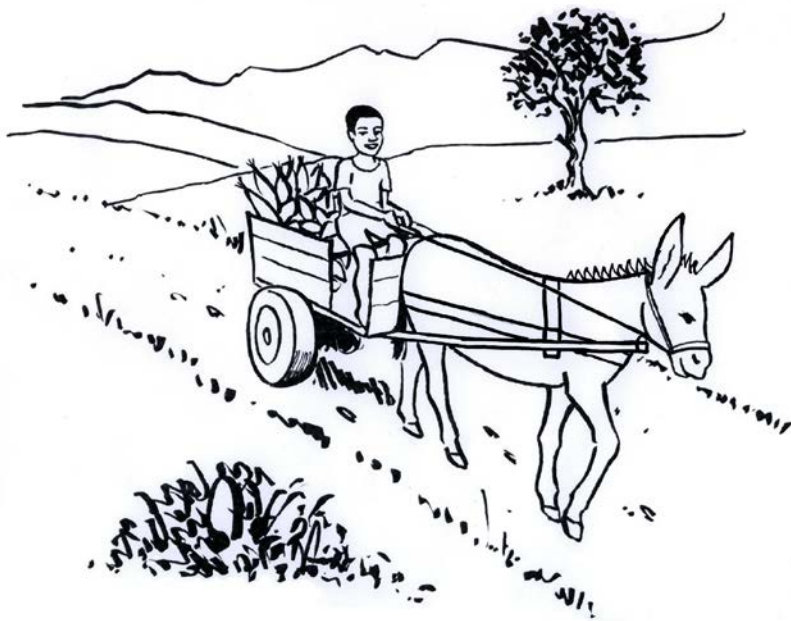
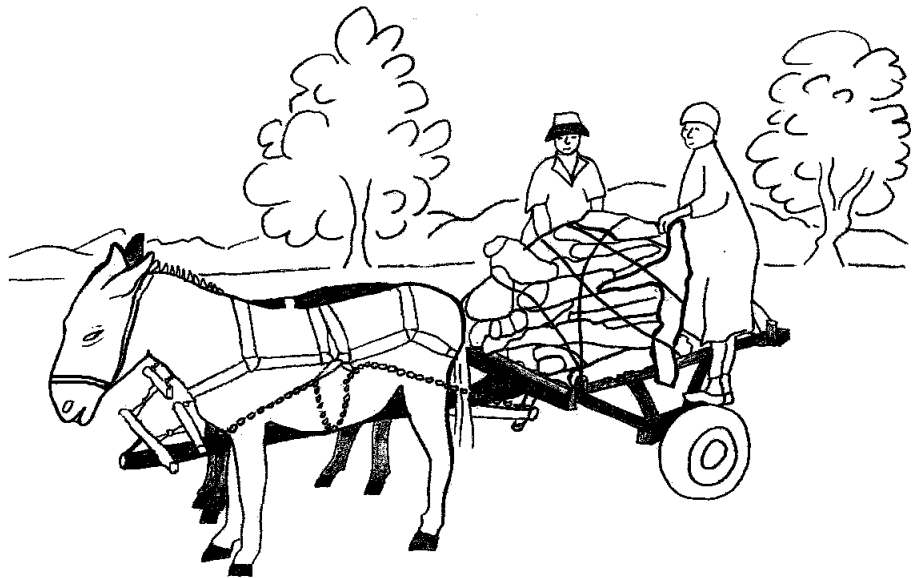


Carts and wagons

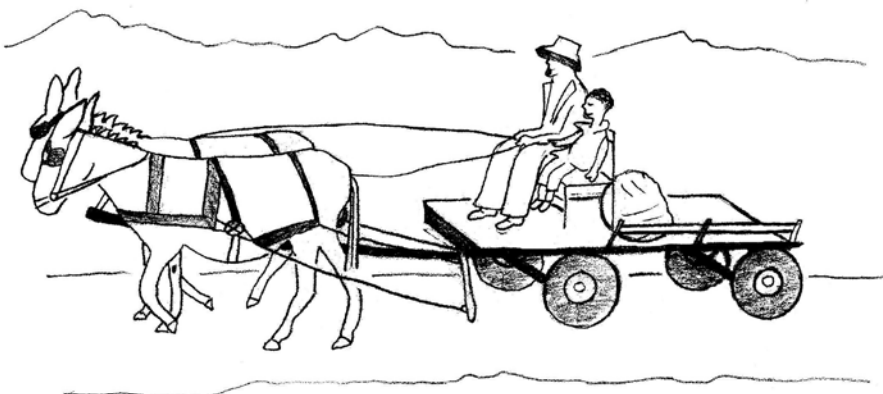
Donkeys are used to pull carts and wagons. Carts are two-wheeled vehicles and wagons are four-wheeled vehicles. In South Africa the most common donkey cart is pulled by two donkeys working side-by-side.

With only two wheels for balancing, the weight of the cart can be pushed forward on to the donkeys, usually on to their necks. This is very painful for them. It is very important that the donkeys are properly harnessed, as shown in the picture on the right.



The kind of cart you can see in the picture on the left is light and uses only one donkey to pull it. It is not seen much in South Africa. This type of single donkey cart is easier for donkeys to pull because the weight of the load is on the donkey's back and not on its neck.

Wagons can be much heavier than carts and need more donkeys to pull them. The best way of doing this is by using pairs of donkeys, one pair in front and the other behind them.



Carts and wagons are often used to transport people, but are mostly used to carry water, wood, maize, building materials and groceries.