

**Family
and
Friends 2**

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Before you read, write the colours.



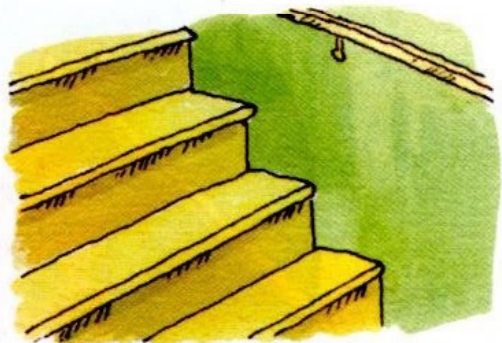
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2 _____ bath

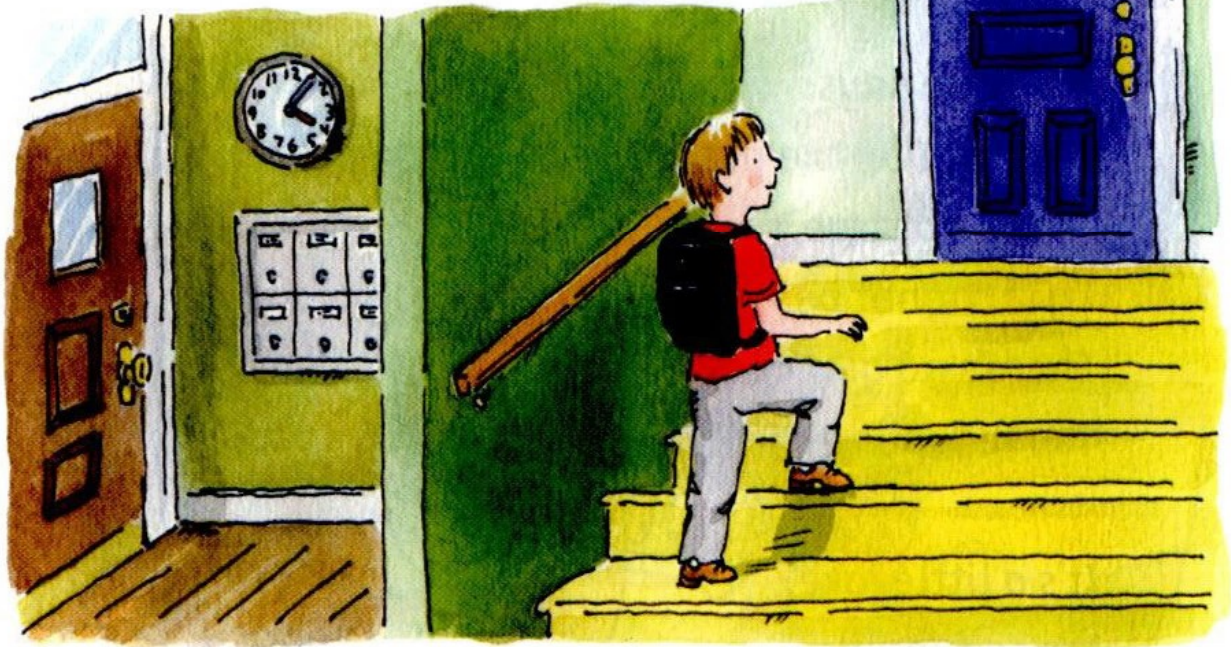


3 _____ boat



4 _____ stairs

GERRY comes home from school
At five past four.
Grandpa always waits
By the big blue door.



He says:
'Tell me what you have to say.
Tell me what is new today.'



door



grandpa



home



school



On Monday Gerry says:

'There's a giraffe

Having a bath

On the path.'

Grandpa says:

'A giraffe on the path?

That's not true,

That cannot be.

There's no giraffe,

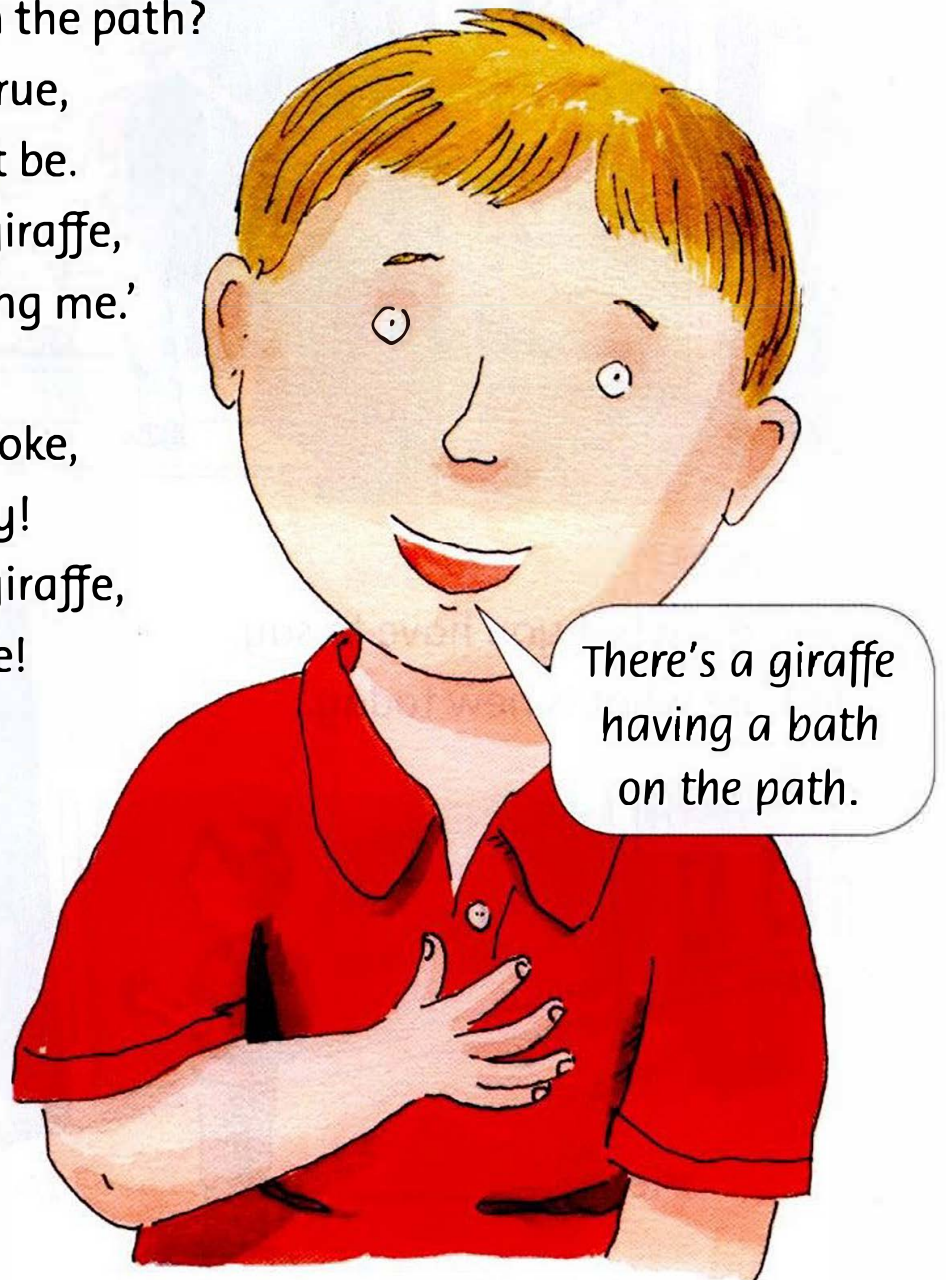
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It's a little joke,

It's so funny!

There's no giraffe,

Hee hee hee!



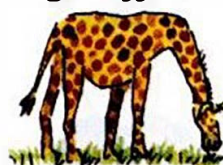
bath



funny

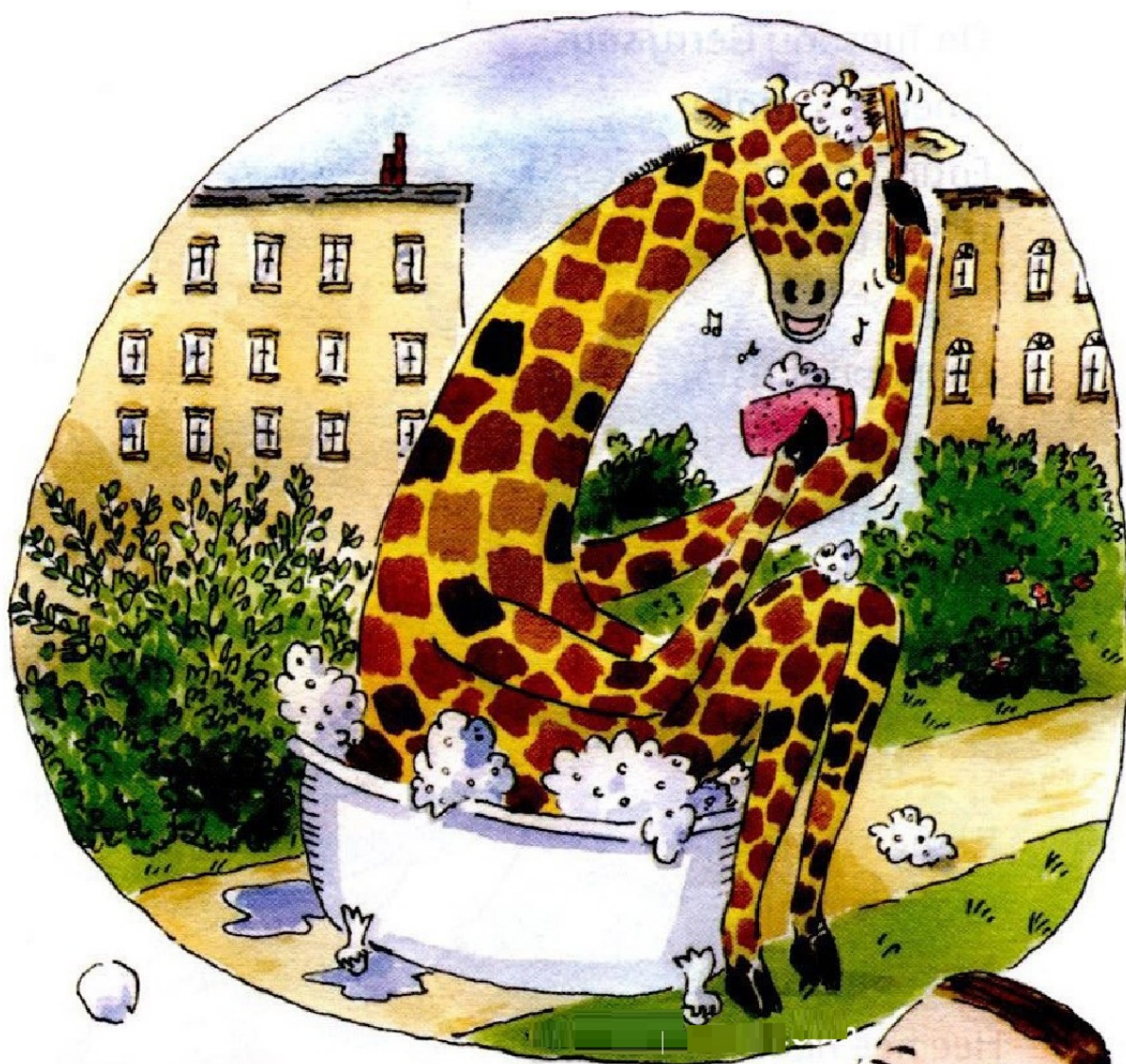


giraffe

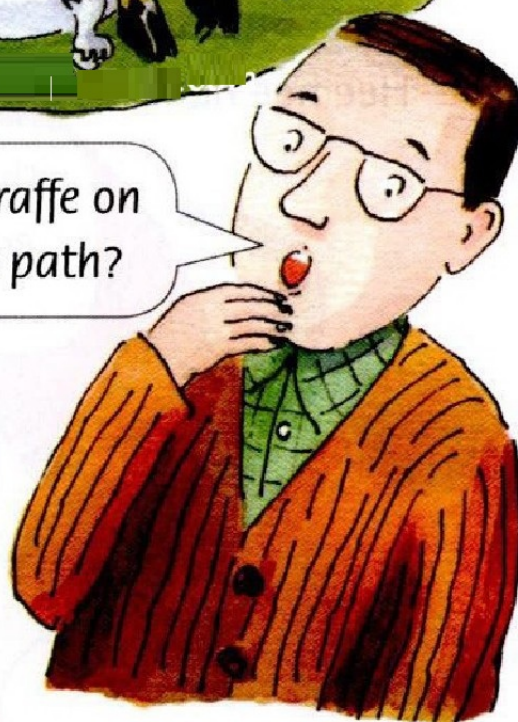


path





A giraffe on
the path?



On Tuesday Gerry says:

'There's a snake

Eating cake

In the lake.'

Grandpa says:

'A snake in the lake?

That's not true,

That cannot be.

There's no snake,

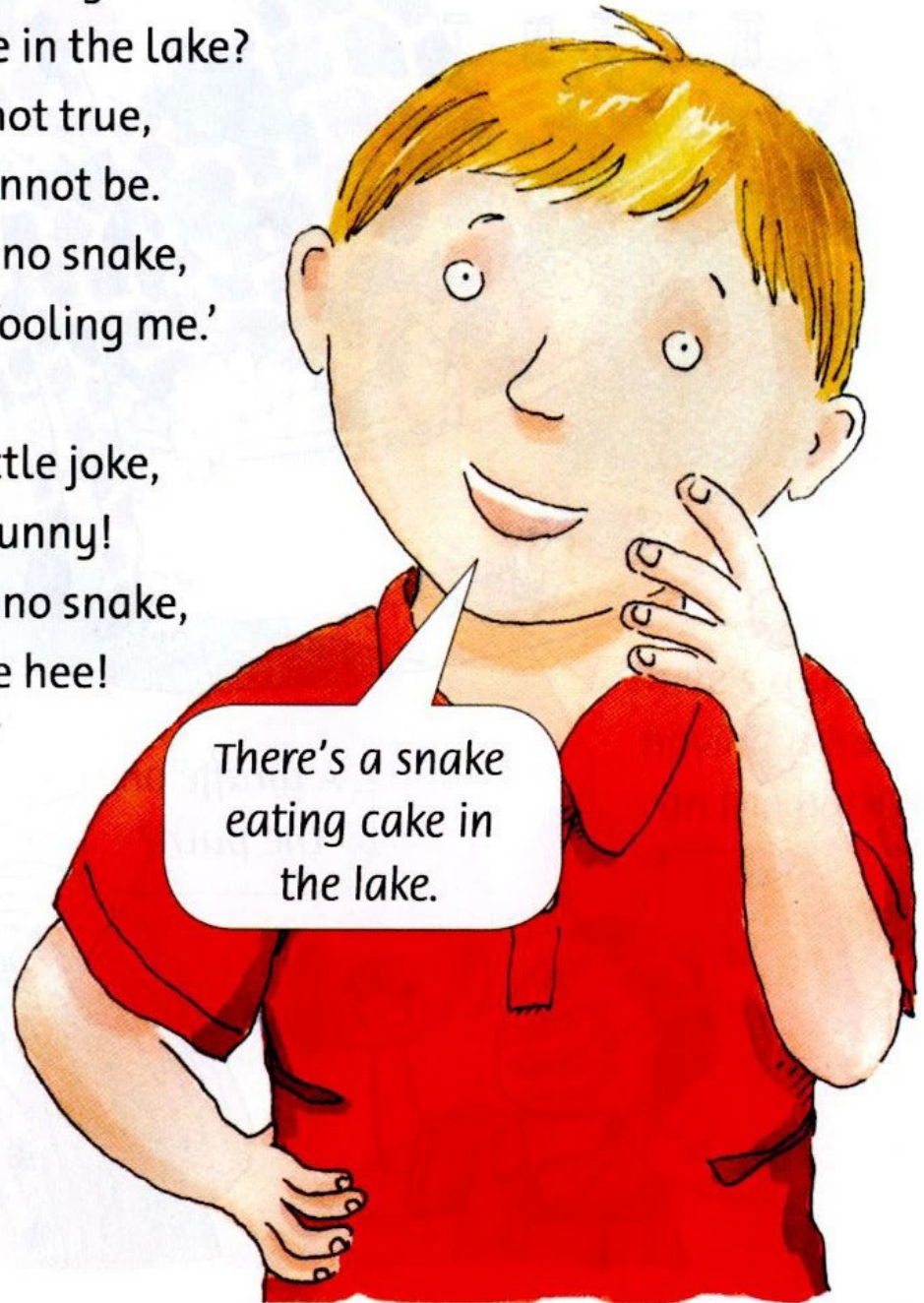
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There's no snake,

Hee hee hee!



cake



lake

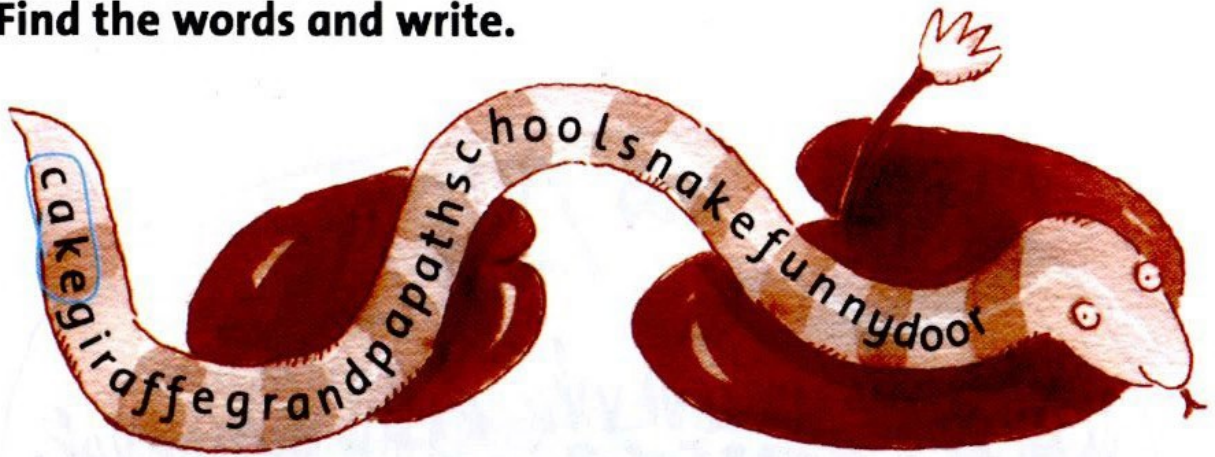


snake





Find the words and write.



a

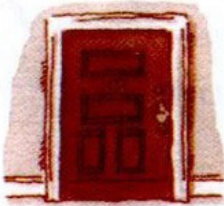


cake

b



c



d



e



f



g



h



Match the rhyming words.



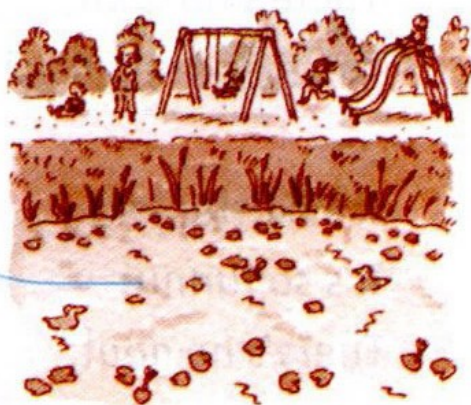
snake

4

four



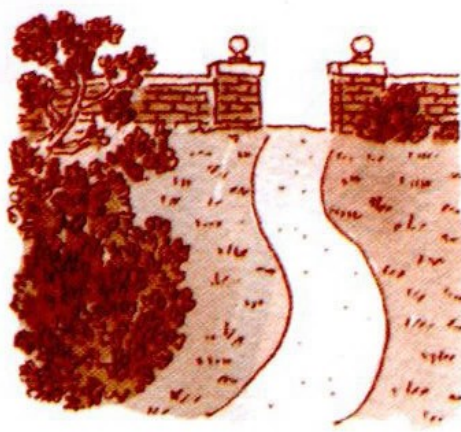
bath



lake



door



path

On Wednesday Gerry says:

'There's a goat

In a coat

In a boat!'

Grandpa says:

'A goat in a boat?

That's not true,

That cannot be.

There's no goat,

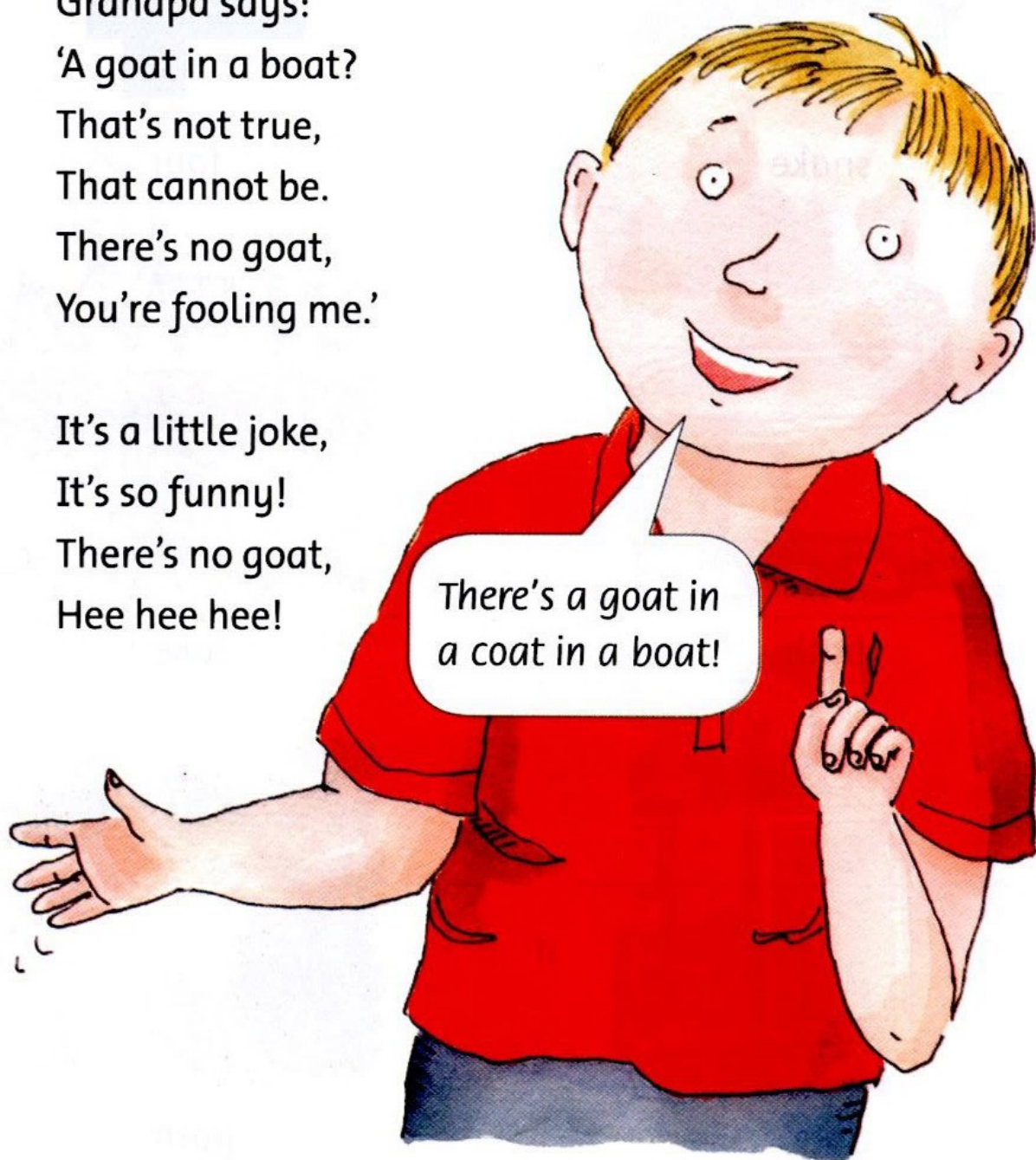
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boat

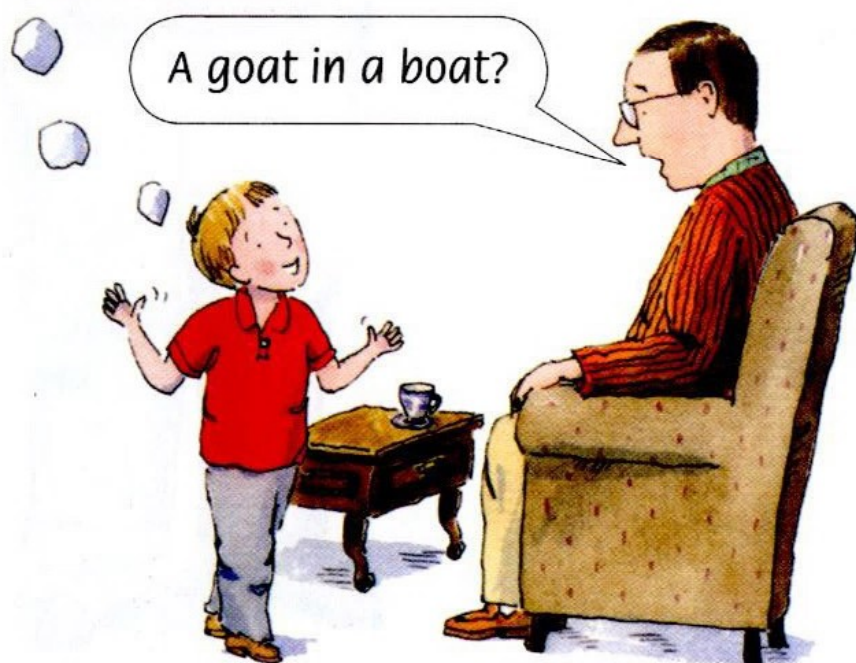


coat



goat





On Thursday Gerry says:

'There's a fox
Selling socks
On the rocks!'

Grandpa says:

'A fox on the rocks?
That's not true,
That cannot be.
There's no fox,
You're fooling me.'

It's a little joke,
It's so funny!
There's no fox,
Hee hee hee!



fox



rocks

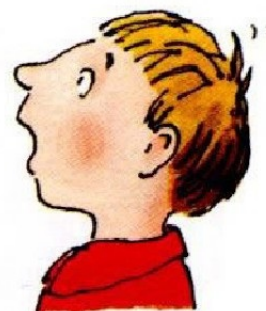


socks





A fox on the
rocks?



What's missing in the pictures? Write.

cake

~~socks~~

bath

coat

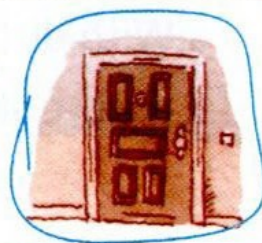


socks



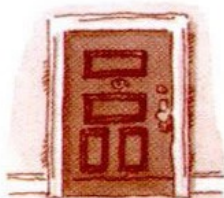
Circle the odd-one-out and write the words.

1



door

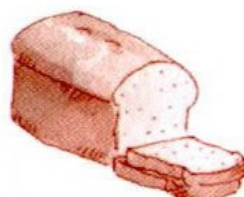
2



3



4



On Friday Gerry says:
'There's a bear
With dirty hair
On the stairs!'

Grandpa says:
'A bear on the stairs?
That's not true,
That cannot be.
There's no bear,
You're fooling me.'

Gerry says:
'No, listen to me!
I'm not fooling you.
There's a bear on the stairs,
It's true, it's true!'



bear



dirty

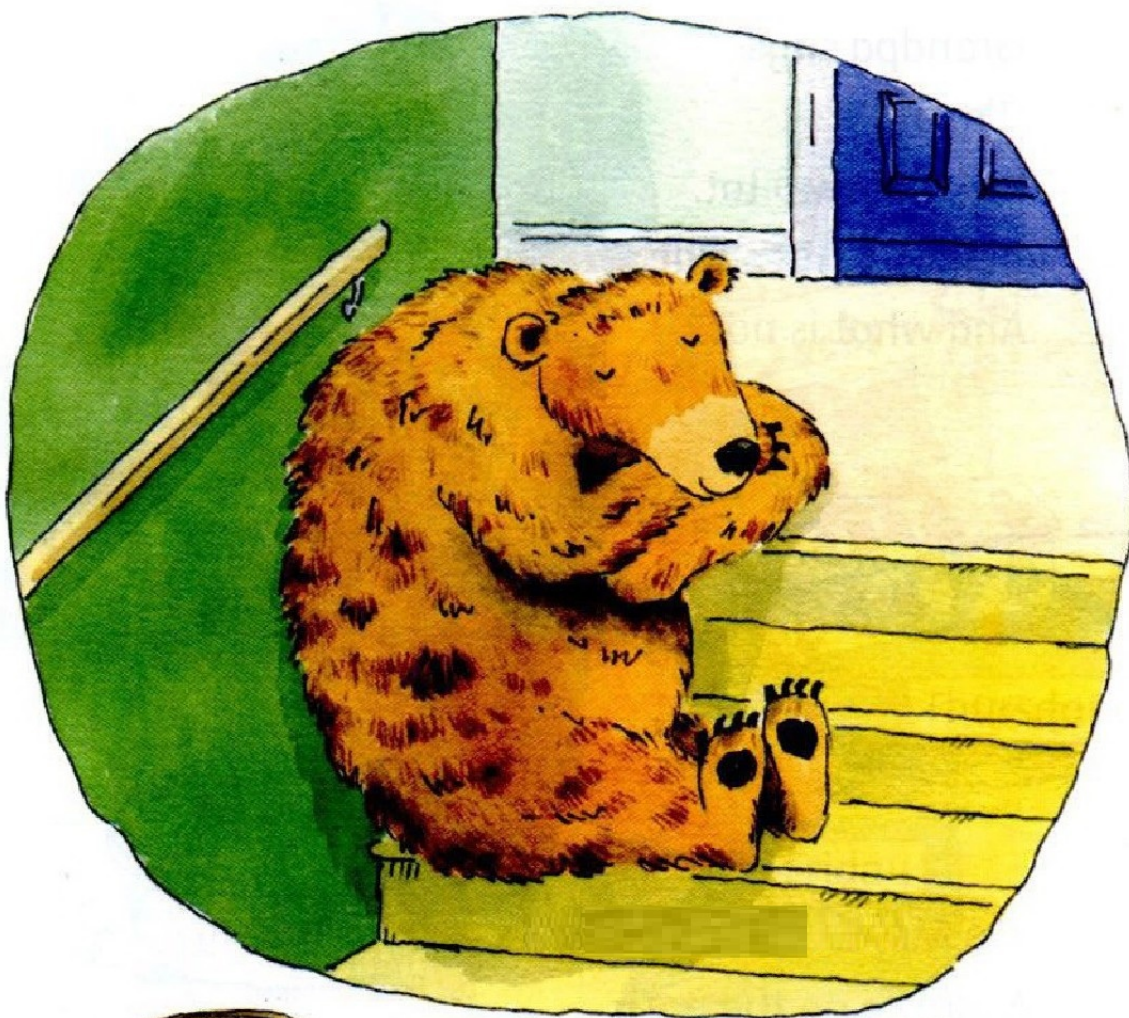


hair



stairs





Grandpa says:
'I'm old,
But I know a lot.
I know what's true
And what is not.'



'On Monday
A giraffe on the path.
On Tuesday
A snake in the lake.
On Wednesday
A goat in a boat.
On Thursday
A fox on the rocks.
And now, on Friday
A bear on the stairs.



Hee hee hee, you can't fool me.
That's what I call make believe.'



Gerry says:
 'I'm not fooling.
 Not this time.
 I'm scared of that bear
 And I'm really not lying.'

lie



make believe
 (not real)



scared



Write the days of the week.



1 Thursday



3



5



2



4

What colour are the things in the story?

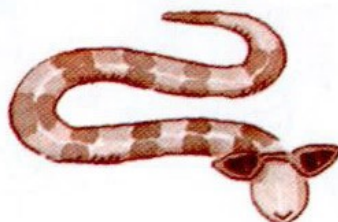
1 Gerry's T-shirt is red.



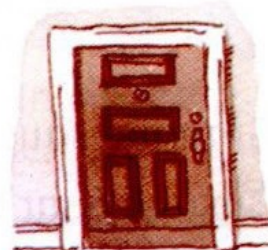
2 The bear is _____.



3 The snake is _____
and _____.



4 The door is _____.



5 The giraffe is _____
and _____.





Grandpa says:

'Do you hear that great big roar?

Is that Miss McKay from the second floor?'

Gerry says:

'No. That isn't a woman

Or even a man.

It's a bear on the stairs.

Let's get out if we can.'

floor



man



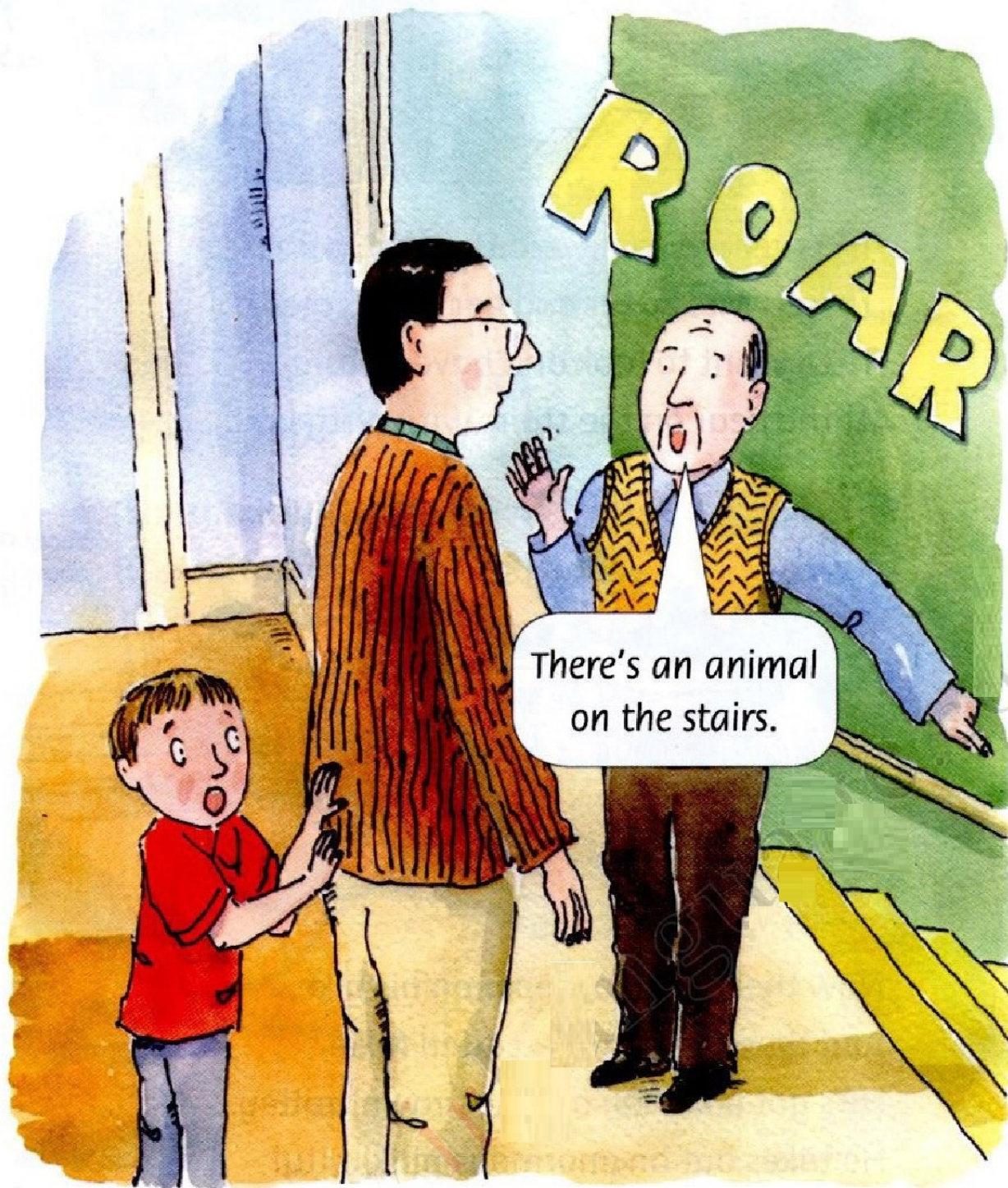
roar



woman



Then there's a knock on the door.
It's Mr Smith from the seventh floor:
'Pardon me, don't be upset.
There's an animal on the stairs – it isn't a pet.'



animal



knock



pet

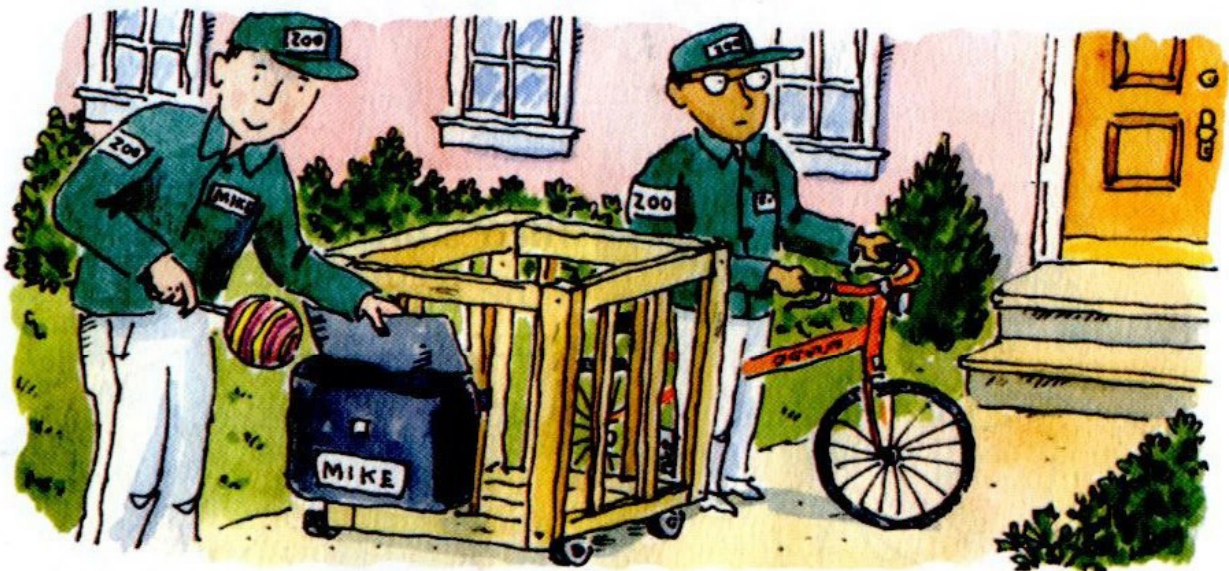


upset





The firemen come and then the police.
 There's Mrs Baker and her nosey niece.
 They want to look and have a stare
 At the bear on the stairs with dirty hair.



Now there's a zookeeper on his bike,
 And there's another – called Mike.
 He's got a bag on a large brown trolley.
 He takes out an enormous pink lolly!

lolly



nosey



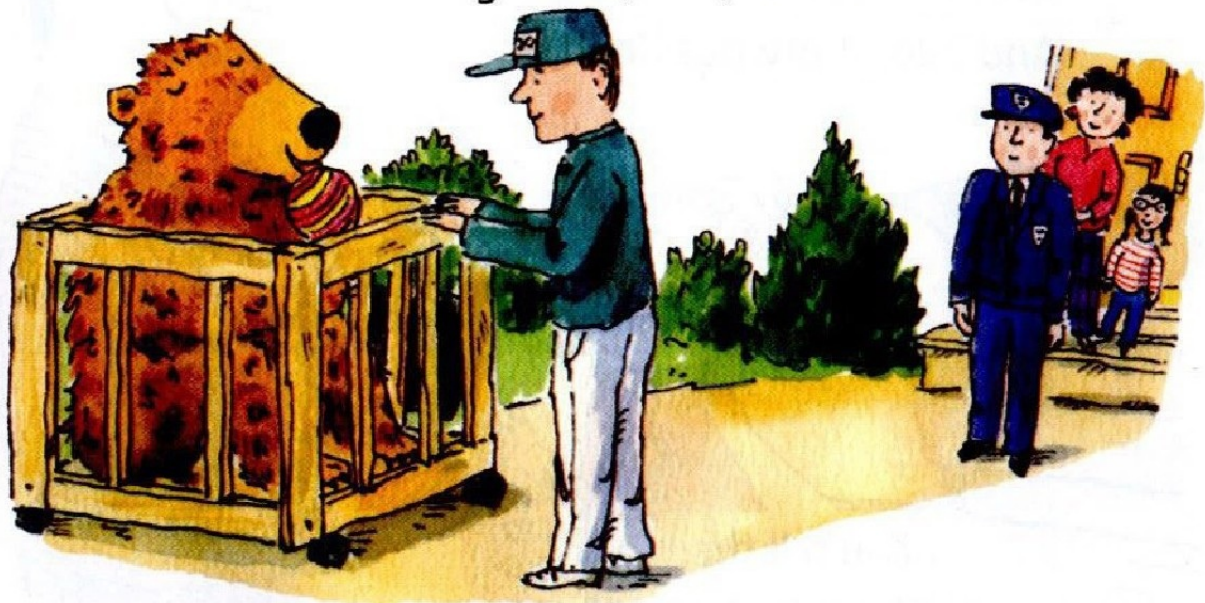
trolley



zookeeper



The bear on the stairs sees the sweet,
 And in one second she's on her feet.
 She jumps into the trolley – weeee!
 And eats the lolly – one, two, three!



'Sorry, sorry,' the zookeepers say.
 'It's bath time at the zoo today.
 This bear sees soap and she runs away,
 But come and visit another day.'



feet



soap



sweet

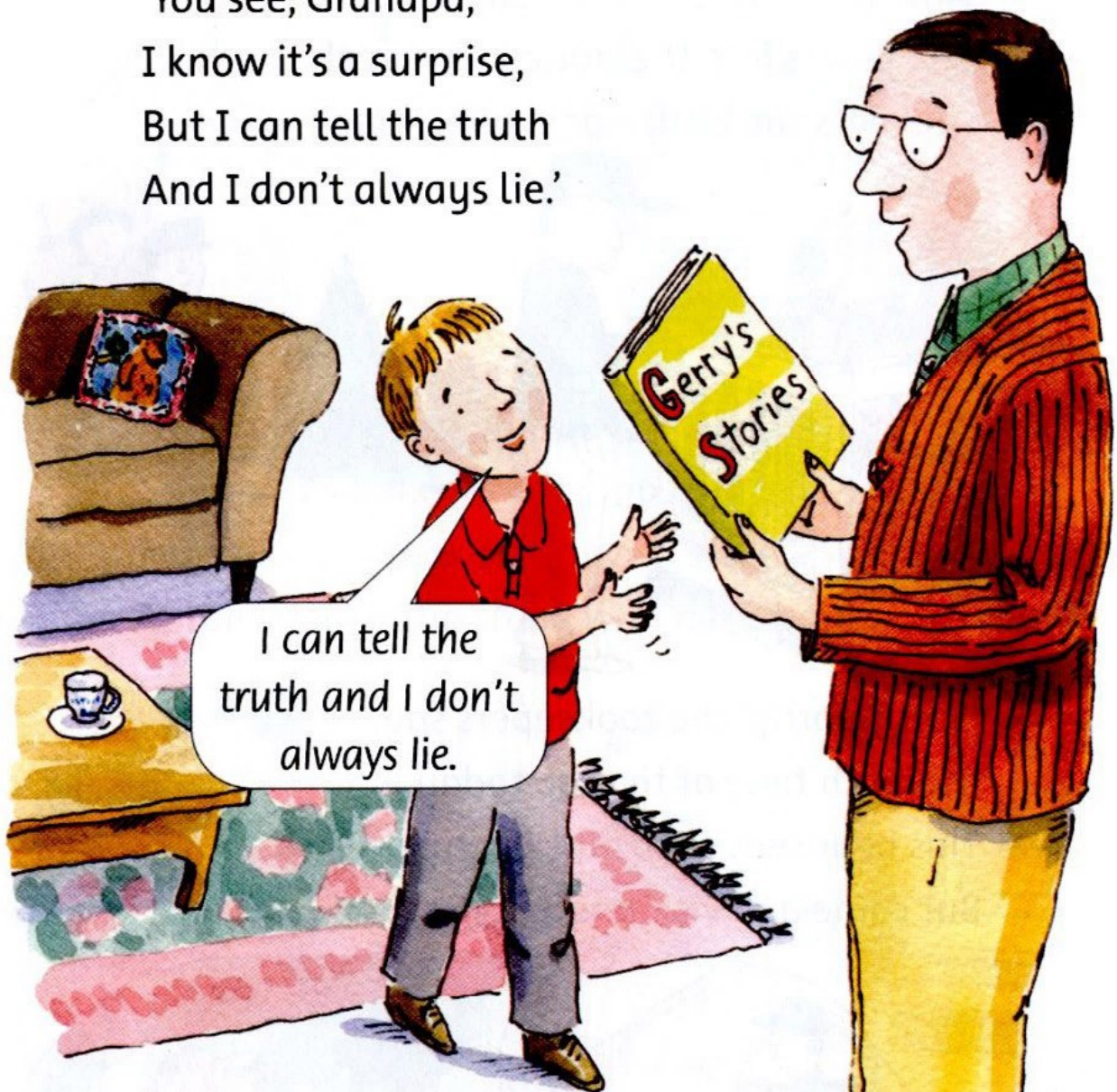


zoo



Gerry says:

'You see, Grandpa,
I know it's a surprise,
But I can tell the truth
And I don't always lie.'



Grandpa says:

'But it's not good if you say
One or two lies every day.
Here's an idea – take a good look –
When you talk, tell the truth
And write your stories in this book.'

story



surprise



tell the
truth



Number the pictures in order and tell the story.



Gerry comes
home from school.



Write the words. Find the animal in the puzzle.

1



2



3



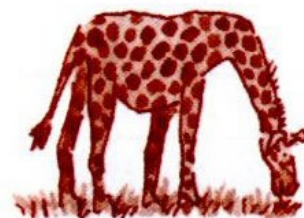
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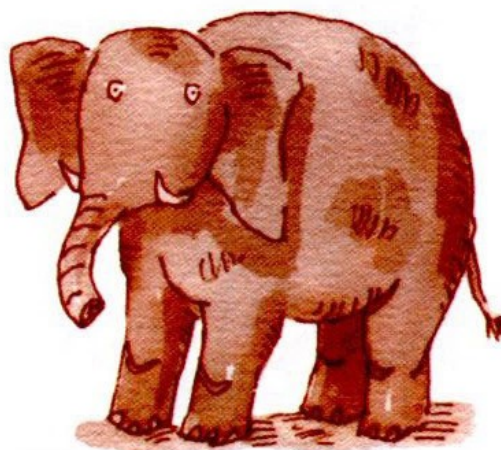
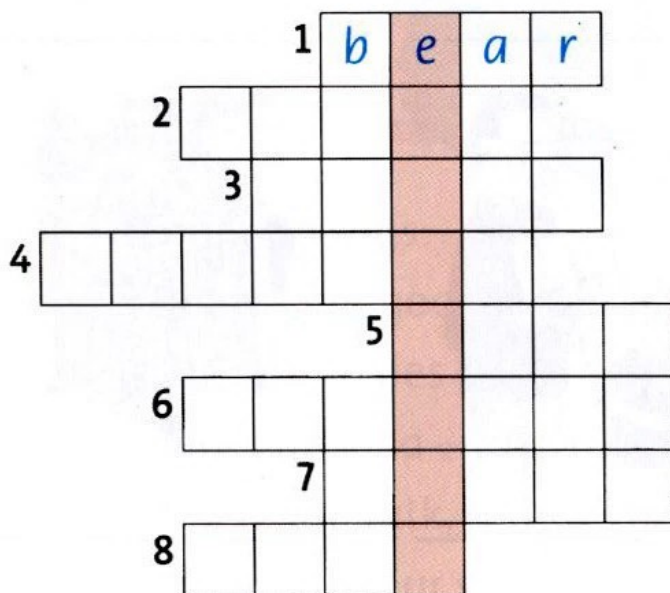
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Act the play.

Scene 1

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At five past four.
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By the big blue door.

Grandpa Tell me what you have to say.
Tell me what is new today.

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On the path.

Grandpa A giraffe on the path?
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Gerry You're right. It's not true.
There's no giraffe. I'm fooling you.

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 Wearing a coat.

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 On the stairs!

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Gerry No, listen to me! I'm not fooling you.
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 It's true, it's true.

Scene 2

Bear ROAR!

Grandpa Do you hear that great big roar?
Is that Miss McKay from the second floor?

Gerry No. That isn't a woman or even a man.
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Narrator Then there's a knock on the door.
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Mr Smith Pardon me, don't be upset.
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Bear ROAR!

Narrator The firemen come and then the police.
There's Mrs Baker and her nosey niece.
They want to look and have a stare
At the bear on the stairs with dirty hair.

Zookeepers Sorry, sorry,
It's washing time at the zoo today.
The bear sees soap and she runs away!

Scene 3

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But I can tell the truth, I don't always lie.'

Grandpa Here's an idea – take a good look –
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And write your stories in this book.



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