

# Package ‘cowsay’

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**Title** Messages, Warnings, Strings with Ascii Animals

**Description** Allows printing of character strings as messages/warnings/etc.  
with ASCII animals, including cats, cows, frogs, chickens, ghosts,  
and more.

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animals	<i>Animals</i>
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### Description

Named vector of animals

### Usage

```
animals
```

### Format

An object of class character of length 49.

### Details

animals is a named character vector of animals, with each element a character string of variable length specifying an ASCII animal. Note that some have unicode characters that won't play well on some operating systems.

### Examples

```
animals['cow']
animals['clippy']
animals[['clippy']]
```

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endless_horse	<i>Endless horse</i>
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### Description

Each time you press enter, the horse keeps going...and going...

### Usage

```
endless_horse(
  what = "Hello world!",
  endless = TRUE,
  wait = 0.5,
  what_color = NULL,
  horse_color = NULL
)
```

### Arguments

what	(character) What do you want to say? See details.
endless	(logical) Should horse be enless, you better say yes. Default: TRUE
wait	How long to wait between leg segments (time grows geometrically after the first iteration in order to keep the horse on screen for a while, but it <b>will</b> keep going forever. Or until you hit escape/Ctrl-C depending on your platform).
what_color	(character or crayon function) A <b>crayon</b> -suported text color or <b>crayon style function</b> to color what. You might try colors() or ?rgb for ideas.
horse_color	(character or crayon function) A <b>crayon</b> -suported text color or <b>crayon style function</b> to color your steed.

### Examples

```
## Not run:
endless_horse()
endless_horse(endless = FALSE)

## End(Not run)
```

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say	<i>Sling messages and warnings with flair</i>
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### Description

Sling messages and warnings with flair

**Usage**

```
say(
  what = "Hello world!",
  by = "cat",
  type = NULL,
  what_color = NULL,
  by_color = NULL,
  length = 18,
  fortune = NULL,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

what	(character) What do you want to say? See Details.
by	(character) Type of thing, one of cow, chicken, chuck, clippy, poop, bigcat, ant, pumpkin, ghost, spider, rabbit, pig, snowman, frog, hypnotoad, shortcat, longcat, fish, signbunny, facecat, behindcat, stretchycat, anxiouscat, longtailcat, cat, trilobite, shark, buffalo, grumpycat, smallcat, yoda, mushroom, endlesshorse, bat, bat2, turkey, monkey, daemon, egret, duckling, duck, owl, squirrel, squirrel2, goldfish, alligator, stegosaurus, whale, wolf, or rms for Richard Stallman. Alternatively, use "random" to have your message spoken by a random character. We use <code>match.arg()</code> internally, so you can use unique parts of words that don't conflict with others, like "g" for "ghost" because there's no other animal that starts with "g".
type	(character) One of message (default), warning, print (default in non-interactive mode), or string (returns string). If multiple colors are supplied to <code>what_color</code> or <code>by_color</code> , <code>type</code> cannot be warning. (This is a limitation of the <code>multicolor</code> package :/.) If run in non-interactive mode default type is print, so that output goes to stdout rather than stderr, where messages and warnings go.
what_color	(character or crayon function) One or more <code>crayon</code> -suported text color(s) or <code>crayon style function</code> to color what. You might try <code>colors()</code> or <code>?rgb</code> for ideas. Use "rainbow" for <code>c("red", "orange", "yellow", "green", "blue", "purple")</code> .
by_color	(character or crayon function) One or more <code>crayon</code> -suported text color(s) or <code>crayon style function</code> to color who. Use "rainbow" for <code>c("red", "orange", "yellow", "green", "blue", "purple")</code>
length	(integer) Length of longcat. Ignored if other animals used.
fortune	An integer specifying the row number of <code>fortunes.data</code> . Alternatively which can be a character and <code>grep</code> is used to try to find a suitable row.
...	Further args passed on to <code>fortunes::fortune()</code>

**what**

You can put in any phrase you like to the `what` parameter, OR you can type in one of a few special phrases that do particular things. They are:

- "catfact": A random cat fact from <https://catfact.ninja>

- "fortune": A random quote from an R coder, from fortunes library
- "time": Print the current time
- "rms": Prints a random 'fact' about Richard Stallman from the `rmsfact::rmsfact()` package. Best paired with `by = "rms"`.
- The fillerama API was an option ("arresteddevelopment", "doctorwho", "dexter", "futurama", "holygrail", "simpsons", "starwars", "loremipsum"), a text generator with quotes from shows and movies. However, the API is currently down so you cannot use this option anymore.

## by

Note that if you choose `by='hypnotoad'` the quote is forced to be, as you could imagine, 'All Glory to the HYPNO TOAD!'. For reference see <http://knowyourmeme.com/memes/hypnotoad>

signbunny: It's not for sure known who invented signbunny, but this article <http://www.vox.com/2014/9/18/6331753/sign-bunny-meme-explained> thinks they found the first use in this tweet: [https://twitter.com/wei\\_bluebear/status/32910164578077](https://twitter.com/wei_bluebear/status/32910164578077)

trilobite: from <http://www.retrojunkie.com/asciiart/animals/dinos.htm> (site down though)

Note to Windows users: there are some animals (shortcat, longcat, fish, signbunny, stretchycat, anxiouscat, longtailcat, grumpycat, mushroom) that are not available because they use non-ASCII characters that don't display properly in R on Windows.

## Examples

```
say()
say("what")
say('time')

say("who you callin chicken", "chicken")
say("ain't that some shit", "poop")
say("icanhazpdf?", "cat")
say("boo!", "pumpkin")
say("hot diggity", "frog")
say("fortune", "spider")
say("fortune", "facecat")
say("fortune", "behindcat")
say("fortune", "smallcat")
say("fortune", "monkey")
say("fortune", "egret")
say("rms", "rms")

# Vary type of output, default calls message()
say("hell no!")
say("hell no!", type="warning")
say("hell no!", type="string")

# Using fortunes
say(what="fortune")
## you don't have to pass anything to the `what` parameter if `fortune` is
## not null
say(fortune=10)
say(fortune=100)
```

```
say(fortune='whatever')
say(fortune=7)
say(fortune=45)

# Using catfacts
# say("catfact", "cat")

# The hypnotoad
say(by="hypnotoad")

# Trilobite
say(by='trilobite')

# Shark
say('Q: What do you call a solitary shark\nA: A lone shark', by='shark')

# Buffalo
say('Q: What do you call a single buffalo?\nA: A buffalonly', by='buffalo')

# Clippy
say(fortune=59, by="clippy")
```

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