Little Foal and his mother lived in a beautiful meadow with soft green grass. They were very happy.

Time flew by. One day, his mother called Little Foal to her side.

"My dear," she said, "You’ve grown up. Could you do me a favour?"

"Sure! Wonderful!" said Little Foal, jumping up and down. "What can I do for you?"

"Carry this sack of grain across the river to the village," his mother said.
“你把这袋粮食送到河对面的村子里去吧。”

“No problem.” Little Foal put the sack on his back and set out. He galloped like the wind across the meadow.

“When we reach the river, however, Little Foal hesitated in front of the swirling water. “I’m not sure how deep this river is,” he said to himself.

“Can I make it across?”

How dearly Little Foal was missing his mother! If only she was by his side, she would definitely have an answer. Wouldn’t that be nice?
在身边，问问她该怎么办，那多好啊！

Little Foal spotted Uncle Ox and went over to him. “Uncle Ox, please tell me, can I cross the river?” he asked. “The water is very shallow,” Uncle Ox replied. “It’s just over your ankle. Yes, you can cross it.”

Startled, Little Foal asked, “Is the water very deep?” “Indeed it is,” Little Squirrel said. “Yesterday, one of my pals fell into this driver and drowned.”
小马吃惊地问："水很深吗？"小松鼠说：

shēndē hěn zuòtiān wǒ de xiǎohuǒbàn jìushi diào zài zhè tiáo　
‘深 得 很！ 昨 天， 我 的 小 伙 伴 就 是 掉 在 这 条
河水 里　淹 死 的！’

Little Foal stopped in his tracks, not knowing what to do. "Agh!" he　

sighed. “Better go home and ask Mother about it.”

Little Foal trotted home and asked his mother;“Uncle Ox said the river　

was shallow, but Little Squirrel said it was deep. Can I cross the river or　

not?”

小马“嗒嗒嗒”地回家了，问妈妈:“牛伯伯 说

河水 很 浅， 小 松鼠 却 说 水 很 深， 我 到　

底 能 不 能 够 过 去 呢？”
“It’s not enough to listen to other people,” his mother said. “You have to think with your own mind and try things by yourself. Whether the river is deep or shallow, you’ll find out once you try it.”

Once again Little Foals stood on the riverbank and prepared to cross over.

“Little Foal, ‘called out Little Squirrel, ‘are you out of your mind?’

“Just let me try,” Little Foal replied.

Little Foal stepped into the river, and found the water barely reached his knees. It wasn’t as shallow as Uncle Ox said, or as deep as Little Squirrel described.
不像牛伯伯说的那样浅，也不像小松鼠说的那样深。

Little Foal crossed the river and leapt in joy when he reached the other side.

小马过了河，快活地跳了起来。他学会了动脑筋和亲自去尝试。小朋友，你学会了吗？