Happy the Hippo was very happy. He was happy because he had many friends to play with.
One day Happy the Hippo lost his hat and that made him very sad.

His hat kept his head cool on hot summer days.

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Happy went to look for his hat. He saw Elephant and asked her, “Have you seen my hat?”

“No,” Elephant said, “I have not seen your hat.”

So Happy kept on walking until he met Giraffe. Happy asked Giraffe, “Hi! Have you seen my hat?”

“No,” said Giraffe, “I have not seen your hat”.  

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So Happy kept looking. He ran into Zebra and asked him if he saw his hat.

“No,” said Zebra, “I have not seen your hat.”

Happy turned his hooves away and went on. Next he met up with Lion. He asked, “Lion, have you seen my hat?”

Lion asked, “What does your hat look like?”
“Well,” Happy answered, “It was tan, with a black rim, and had a brown strap. It looks like this.” Happy drew a picture of his hat.

“Yes,” said Lion, “I have seen that hat.” “Really? Where?” asked Happy, feeling much happier.

Lion said, “Elephant was using your hat as a bowl for his pet fish.”
“Then he gave it to Giraffe who used it as a stool for standing. “

“Next, Giraffe gave it to Zebra who thought it was a frisbee and played with it.”

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"Zebra lent it to me and I thought it was a hat, so I put it on my head because it was so hot outside. Here is your hat back!"

Happy took his hat from lion and put it on his head. This made Happy, happy again!

***The End***

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