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This week in English, the children have been learning the story of 'The Papaya that spoke'. This week for homework, please can your child tell you the story and show you the actions. The script is below but your child may be confident enough to tell the story without using the words. If your child is confident, you could always record them acting out the story and send it in to school.

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The farmer looked at his dog. "Did you say that?" said the farmer.
"No," said the dog, "it was the papaya!"
"Aaaaargh!" screamed the farmer. As fast as his legs could carry him, he ran and he ran and he ran till he came to a market where he met a fisherman selling fish.

"Why are you running so fast when the sun is shining so bright?" asked the fisherman.
"First a papaya spoke to me and next my dog!" replied the farmer.
"That's impossible," said the fisherman.
"Oh no it isn't," said one of the fish.

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"Why are you running so fast when the sun is shining so bright?" asked the King.
"First a papaya spoke to me, next my dog, after that a fish and finally a goat!"
"That's impossible," said the King. "Get out of here you foolish man." So the poor farmer walked home with his head hung down. The King rocked back and forth,

back and forth, back and forth. "How silly of him to imagine that things could talk." There was a long silence – and then suddenly – the chair spoke! "Quite so – whoever heard of a talking papaya?"

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