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Two Aches, One Cure

One morning little Can¹ said to his mother, "Mother, my stomach is aching!"

"You haven't eaten breakfast yet. Your stomach probably aches because it is empty. After you eat your breakfast, it will probably feel better."

Can felt better after breakfast, and he soon went to school. Later that day his teacher became very uncomfortable. She said to her class, "Children, please be as quiet as possible, for I have a bad headache."

Hearing that, little Can stood up and said, "Teacher, if your head is aching, it is probably because it is empty. If you could put something into it, it would probably feel better."

¹A very common male name in Turkey, Can is pronounced like the English name John.