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## The Cow is a Mamal

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The cow is a mamal.  
It has six sides –  
right, left, an upper and below.  
At the back it has a tail  
on which hangs a brush –  
with this it sends the flies away  
so they don't fall into the milk.  
The head is for the purpose  
of growing horns  
and so that the mouth  
can be somewhere.  
The horns are to butt with,  
the mouth is to moo with.

Under the cow hangs the milk.  
It is arranged for milking.  
When the people milk,  
the milk comes –  
there is never an end to the supply.  
How the cow does it  
I have not yet realised –  
but it makes more and more.  
The cow has a fine sense of smell –  
one can smell it far away.  
This is the reason  
for the fresh air in the country.

The man cow is called an ox.  
It is not a mamal.  
The cow does not eat much  
but what it eats it eats twice  
so that it gets enough.  
When it is hungry it moos  
and when it says nothing  
it's because all its inside  
is full up with grass.

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