



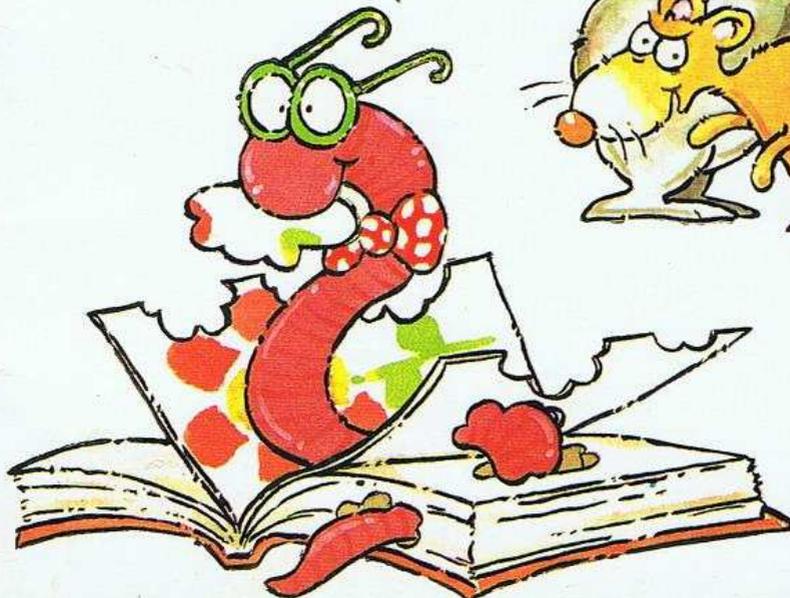
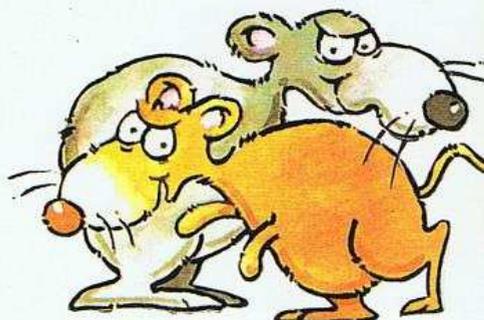
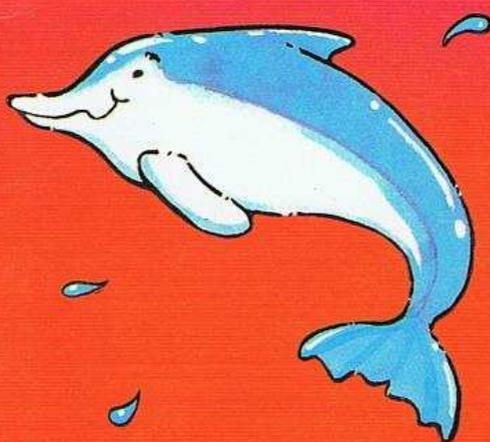
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Note
to Parents



This book is compiled by an experienced Primary School teacher and covers a part of the National Curriculum English work your child will be doing at school.

Make sure your child understands each page before he or she begins the exercise. Extra paper and pens are useful. Encourage your child to answer each question using a complete sentence. Ask extra questions about each passage.



Don't do too much at a time and try to ensure that your child has a feeling of **SUCCESS!**

(Answers at the back of the book.)



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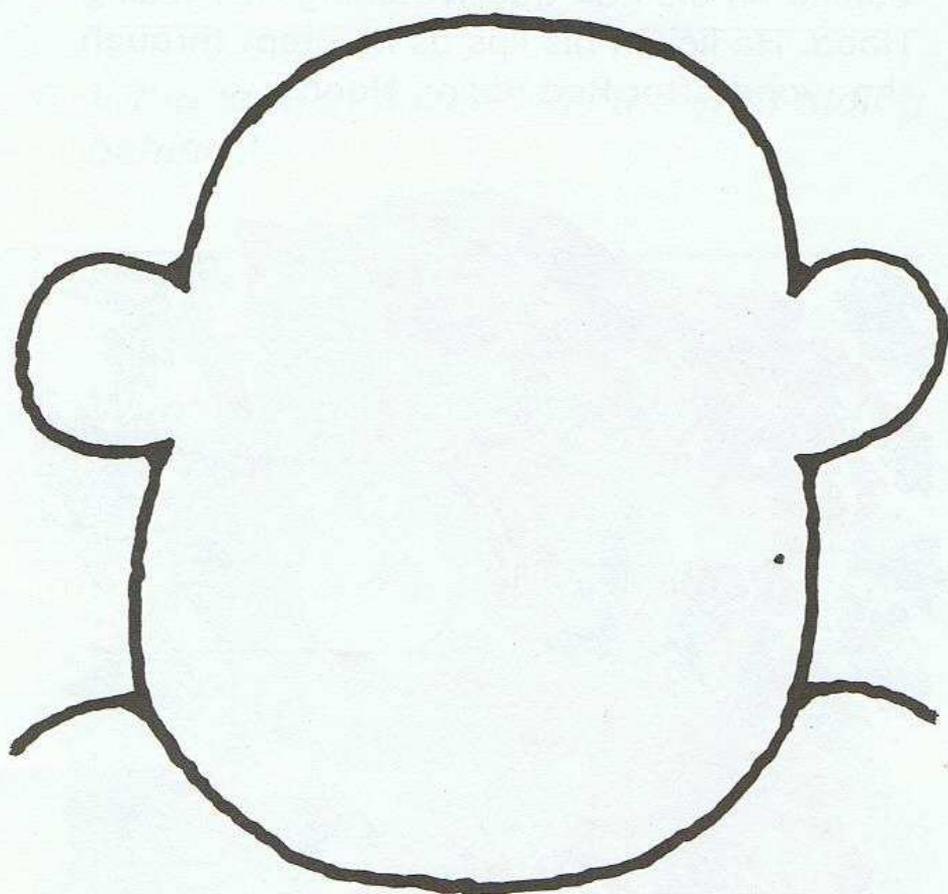
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Read the description then complete the picture.

WANTED FOR ROBBERY

The robber had a long, black bushy beard and a small moustache. He wore an earring in one ear and a red spotted scarf round his neck. A green cap covered his eyes and his large nose had a spot in the middle. When he smiled two of his teeth were missing from the top. Long black curly hair and a scar on his cheek made Fearsome Fred a frightening sight.

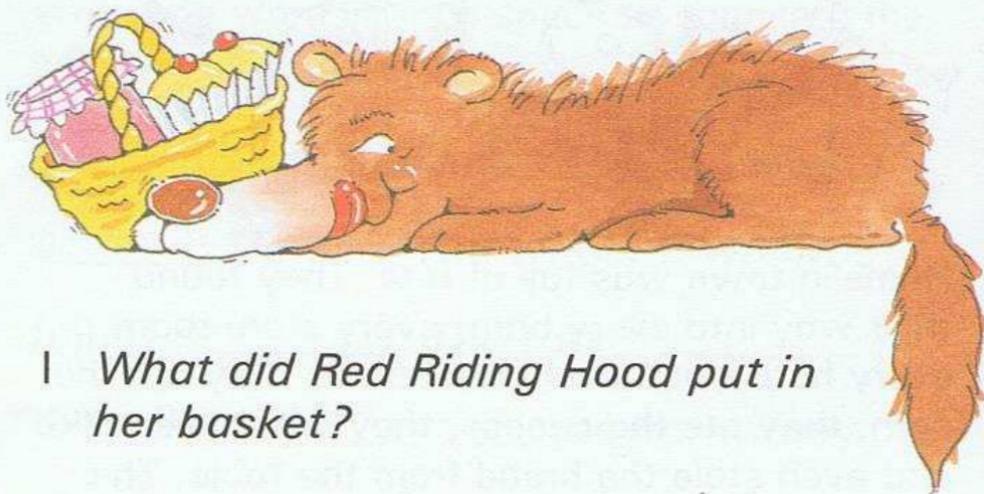


Red Riding Hood

At the edge of a dark wood in a little cottage, lived a wood cutter, his wife and their daughter, Red Riding Hood. One morning, Red Riding Hood decided to visit her grandmother who lived on the other side of the wood. Packing her basket with cakes and a jar of jam, Red Riding Hood set off to walk through the wood. "Don't talk to anyone on the way," shouted her father. "And be home by six o'clock," he added.

The birds were singing and rabbits hopped between the trees as Red Riding Hood skipped along the path to her grandmother's house. However, a hungry, wicked wolf was hiding behind an old oak tree watching Red Riding Hood. He licked his lips as he crept through the wood after Red Riding Hood.





1 *What did Red Riding Hood put in her basket?*

2 *Red Riding Hood's father told her*

" _____

_____ "

3 *Write another word that means the same as "wicked".*

4 *What kind of a tree was the wolf hiding behind?*

5 *What did the wolf do as he crept after Red Riding Hood?*

6 *Finish the story.*

The Pied Piper

Hamelin town was full of rats. They found their way into every barn, every store-room, every house and every cupboard. They ate the corn, they ate the cheese, they drank the milk and even stole the bread from the table. The people were very cross. The Mayor was very worried. What could be done? Who would help them?

Then, one day, when everyone had almost given up hope, a strange person came to see the Mayor.

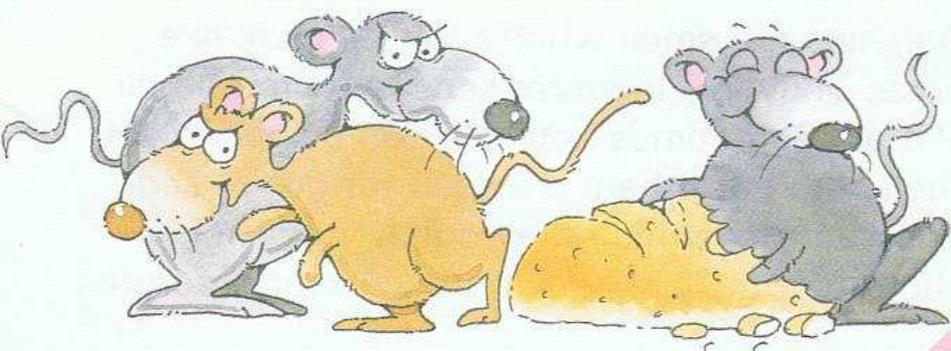
The stranger was tall and thin with a mocking smile and sharp bright eyes. He wore a long coat down to his boots. It was a very odd coat because one half of it was yellow and the other half red. There were bells on the end of his cap and in his hand was a long thin pipe with strange markings drawn on it.



Write one word in each space to complete the passage.

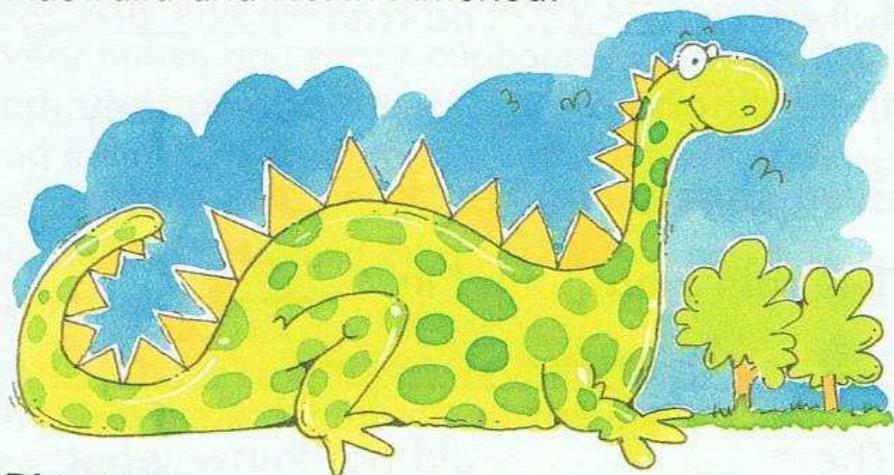
The people of ⁽¹⁾ _____ were ⁽²⁾ _____ cross. The whole town was full of ⁽³⁾ _____. The rats ⁽⁴⁾ _____ the milk and ⁽⁵⁾ _____ the corn, they even stole bread ⁽⁶⁾ _____ the table. The rats were found in ⁽⁷⁾ _____ ⁽⁸⁾ _____ and _____. The ⁽⁹⁾ _____ did not know what to do.

But a ⁽¹⁰⁾ _____ came to town. He ⁽¹¹⁾ _____ to visit the Mayor. The stranger ⁽¹²⁾ _____ an odd coat. One ⁽¹³⁾ _____ was yellow and the other half ⁽¹⁴⁾ _____. His eyes were ⁽¹⁵⁾ _____ and bright and on his ⁽¹⁶⁾ _____ was a cap ⁽¹⁷⁾ _____ bells on the end. The stranger ⁽¹⁸⁾ _____ a pipe in ⁽¹⁹⁾ _____ hand which had ⁽²⁰⁾ _____ markings drawn on it.



Desert

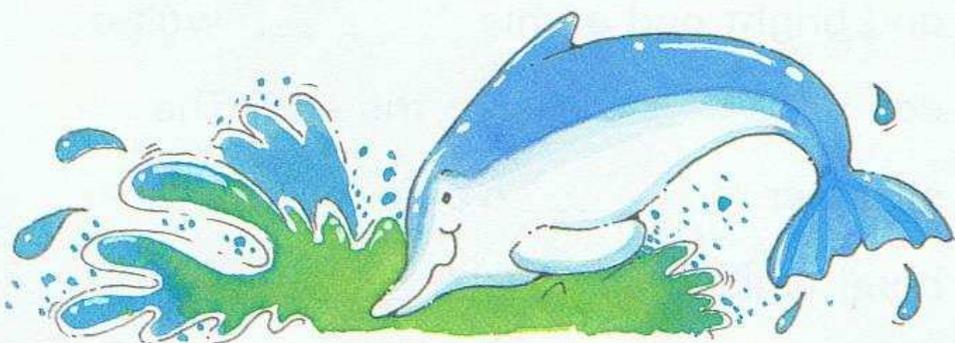
A desert is a hot place where very little rain falls. Only animals and plants that do not need much water can live there. Deserts are usually rocky or sandy. They can be very cold at night. There are large hot deserts in Africa, Australia and North America.



Dinosaur

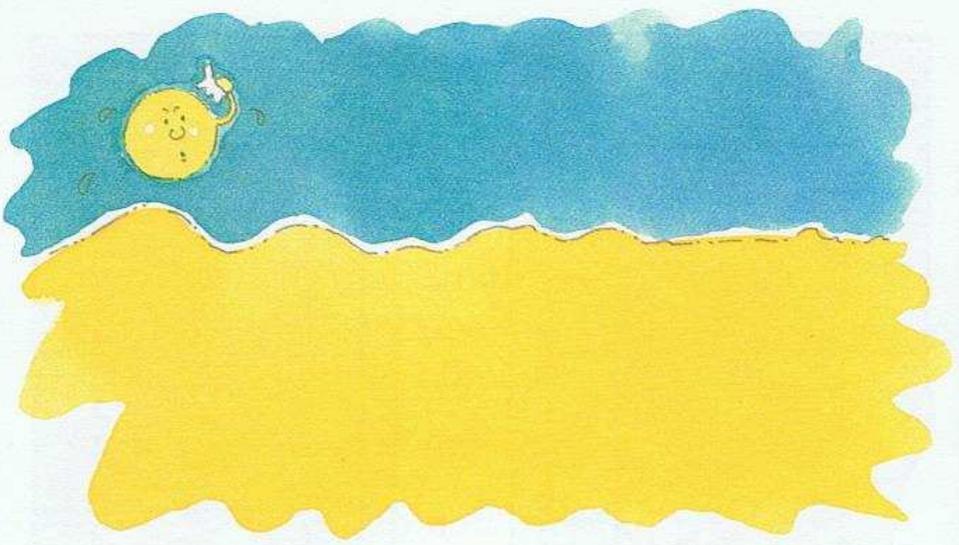
The name dinosaur means "terrible lizard". Dinosaurs were reptiles and lived on Earth millions of years ago. We know about dinosaurs from fossils.

All dinosaurs were cold-blooded and laid eggs. Some dinosaurs were huge and others very small. The plant-eating dinosaurs walked slowly on all four legs. Some were covered in sharp spikes and horny plates to protect them from the meat-eating dinosaurs such as Tyrannosaurus rex, which had sharp teeth.



Dolphin

Dolphins are small whales with a beak-like nose. They live in warm seas and breathe air like us. Sometimes dolphins can be seen near the shore but others are seen far out at sea. They eat fish which they catch with their sharp teeth. Dolphins are very clever creatures.



1 *What creatures do we know about from fossils?*

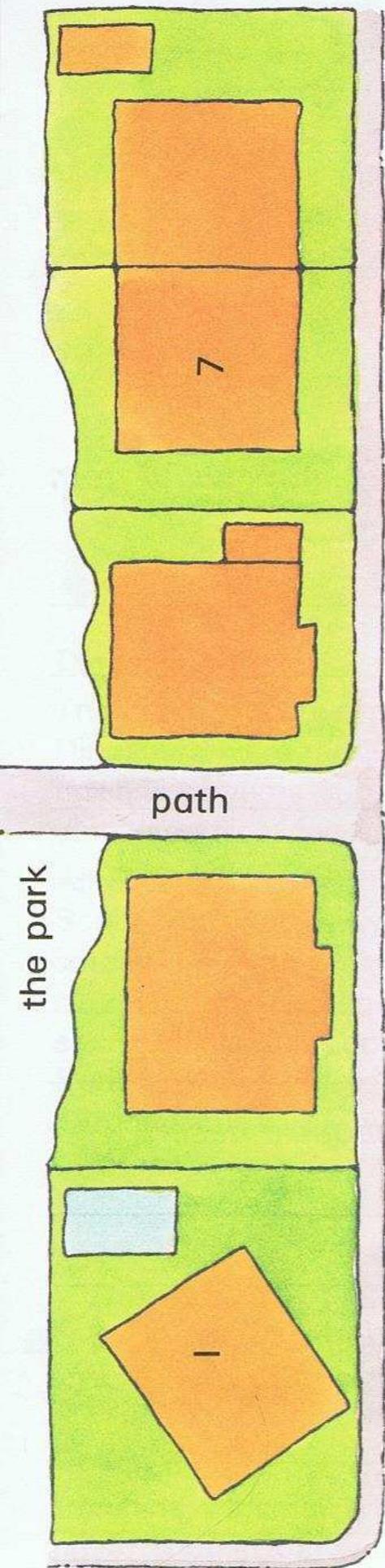
2 *Name a meat-eating dinosaur.*

3 *How are dolphins like us?*

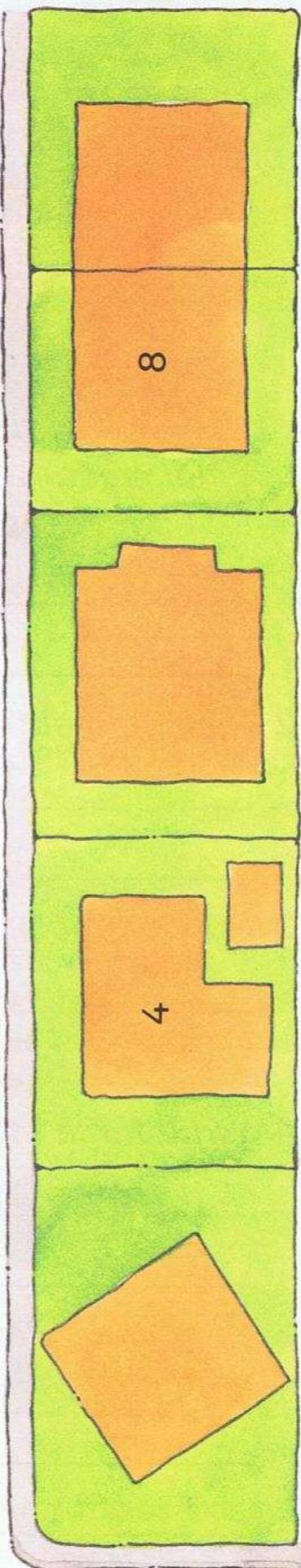
4 *Write three things about a desert.*

5 *How were plant-eating dinosaurs protected from meat-eating dinosaurs?*

6 *What do dolphins eat?*



Albert Street



A detached house



Two semi-detached houses

Look at the plan of Albert Street.

- 1 Fill in the rest of the house numbers.
- 2 Mr Smith lives in a corner house. It has a large garden. Mrs Smith likes gardening. She has a greenhouse in her garden. Their house has an odd number.

Mr and Mrs Smith live at number _____

- 3 Mr and Mrs Green and their four children live next to the path which leads to the park. Their children like football and they are always breaking the greenhouse windows next door.

Mr and Mrs Green live at number _____

- 4 An old lady, Mrs White, lives in a detached corner house. Next door to her is an empty house which has a shed in the garden.

Mrs White lives at number _____

The empty house is number _____

- 5 Miss Brown lives in a semi-detached house with an odd number. She likes to look at the ducks in the park through a hole in her back fence. Miss Brown has a shed in her garden. Next door to her lives Mr Red.

Miss Brown lives at number _____

Mr Red lives at number _____

- 6 Mr Potts lives at number 5 and opposite him lives the fireman, Mr Blaze.

Mr Blaze lives at number _____

- 7 Doctor Kent doesn't worry about his house catching fire. He lives next door to a fireman.

Doctor Kent lives at number _____

- 8 The teacher, Mrs Chalk, lives in the only house left.

What number is it? _____

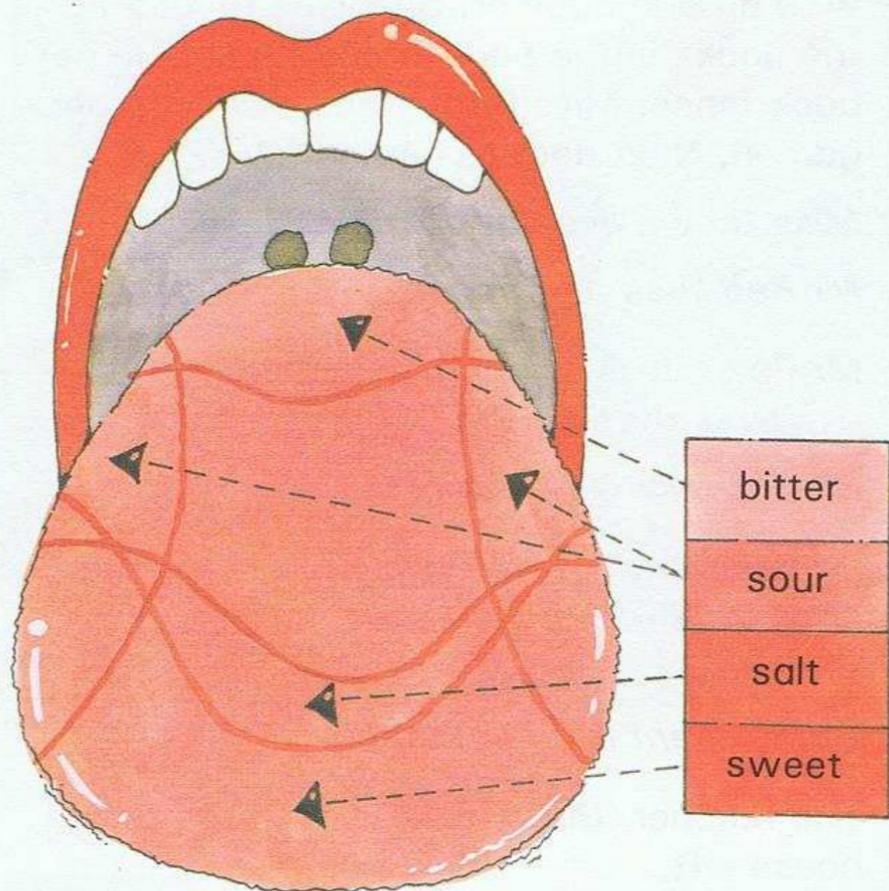
The Senses

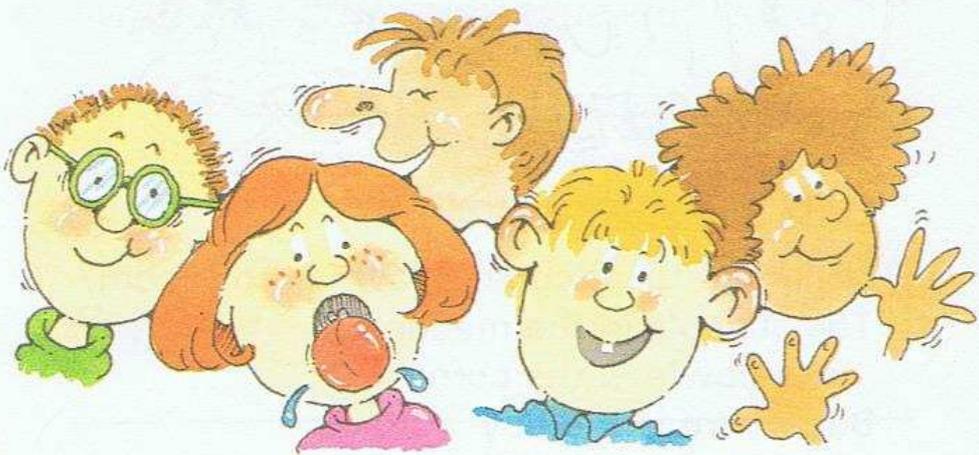
Taste is one of five senses which help you to know what is happening in the world around you.

The other senses are sight, hearing, smell and touch.

You use your tongue to taste the food you eat. There are small taste buds in your tongue that tell you if something is sweet, sour, salty or bitter. There are about 10,000 taste buds in your mouth.

Your taste buds for sweet things are at the tip of your tongue. Just behind them are the taste buds for salt. The back of your tongue tastes bitter things and the sides of the tongue taste sour things.





1 *How do the five senses help you?*

2 *What part of the tongue tastes bitter things?*

3 *About how many taste buds do you have?*

4 *Where on your tongue would you taste chocolate?*

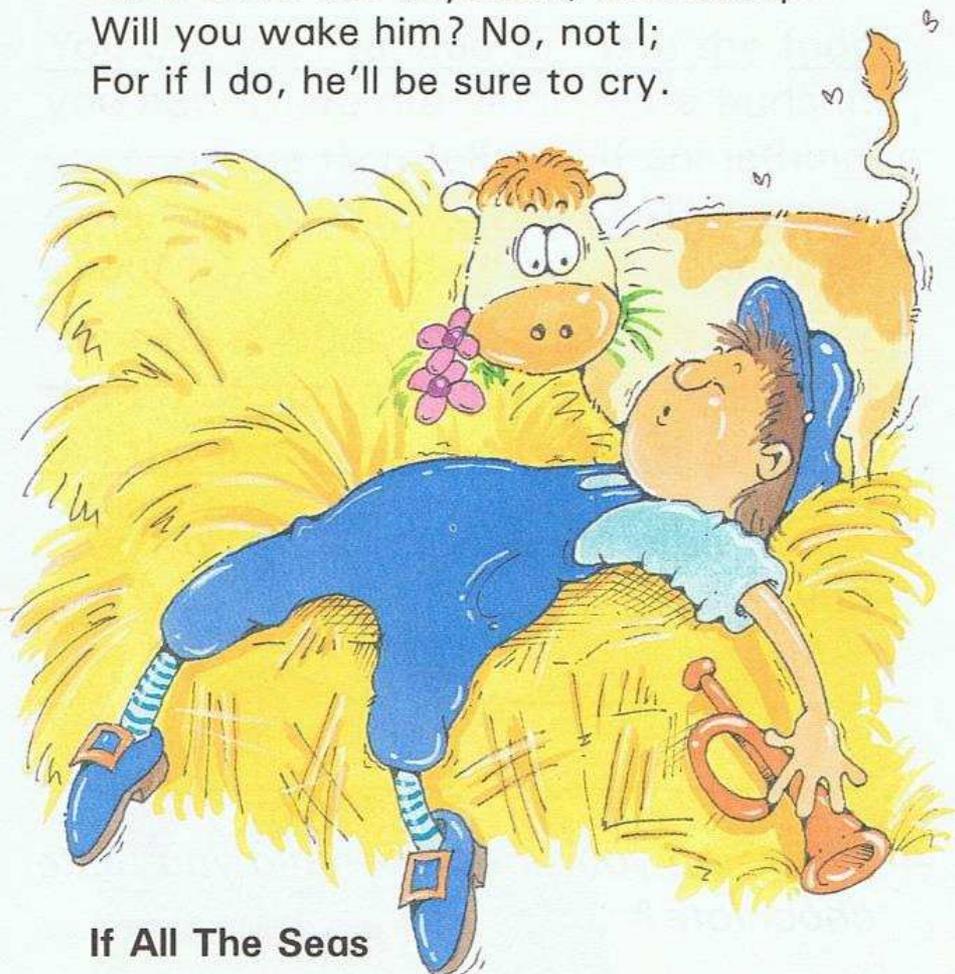
5 *Put a cross on the diagram where you would taste a lemon.*

6 *What is tasted just behind the taste buds for sweet things?*

Rhymes

Little Boy Blue

Little Boy Blue, come, blow up your horn,
The sheep's in the meadow,
the cow's in the corn;
But where is the boy
that looks after the sheep?
He is under the haystack, fast asleep.
Will you wake him? No, not I;
For if I do, he'll be sure to cry.



If All The Seas

If all the seas were one sea,
What a great sea that would be!
If all the trees were one tree,
What a great tree that would be!
And if all the axes were one axe,
What a great axe that would be!
And if all the men were one man,
What a great man that would be!
And if the great man took the great axe
And cut down the great tree,
And let it fall into the great sea,
What a splish-splash that would be!

1 *What had Little Boy Blue not done?*

2 *What would happen if you woke Little Boy Blue?*

3 *"If all the seas were one sea".
Which words in the poem rhyme with "sea"?*

4 *What does "splish-splash" mean?*

5 *How can "Little Boy Blue" stop the cow going into the corn?*

6 *What might the great man do with the great axe?*



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PAPERGIRL HELPS CATCH ROBBERS

Two masked men, running from Parkingtown Post Office were spotted by Anne Brown, aged 12, on her daily paper round.

She noted their car number and gave the police a description.

At Parkingtown Court yesterday the two men were sent to prison for three years. The judge praised Anne for her quick thinking and gave her a reward of £10.

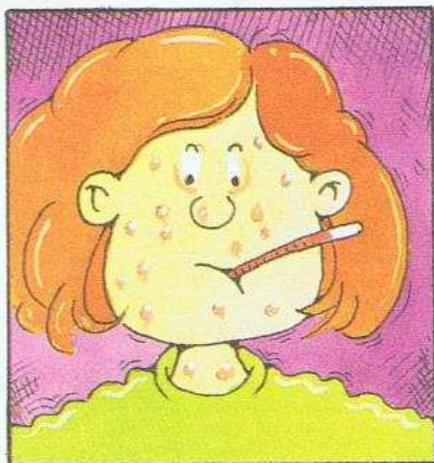


FIREMEN FIGHT SHED BLAZE

Firemen from Parkingtown fire station were called to a fire in Mr Sharp's garden shed. Mr Sharp, of 12 Victoria Road, had been storing jumble for the P.D.S.A. in his shed. Firemen quickly put out the fire and no one was injured.

DOCTORS KEPT BUSY

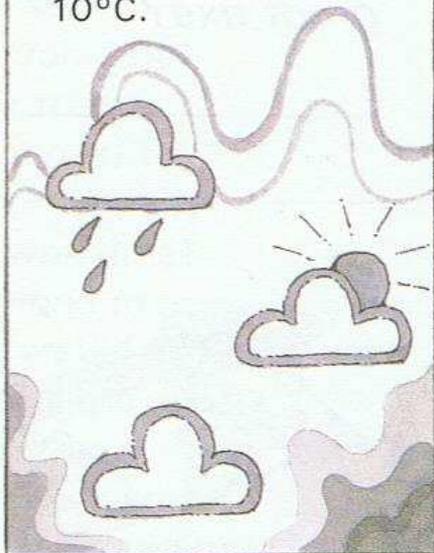
Chicken pox is keeping Parkingtown's doctors busy. Thirty children have caught chicken pox since Christmas Day and the local school is likely to be empty when term begins on 6th January.



Weather Scene

TODAY: Dry, but cold.
Light wind, 7°C.

SUNDAY: Cloudy with
some rain but clearing
up by the afternoon.
10°C.



1 *Why was Anne Brown given £10?*

2 *Where does Mr Sharp live?*

3 *Why might the local school be empty on 6th January?*

4 *Write a word that means the same as "injured".*

5 *What will the weather be like on 5th January?*

6 *How much does the newspaper cost?*



On this page are three passages but the parts are in the wrong order. Put them in the right order.

Getting up

- A Then I get dressed and put my pyjamas away.
 - B First I have a wash and brush my teeth.
 - C Last of all I have my breakfast.
 - D Mum wakes me up at seven o'clock.
- _____



When it snowed

- A We fetched the shovels from the shed.
 - B Last winter the snow was very thick.
 - C Then we worked hard to clear all the snow from the path.
 - D Dad and I put our boots and coats on.
- _____

Emergency

- A She ran to her house to use the phone.
 - B Luckily no one was hurt and the fire was quickly put out.
 - C Susan saw smoke coming from the house next door.
 - D The fire brigade arrived in just four minutes.
- _____

ANSWERS

Page 3 1) Red Riding Hood put some cakes and a jar of jam in her basket. 2) "Don't talk to anyone on the way. And be home by six o'clock." 3) Evil. 4) The wolf was hiding behind an oak tree. 5) The wolf licked his lips as he crept after Red Riding Hood.

Page 5 1) Hamelin 2) very 3) rats 4) drank 5) ate 6) from 7 and 8) barns, store-rooms, houses, cupboards 9) Mayor or people 10) stranger 11) went 12) wore 13) half 14) red 15) sharp 16) head 17) with 18) held or had 19) his 20) strange

Page 7 1) We know about dinosaurs from fossils. 2) Tyrannosaurus rex was a meat-eating dinosaur. 3) Dolphins breathe air like us. 4) A desert is a hot place. There is very little rain. It can be rocky or sandy. 5) Plant-eating dinosaurs had sharp spikes and horny plates. 6) Dolphins eat fish.

Page 9 1) Houses 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9 across the road from 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10. 2) Mr and Mrs Smith live at number 1. 3) Mr and Mrs Green live at number 3. 4) Mrs White lives at number 2. The empty house is number 4. 5) Miss Brown lives at number 9. Mr Red lives at number 7. 6) Mr Blaze lives at number 6. 7) Doctor Kent lives at number 8. 8) Mrs Chalk lives at number 10.

Page 11 1) The five senses help you to know what is happening in the world around you. 2) The back of your tongue tastes bitter things. 3) You have about 10,000 taste buds. 4) You would taste chocolate on the tip of your tongue. 6) Salty things are tasted behind the taste buds for sweet things.

Page 13 1) Little Boy Blue had not blown his horn. 2) He would cry if you woke him. 3) be, tree 4) "Splish-splash" is the sound the sea makes when something falls into it. 5) Little Boy Blue can stop the cow going into the corn by blowing his horn. 6) The great man might chop down the great tree with the great axe.

Page 15 1) Anne Brown was given £10 for spotting the two robbers. 2) Mr Sharp lives at 12 Victoria Road. 3) The school might be empty because the children have chicken pox. 4) Hurt means the same as injured. 5) On 5th January it will be cloudy with some rain but clearing up by the afternoon. 6) The newspaper costs 25p.

Page 16 Getting up: D, B, A, C. When it snows: B, D, A, C. Emergency: C, A, D, B.

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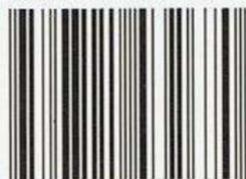
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