

Four Dollars and Fifty Cents
OCR 3rd grade Unit 5 Lesson 6
Readers Theatre

Cowboy: I think my horse is dead. Can you help me lug him to the graveyard?

Cowpoke: Are you sure? Maybe he's just sleeping. What happened?

Cowboy: I was going to take him to the blacksmith for new shoes...

Cowpoke: Let me guess, he clenched up and lied right down in the corral.

Cowboy: Yeah, it does sound suspicious. But what am I going to do?

Cowpoke: Why don't we mosey on down and take a look at that deadbeat horse of yours.

Cowboy: That's mighty decent of you to volunteer.

Cowpoke: Your horse isn't dead; he's just playing possum. I have a plan.

Cowboy: O.K., I'll follow your lead. I'm determined to teach him a lesson.

Cowpoke: Well, cowboy, we'll have to bury him, but he's too big for a coffin.

Cowboy: We could saw the corpse up into little pieces.

Cowpoke: That would make burying him easier. What about a tombstone?

Cowboy: I'll write, "Here lies the best horse that had to be chopped up."

Cowpoke: Hey he just growled. Get up you lazy horse or we'll really cut you up!

Cowboy: Now let's go get you some new horseshoes.

Cowpoke: Can you hitch him up to the buckboard? I want to come along. I've got some collecting to do.

Cowboy: Someone owes you money?

Cowpoke: Yeah, you. You're going to be my chauffeur for the next week.