thrusts at the elephant. He thrusts and thrusts, but the elephant just sits still.





But the feather?

The feather

does not have

a lot of mass.

It is thin and

soft in his hand.

The Boy thrusts
the rock up with
both hands. How
much mass is in
this rock? He must
think and think.





This man
has a set
of scales!

Dad fills this flask with water, up to the top. 'This is one kilogramme!' he says. One flask, one kilogramme.



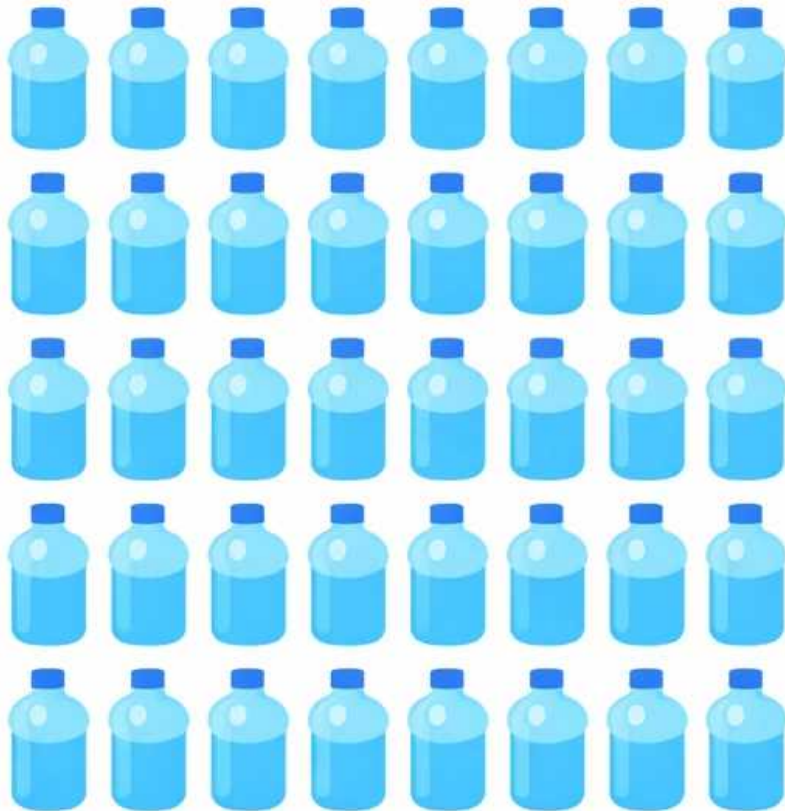


Dad says,
'Think of this.
Ten cows or
200 dogs. Will
the dogs win,
or the cows?'

The world is so
big. Can they
get the mass of
this big thing?
The Boy must
think and think.



A lot more flasks
than this!

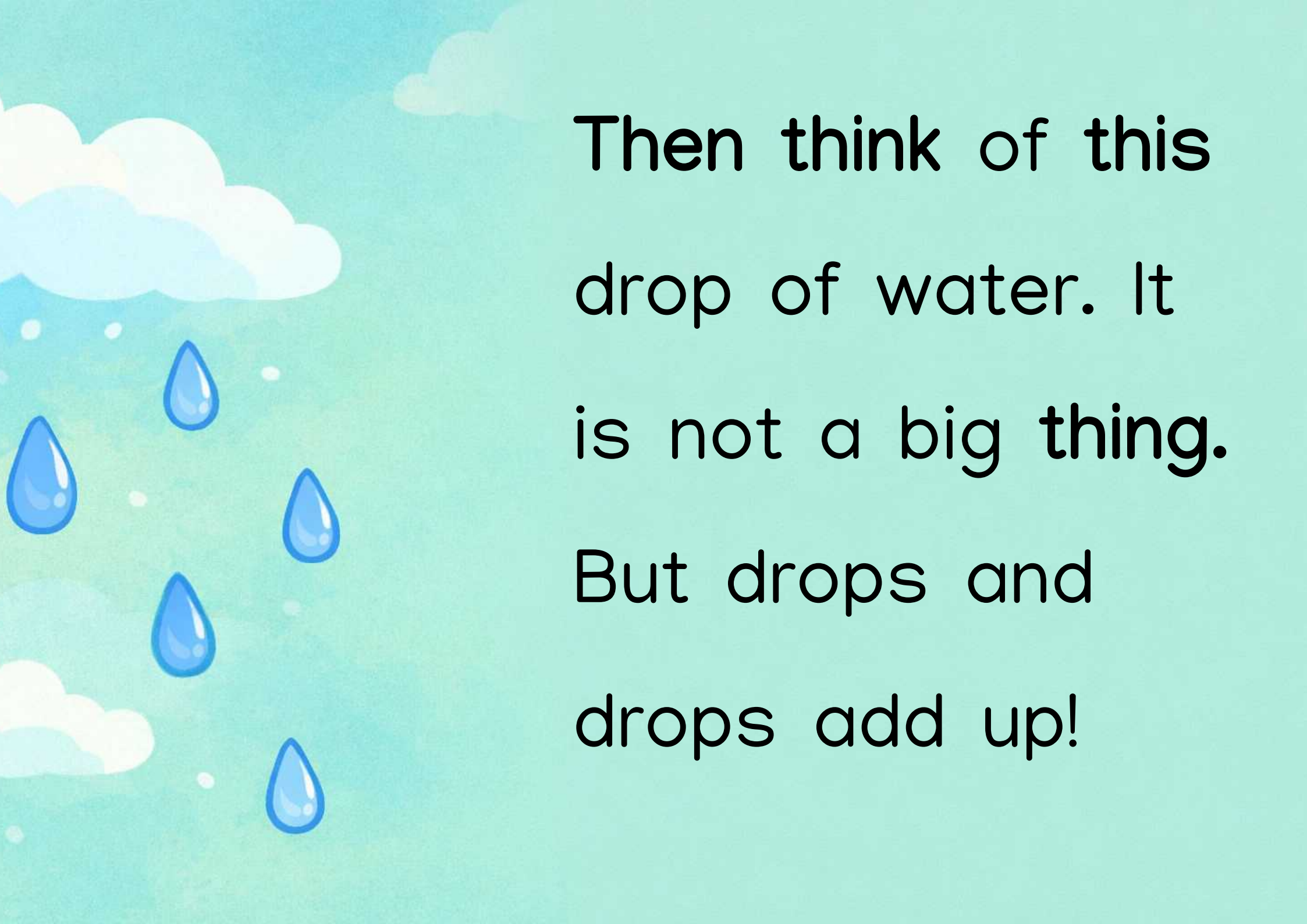


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You need a lot
of feathers to
make one
kilogramme!
Think of that!
Both sides are
the same.





Then think of this
drop of water. It
is not a big thing.
But drops and
drops add up!

The Boy gets his own mass! He grins and drops them both. Do you think both land with a thud?





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A rock and a feather, one in each hand - which one do you think will hit the ground first? The Boy is sure he knows the answer, but then he starts to wonder just how much heavier that smooth stone really is. With scales, flasks, and a very patient elephant, can he and Dad figure out the mass of almost anything, from a raindrop to the whole planet? This decodable reader practises the 'th' sound in words such as 'both,' 'smooth,' 'think,' and 'thrusts.'

Reading Skills: <th>

both, smooth, than, the, them, then, they, thing, think, thinks, this, thrusts

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