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Nasreddin Hoca's Credibility

One day one of Nasreddin Hoca's neighbors came to his hou and asked to borrow his donkey. The Hoca, however, was unwill ing to lend his donkey. He said to the neighbor, "My donkey i not here."

But while the two men continued talking with each other, the donkey brayed loudly. Upon hearing this sound, the neighbo said angrily, "What was that, Hoca? It sounds as if your donke is indeed here!"

Still unwilling to lend his donkey, the Hoca retorted angrily, "Whom are you more willing to believe -- a donkey or me?