



At School

Cover/ Introduction

Do you remember your first day at nursery school? How did you feel? Did you feel nervous, or were you really looking forward to starting?

This story is all about Kipper's first day at nursery school. Do you think he was really excited and couldn't wait to get there ... well, you'll have to look at the story and find out.

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Oh dear! This is Kipper on his first day. Why do you think he is holding on to the gatepost so tightly?

'Come on Kipper,' said Mum. 'You'll really like it when you get inside.'

Kipper had been looking forward to starting nursery school for days and days.

'You'll love nursery school,' Biff had said. 'I did.'

'It's brilliant,' said Chip. 'In fact I wish I was still there.' He remembered the water, the sand tray, the messy paints and all the toys.

When the day came for Kipper to go, he felt very, very nervous. 'I wish Biff and Chip hadn't said how good it was going to be,' he thought. 'I wish they'd said that THEY had been a bit nervous. It isn't easy to meet a whole lot of new children. What if nobody likes me!'

- 1 How did you feel on your first day at nursery school?
- 2 What do you think Mum is saying?
- 3 What do you think the teacher is saying?

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At last, Mum and Miss Harvey, the teacher, persuaded Kipper to let go of the gatepost and go inside.

The room was full of children all playing busily. 'Hello,' some of them said. 'Come and play with us.'

Miss Harvey suggested that Mum went home. 'Don't worry about Kipper,' Miss Harvey said. 'He'll be fine. He won't be in the cloakroom longer than two minutes. We'll soon have him playing happily, you see if we don't.'

After Mum had gone, Miss Harvey, and two of the children, Caroline and Tony, made Kipper feel a lot better.

'Come and play with me and Tony,' said Caroline. 'We've got a whole box of cars like this one to play with.'

- 1 Why won't Kipper come out of the cloakroom?
- 2 How long do you think Kipper will stay there?

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Kipper played with Caroline and Tony for a little while. Then Miss Harvey suggested that he went to play in the home corner. The home corner had a pretend cooker with pretend pots and pans. It had a little pretend sink and a pretend washing machine, and an ironing board with a toy iron. It even had a toy vacuum cleaner.

'Come and play in the home corner, Kipper,' said Miss Harvey. 'Look, Melissa is cooking a Lego stew for Alec and Roddy.'

'It's not quite ready,' said Melissa. 'The red pieces aren't done yet.'

Alec and Roddy were pretending to get hungry. 'It never takes me that long to cook a Lego stew,' said Alec.

- 1 What toys did you play with at nursery school?
- 2 Why do you think Kipper is feeling better?

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Miss Harvey said that Kipper could play at cooking in the home corner. Kipper decided to make a huge pretend stew. 'I'll put in carrots, and onions, and peas, and ice-cream, and sausages,' he said. He put so many pieces of Lego in the pan that some of them fell out when he stirred them.

'Watch out!' said Lisa. 'Your stew's boiling over.'

Everyone in the nursery school was busy. Everyone looked happy. Best of all, everyone shared all the toys and played together.

'When my stew is cooked, I'll ask Miss Harvey if I can play with the water,' thought Kipper. 'Then I'll play in the sand tray.'

Later on, Miss Harvey told Kipper he could do a painting. Kipper enjoyed that, and he was really pleased when Miss Harvey put it up on the wall.

In fact Kipper was so busy and so happy that, by the end of the morning, he had forgotten how nervous he had felt.

And when Mum came to fetch Kipper, guess what...?

- 1 How many children are playing with the water?
- 2 Why would Kipper have to ask Miss Harvey if he could play with the water?

Page 8 Kipper didn't want to go home. 'Do I have to go?' he said. 'Why can't I stay for the afternoon?'

In the end, Mum had to force Kipper to put his coat on, and she had to pull Kipper out of the door.

'Goodbye,' called Miss Harvey. 'I'll see you tomorrow!'

'Great!' said Kipper. 'And thank you.'

'You're welcome,' said Miss Harvey.

'I don't know,' said Mum. 'I had to pull you in. Now I've got to pull you out.'

But Kipper had forgotten that he didn't want to go to nursery school. 'I didn't mind going. You didn't have to pull me in.'

Mum smiled. 'I'm glad you liked it so much,' she said.

'Yes,' said Kipper. 'I can't wait to go again tomorrow.'

- 1 How did Kipper feel about nursery school in the end?
- 2 Why were Mum and Miss Harvey pleased?



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Do you sometimes wake up feeling really good because you know that something very special is going to happen?

One morning, when Kipper woke up, he knew it was a special day.

'Goody, goody, goodeeeeee!' he thought to himself, and he yawned and gave a great big stretch. 'It's the day of the great big, super-doooper surprise.'

Now this great big, super-doooper surprise wasn't one that was going to happen to Kipper. Oh no. It was ... well, perhaps we'd better not say what the surprise was going to be, because it was a secret. So Kipper got out of bed ever so quietly and tiptoed into the bathroom.

- 1 Tell me about a day when you woke up to a special surprise.
- 2 What is a secret? Have you ever kept a secret?

Page 1 Kipper found that Chip was already in the bathroom. Chip had washed and was almost dressed.

Even though Kipper had tiptoed across the landing as quietly as a mouse, and had not breathed a word, or made a single sound, Chip went 'Ssshhh' and whispered, 'Keep quiet, Kipper. You mustn't make a sound. This is a silent operation.'

Kipper didn't know what a silent operation was, but he thought that Chip had made far more noise with his big 'ssshhh' and his loud whisper than he had made in getting to the bathroom.

Kipper ran the tap, ever so quietly, and began to clean his teeth.

'Ssshhh!' hissed Chip even more loudly.

'Mmmmm ... blllbb being quiet,' whispered Kipper through the foaming toothpaste.

- 1 Why do you think Chip wanted Kipper to be quiet?
- 2 Who made the most noise in the end? Kipper or Chip?

Pages 2/3 After he had washed and cleaned his teeth, Kipper tiptoed back to his bedroom and started to get dressed. Biff and Chip were already dressed, and they padded past Kipper's door in their socks.

'Hurry up, Kipper,' whispered Biff. 'And don't forget you-know-what.'

Kipper opened his bottom draw and quietly pulled out some clothes and the surprise he had hidden there.

'Sssshh!' went Biff as Kipper did this.

'If anything spoils this surprise, it will be all this loud sshhing,' thought Kipper.

- 1 What do you think the 'you-know-what' is?
 - 2 What is Biff carrying?
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Pages 4/5 Downstairs, Kipper found Biff and Chip putting on their jackets. 'Oh Kipper,' whispered Biff. 'You're not dressed yet. Come on. Chip and I are ready to go.'

Kipper didn't say a word. Very carefully, he began to pull a clean shirt from out of the pile of ironing that had been done the night before.

One or two of the shirts fell from the top of the pile.

This time Biff and Chip both went 'Sssshh!' The 'sssh' sounded louder than ever at the bottom of the stairs.

- 1 What do you think Mum will say when she finds the ironing has been messed up?
 - 2 Why do you think Biff and Chip are putting on their jackets?
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Pages 6/7 Kipper was almost ready for the 'big surprise' by the time Biff and Chip had quietly opened the front door.

The post lady had arrived and she had a bigger pile of envelopes than usual.

'It's the morning of our big surprise,' Chip whispered to the post lady. 'The problem is getting Kipper to hurry up and worst of all, trying to stop him making a noise.'

Kipper was quietly putting his trainers on.

'Sssshhhhh,' went Biff, Chip and the post lady together, and they all went round to the back of the house.

- 1 What do you think the surprise is?
 - 2 Is the post lady part of the surprise?
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Page 8 Well, you can see what the surprise was, and who it was for. It was for Dad because it was his birthday. The children had been planning it secretly for two days.

Chip had made a big banner saying 'Happy birthday, Dad, 35 today!' and Biff had worked out a way to hang it across the garden.

'Happy birthday, Dad' everyone called and the children made a lot of noise to wake Dad up.

Dad pulled back the curtain and looked down at everyone with astonishment. But he was pleased. It was the nicest surprise he had had for ages and ages.

Mum had come out into the garden in her dressing gown. She had a cup of coffee, and she joined in the surprise too.

'Trust you to wake up before we began the surprise!' said Biff.

'Well, I would still have been asleep,' said Mum, 'but I was woken up by these strange noises.'

'I bet that was Kipper,' said Chip.

'If it was he was making a funny noise,' said Mum. 'It was a sort of sshhing noise. Like this: sssshhhhh!'

Kipper looked at Biff and Chip. 'See!' he said.

- 1 Was the surprise what you thought it was?
 - 2 Why was it a good surprise?
 - 3 Who woke Mum up?
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The Library

Cover/ Introduction

Do you like books? Kipper does. Here he is settling down with a really interesting book about ... well, can you tell what his book is about? What does it say on the cover?

Kipper's book isn't a story book, although there is nothing he likes better than a good story. This book is an information book. Kipper likes information books because he likes to find out about things.

This story is about the day that Dad took Kipper to the library to get some new books to read.

- 1 What sort of books do you like to read?
- 2 What is your favourite book?
Is it an information book or a story?

Page 1 It was Dad's turn to take Kipper to the library.

'Oh dear,' said Dad. 'Some of these books should have been taken back at least a week ago. That means I'll have to pay a fine.'

Kipper liked the library, but this time he was very excited. Usually Mum (and sometimes Dad) went with him to the children's section, and helped him choose a book. But today, he was going to be allowed to choose some books all by himself.

'I'm sorry, but there's a fine to pay on ALL these books,' said the librarian, as Dad handed his books in.

'Oh ... er ... um,' said Dad. 'I'm afraid I've only got a five pound note. Do you have any change?'

'Plenty, sir,' said the librarian.

- 1 Tell me about the library you go to.
- 2 Do you choose books by yourself? Who helps you?
- 3 Why did Dad have to pay the librarian some money?

Pages 2/3 'Off you go then, Kipper,' said Dad. 'You choose some books for yourself, and I'll go and choose some for Mum and me.'

Kipper couldn't wait to browse through the shelves looking at all the exciting books in the children's corner.

'Wow!' said Kipper to himself. 'There are loads and loads of books to choose from.'

The children's corner had a carpet on the floor, and it had small, comfortable plastic chairs. The children could either sit in the chairs or lie on the carpet and have a good look at the books before deciding which ones to take home.

To Kipper's delight, the reading corner wasn't very busy. 'There's plenty of room today,' he said to himself. 'I can spread out, like I do at home.'

- 1 Why is it a good idea to have chairs in a reading corner?
- 2 What did Kipper mean when he said he wanted to spread out? What do you think he was going to do?

Pages 4/5 Soon Kipper was busy looking at the books on the shelves. Then he took every single book he liked the look of and put it in a pile beside one of the chairs. Then he sat down and began looking at them - one by one.

Now you can see what he meant by 'spreading out'. Soon, the floor all round him was covered in books.

The trouble was, Kipper liked every book, and he simply couldn't decide which ones to take home.

- 1 What would happen if everyone did what Kipper did?
- 2 Why is it sometimes hard to choose a book?
- 3 Can you remember the name of a book you have chosen from a library, or book corner?

Pages 6/7 When Dad had chosen a book for himself and a book for Mum, he told Kipper that it was almost time to go.

'Decide quickly, Kipper,' he said looking at all the books Kipper had spread out over the floor, 'and make sure you put the rest of the books back on the right shelves.'

The trouble was, Kipper couldn't decide. 'I want that one, and that one,' he said. 'These two. That one over there ... oh, and I want this one, especially. And I think I want this little one. Yes. And I want the one I've just put down. Oh and the one I've just picked up ...'

In the end he decided to take ALL the books he had looked at that morning. And that meant he had seventeen books with him when he staggered up to the librarian's counter.

'Goodness me!' said the librarian. 'I'm afraid you can't take seventeen books home, all at one go. Children are only allowed to have three at a time.'

- 1 Why can't everyone take seventeen books out at one go?
 - 2 What will Kipper and Dad have to do?
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Page 8 In the end, Dad helped Kipper to choose three books, but that wasn't easy, because Kipper got the pile down to four, and then couldn't decide which one of the four to put back.

'Well, said Dad. 'Normally I can take out six books. I've only got two, so I'll take out one for you on my ticket – and that way you can have four books this time. And that way we can get home in time for dinner!'

So that's what Dad did, and Kipper carried the four books home.

On the way, Kipper said, 'Dad, if you only got two books out, and you could have had six – that means I could have had ... um ...'

'Yes,' said Dad, 'four extra books, not just one extra. Don't even think it, Kipper. The three books you've got there, and one extra, are quite enough. After all, you can come back in a day or two and change them.'

'Oh, can I?' said Kipper. 'I'd forgotten that!'

- 1 How many books did Kipper borrow? Do you think he had enough?
 - 2 How often do you go to the library?
 - 3 How many books do you think Kipper will take out next time he goes to the library?
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Kipper is looking at a Road Ripper. The Road Ripper doesn't belong to him. It belongs to a friend of his. Kipper's friend was on holiday and he had said that Kipper could borrow the Road Ripper while he was away.

'Wow!' thought Kipper. 'I've got this all to myself for a whole week.'

He pictured himself whizzing everywhere on the Road Ripper. Maybe he wouldn't even stop to have meals – he would just drive the Road Ripper without stopping until his friend came back in seven days' time

'Wow!' he said.

- 1 How will Kipper make the Road Ripper go?
 - 2 Will he really be able to ride it without stopping?
 - 3 Kipper can only ride it where he will be safe. Where will that be?
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Page 1 He wheeled the Road Ripper out of the garage and put on his crash helmet. Mum was cutting the lawn with her new hover-mower.

'This is a mean machine, Mum,' called Kipper.

'Do you mean your Road Ripper or my new hover-mower?' said Mum.

'Oh Mum!' sighed Kipper. 'Grown-ups make very silly jokes sometimes,' he thought.

- 1 Why is it a good idea to wear a crash helmet?
 - 2 Where do you think Kipper will ride the Road Ripper? Why won't he ride it on the road?
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Pages 2/3 Kipper sat on the Road Ripper. He imagined he was a famous Ripper rider waiting for a race to start. 'Brrm ... brrm ... brrmmmm ...' he went, as he revved up the Road Ripper. Then the signal light went green and Kipper, the World Champion Ripper-Rider, zoomed away into an early lead. The crowd went wild with excitement, and the television cameras showed the scene to millions and millions of homes.

'Hey!' called Mum, 'Mind where you're pedalling that plastic tricycle, you road hog. You've just ridden over my border and

crushed some of my flowers. And you've woken the neighbour's cat.'

But Kipper couldn't stop. He was in the Biggest Race of the Century, so he didn't have time to worry about one or two crushed flowers, and a sleeping cat.

- 1 What was Kipper imagining as he set off on the Road Ripper?
- 2 What happened to the cat?
- 3 What do you think Floppy was thinking?

Pages 4/5

Kipper whizzed round the side of the house and screeched on to the lawn. He thundered past the washing that Dad had hung between the fence and the garage wall and got all tangled up in it. The washing dragged behind the Road Ripper, but the World Champion hardly noticed.

'Oh no!' groaned Dad. 'I know I should have mended that clothes line and not hung the washing just there.'

'Hey,' he shouted. 'Mind that washing, you road hog!'

Kipper raced on. The Road Ripper clipped the ropes on Biff's tent and brought it down.

'Hey!' called Biff. 'Mind where you're pedalling your plastic trike, you menace!'

'Brrmm ... yeeeeeeooooorrrmmmmmm ...' went the Champion as he thundered past.

- 1 Why has Floppy followed Kipper?
- 2 Where do you think Kipper will go next?

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The Champion knew that he had won the Race. He was in the final straight and he could see the finishing line just by the kitchen door. He skidded round the collapsed tent and shot towards the doorway where his fans were cheering and going wild with excitement.

The trouble was, that Kipper the Champion hadn't worked out how to stop the Road Ripper, and it hadn't got any brakes. As Kipper roared up to the back door, he couldn't stop. He bumped up the step at high speed and drove straight across the kitchen floor over Chip's painting.

He finally crashed into the vegetable rack – and his career as World Champion was over.

'Hey!' yelled Chip. 'You vandal! You've ruined my painting.'

'Hey!' called Mum and Dad, 'You've crushed some flowers and brought the washing down.'

'Hey!' shouted Biff. 'You've knocked my tent down. Come and help me put it back up!'

- 1 What sort of mess had Kipper made in the kitchen?
- 2 What are brakes? Why are they important?

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Kipper was sorry he had caused such chaos with the Road Ripper. But everyone laughed. 'You've done nothing we can't put right,' said Dad, and he began to fix the washing line properly, while Chip and Mum tidied up the kitchen and Kipper helped Biff straighten the tent.

'I know another thing we can put right,' said Mum. 'We can teach Kipper not to be a reckless road hog.'

Watched by television cameras and millions and millions of people, Kipper, the World's Most Careful Driver, demonstrated his skill and control in the most difficult of traffic conditions in the busy street of the city...

'Well done Kipper,' called Biff and Chip.

'Good boy,' said Mum and Dad. 'We'll make you a careful rider yet!'

- 1 What did Kipper imagine he was this time?
- 2 How did the family make Kipper a careful rider?
- 3 Why is it important to learn how to ride properly, even if it's only round the garden?



The Haircut

Cover/ Introduction

One day Dad said to Mum, 'Kipper's hair is getting really long again. It's time he had it cut.'

'Oh dear!' groaned Mum. 'I don't think I want to know about this. Ask me to clean a crocodile's teeth, or cut a tiger's toenails, but don't ask me to cut Kipper's hair.'

Mum had been dreading cutting Kipper's hair ever since the last time she did it. The trouble was, Kipper made a terrible fuss. He just wouldn't keep still when Mum shampooed his hair and he cried because she got a little drop of shampoo in his eye.

But that was nothing compared to the trouble she had when she tried to give him a haircut. He wriggled and jiggled and squirmed and fidgeted so that Mum was cross with him. Then as soon as he did sit still Mum made a little nick on his ear with the scissors, and after that Kipper made a bigger fuss than ever.

'Surely it's not that difficult a job,' said Dad.

'Difficult? Difficult?' exclaimed Mum. 'I'd rather polish a python or rinse a rhinoceros!'

'Now who's making a fuss?' said Dad.

'I know what,' said Mum, giving Dad a funny, knowing sort of smile. 'You cut Kipper's hair. After all, I'm going out this afternoon, so it can be a nice little job for you.'

'Well ... um ... er ... oh – all right, then,' said Dad. 'I don't think Kipper will give me any trouble. He just needs handling the right way.'

- 1 Who cuts your hair?
- 2 What's the worst thing about having a haircut?
- 3 Do you make a fuss?

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As soon as Mum had gone, Dad took Kipper up to the bathroom and started to comb his hair. 'Do you know,' he said, in his jolliest voice. 'I heard of a little boy who made so much fuss when he had his hair cut, that nobody was ever able to cut it. It grew so long that the boy couldn't see where he was going, and he kept bumping into doors and crashing into lamp posts and tripping over the cat. I can't imagine you'd be as silly as that, Kipper.'

'Ooooch, ouch!' cried Kipper. 'You're hurting. Mum never hurts like that when she combs my hair.'

'I thought we could wash your hair and then I can give it a little cut,' said Dad.

'Ooooh, ow!' wailed Kipper, wriggling and squirming away. 'I don't want my hair cut.'

'This is going to be trickier than I thought,' said Dad. 'But I've just had a brilliant idea!'

- 1 Can you guess what Dad's brilliant idea is?
- 2 Why do we have to have hair cuts?

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Dad persuaded Kipper to have his hair cut at a hairdressers. He told Kipper that the hairdresser was so good at cutting hair, that Kipper would really enjoy it.

At first Kipper wasn't too sure. So Dad said, 'I had my hair cut at a hairdressers when I was a little boy, and I didn't make a fuss. I remember thinking it was good fun.'

'Well, all right,' said Kipper. 'But if going to the hairdresser is such fun, why does Mum always cut your hair?'

'She doesn't always,' said Dad. 'I tell you what. I'll have my hair cut at the same time as you. I bet you I won't make a fuss.'

So Dad took Kipper to a hairdresser in the High Street. It was called Snips Hair Salon. The shop looked very bright and attractive.

'Snips is a good name for a hairdressers,' thought Kipper.

- 1 Have you ever been to a hairdressers?
- 2 Why did Kipper think Snips is a good name for a hairdressers?

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The first thing that happened to Kipper and Dad, once they were in the salon, was that they had their hair washed. Dad had his washed by an assistant called Andy, and Kipper had his washed by an assistant called Nicky.

Much to his surprise, Kipper enjoyed having his hair washed by Nicky. She didn't wash it the way Mum did it at home. Instead, Kipper sat with his back to the basin and he leaned backwards.

The basin didn't have taps. It had a special hose that Nicky could control by pressing a little trigger on the end. Nicky was very careful not to let any water run on to Kipper's face. Next to Kipper, Andy was shampooing Dad's hair.

'Be careful with all this foam,' Kipper heard Dad say. 'I don't want shampoo in my eyes... I hope you won't let the water run down my neck... You will make sure that water isn't too hot won't you?'

'Dad's making a bit of a fuss,' thought Kipper.

- 1 How do you have your hair washed?
 - 2 What happens when you get shampoo in your eyes?
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Mum was home already. When she opened the front door and saw Kipper and Dad with their short haircuts, she couldn't believe her eyes.

Do you know what she said? She said, 'Good gracious, you both look as if you've been run over by a lawnmower.'

Now that wasn't very nice ... was it?

- 1 What do you think of Dad's and Kipper's haircut?
 - 2 What do you think Biff and Chip will say?
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Pages 6/7 After the shampooing was finished. Andy and Nicky sat Dad and Kipper on different chairs in front of a big, long mirror. 'Excuse me, sir,' said Nicky. 'What would you like me to do with Kipper's hair? Shall I give him a trim?'

Dad remembered how quickly Kipper's hair grew. He remembered the fuss Kipper made whenever Mum cut it and last of all he saw how expensive it was to have a haircut in the salon. So he said, 'No, not just a trim. I think you'd better cut it short. Yes, quite short!'

'And how about you, Sir?' said Andy. Kipper looked at Dad, and Dad looked at Kipper. Then Dad said, 'Oh ... um ... er ... yes. I'd like mine quite short, too.'

Snip, snip, snip! Snip-snip! went the scissors. Kipper looked sideways at Dad. Dad didn't look too happy. 'I bet he did make a fuss when he was a little boy,' thought Kipper.

- 1 Why didn't Dad look too happy?
 - 2 How would you like to have your hair cut?
 - 3 What sort of a haircut would you like?
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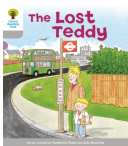
Page 8 Dad and Kipper were really pleased with their haircuts.

'You look different,' Kipper told Dad.

'So do you, Kipper,' said Dad. 'You look different, too. You look quite grown up with short hair.'

'It will be really easy to keep it tidy,' said Kipper. 'No more having it pulled when Mum tries to comb it. And it will be so much easier to wash. I'm glad we went to Snips. And you see, I didn't make a fuss – not once.'

'No, you were a good boy,' said Dad. 'I wonder what Mum will say when she sees our smart new haircuts.'



The Lost Teddy

Cover/ Introduction

Have you ever ridden on a bus? The one that Mum and Kipper are just about to catch has an upstairs and a downstairs. Do you know what a bus like this is called?

Kipper liked riding on the double-decker bus. He liked to go upstairs and sit in the very front seat. Then he could pretend that he was the driver.

Kipper and Mum are standing at the bus stop. They are just about to get on the bus to go to town. I wonder if they will go upstairs and sit in the front seat this time?

- 1 Tell me about the time you rode on a bus.

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'We won't go all the way upstairs today, Kipper,' said Mum, 'Because there won't be time. We're getting off at the next stop.'

Mum had taken Kipper with her when she went to have her eyes tested. If she had been by herself, Mum would have walked, but in the first place Mum was in a hurry, and Kipper couldn't walk fast enough; and in the second place, Kipper loved riding on a double-decker bus, so Mum thought it would be a treat for him. As it was only a short ride, Kipper and Mum sat downstairs. In no time at all, the bus pulled up at the next stop, and Kipper and Mum had to get off.

Oh no! Kipper was so surprised that the journey was over that he forgot that he had left Teddy behind, sitting on the seat beside him.

- 1 What do you think Teddy might be thinking?
- 2 If Teddy could talk, what would he say?
- 3 What does the man in the uniform do on the bus?

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As soon as Kipper got off the bus, he remembered Teddy.

'I've left Teddy on the bus!' he gasped. 'I've left Teddy behind!'

By this time, the bus had moved off and was almost out of sight, so it wasn't possible for Mum to run after it.

'Oh Kipper!' said Mum. 'There's not much I can do at the moment. I'm already late for my eye-test.'

'But what about Teddy?' wailed Kipper.

'When we get home we'll phone the bus company. I expect the bus conductor will find Teddy and look after him until we can get him back.'

- 1 Point to what Kipper is thinking. Run your finger round the thought bubble.
- 2 Why can't Mum and Kipper run after the bus?
- 3 Point to the bus conductor. Do you think he will see Teddy?

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When Kipper went to bed that night, he was very upset. He couldn't get to sleep without Teddy to keep him company, and he couldn't help crying. Biff and Chip tried to cheer him up. They took some of their favourite toys to give Kipper.

'Don't cry,' said Chip.

'I can't help it!' sniffed Kipper. 'I keep wondering if I'll ever see Teddy again. What if someone has found him and kept him?'

- 1 Point to the three toys that Biff and Chip have brought in to cheer Kipper up.
- 2 Point to three other animal toys in Kipper's room.
- 3 Think of some names for the toys.

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The next day, Mum said to Kipper, 'Come on, we're going on the bus again. We're going to the Lost Property Office at the Bus Station.'

A lost property office is a place that looks after all the things people lose.

'I expect lots of children lose teddy bears and toys,' said Mum. 'There's probably a special department that looks after teddy bears.'

Mum said this to try and cheer Kipper up, but he was so worried that Teddy wouldn't be at the Lost Property Office, that he didn't feel in the mood to be cheered up.

At last they arrived at the bus station, and they went straight to the place that said 'Lost Property'. Kipper had fingers crossed on both hands and he kept saying to himself, 'I wish ... I hope ... I wish ... I hope.'

- 1 Point to some of the things that people have lost, and say what they are.
 - 2 What can you see in the big red box on the counter?
 - 3 What do you think is the strangest or the funniest thing that someone has lost?
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Page 8 When Mum asked the lady if Kipper's teddy bear had been handed in she said, 'I expect so. We had five teddy bears in yesterday, so I expect Kipper's is in the box.'

And it was!

You can imagine how pleased Kipper was to see Teddy again, and you can imagine how glad Teddy was to see Kipper.

As for all the other lost teddies – well, they do look sad. But don't worry. The lady told Kipper that their owners would all come in and find them, sooner or later.

In fact, as Kipper and Mum were leaving, a sad-looking little girl was going into the Lost Property Office with her dad.

'I bet I know what she has lost,' said Kipper.

- 1 What do you think Teddy would say now if he could talk?
 - 2 What do you suppose the other lost bears are thinking?
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The Hedgehog

Cover/ Introduction

Floppy is playing with Biff. He's having a great time chasing the ball, every time Biff throws it. But what's that in the front of the picture? It looks like another ball, but it's very different to the one Floppy and Biff are playing with. It looks like something that is going to give him a bit of a surprise.

- 1 What is strange about the ball in the front of the picture?

Page 1

Biff had discovered a new trick for Floppy. She found he was really good at fetching a ball. It didn't matter how far she threw the ball, or how high it bounced, or how hard she threw it, Floppy would chase after it. He nearly always caught it before it stopped rolling. Sometimes he would jump high in the air and catch it in his jaws even before it had time to bounce.

'You're a clever dog!' called Biff, as she threw the ball for the twentieth time. But this time Biff threw the ball carelessly, and it bounced behind the shed, and landed in all the old junk that was stacked up there.

- 1 What is Floppy good at?
- 2 Why do dogs like balls?
- 3 What will happen now the ball has landed in all the junk?

Pages 2/3

The ball landed near an old tyre and next to some planks of wood. But when Floppy went to pick it up, he found not one ball - but two! One of them was a spiky, prickly ball that looked really odd. Do you know what it is? Poor old Floppy didn't realise how sharp the prickles were on this strange-looking new ball, and when he went to sniff it, he pricked his nose.

'Grrroooooowwhh' went Floppy, and he gave a little yelp of surprise. Biff ran down the garden to see what was wrong.

'That's a funny sort of ball,' she said. 'It's not a ball at all. I think it must be a hedgehog.'

- 1 What does a hedgehog look like?
- 2 Why is it curled up in a ball?

Pages 4/5

Biff called Mum and Chip. 'I think we've got a hedgehog in the garden,' she said. Mum and Chip came out to see it.

'You're right, Biff,' said Mum. 'It is a hedgehog. I expect it thinks that all this junk is a good place to sleep.'

'Is it asleep now?' asked Chip.

'I don't think so,' said Mum. 'Not with all this noise and commotion going on around it. It curls into a ball to protect itself. It will just stay curled up like that until it thinks it's safe to snuffle round looking for food.'

'Can we give it some food?' asked Biff.

'Well, it's best not to,' said Mum. 'Hedgehogs like to eat grubs and worms and snails. It's not a good idea to put food out for it, but we can put a saucer of water out if you like.'

- 1 What do hedgehogs eat?
- 2 What does Floppy think of the hedgehogs?

Pages 6/7

When it was dark, Mum told the children to put on their coats. Then she got a lamp from the garage and lit it.

'Where are we going?' asked Kipper. 'And why do you need that lamp?'

'We're going inside the shed,' said Mum. 'We're going to be very quiet and if we wait long enough, we may see something very special.' Of course, Biff and Chip knew why Mum was taking them to the shed. Do you know?

- 1 Where is Floppy? Why didn't he come to the shed with them?

Page 8

Mum hung the lamp on a nail outside and everyone waited, very quietly. Dozens and dozens of moths and insects began to flutter near the lamp.

'Insects like to fly towards bright light at night,' said Chip.

'Sssh...' said Mum. 'Let's keep very quiet, and see what else we can see.'

Then, as they watched, the hedgehog walked past. They could see it quite clearly in the light of the lamp.

'Isn't it a funny little creature?' said Biff. 'I didn't know it looked quite like that.'

'It hunts for food at night,' said Mum. 'I expect it's off to look for some juicy, fat slugs.'

'Ugh!' said Kipper. 'Fancy eating slugs.'

'Well, if it saw some of the things we eat, it would probably say 'ugh', too,' laughed Mum.



Cover/ Introduction

Biff and Chip love playing ball games. Do you know what game they are playing here? Playing with a ball in a small garden can sometimes lead to trouble. Biff and Chip had all sorts of difficulties when they played ball in their back garden, until Dad had a really good idea.

- 1 What game are Biff and Chip playing?
 - 2 What are some of the problems of playing ball in a small garden?
-

Page 1

No-one was pleased when Chip kicked the plastic football at the roses, and it punctured one of the sharp thorns. Biff wasn't pleased. It was her football. Dad wasn't pleased either, because he didn't want the roses spoilt.

'Hey, you two!' he shouted. 'Play football down the bottom of the garden. There aren't any roses down there.'

'We can't play football anywhere now,' said Biff. 'We don't have a football anymore – thanks to Chip.'

'It wasn't my fault,' moaned Chip. 'I didn't know that the ball would puncture so easily.'

- 1 Why are Biff and Chip playing in the garden? Why couldn't they play in the street?
 - 2 What are thorns? Why do you have to be careful with roses?
-

Pages 2/3

Now that they couldn't play football, they decided to get out the badminton rackets and play badminton.

'We've only got one shuttlecock,' said Biff. 'So we will have to be careful.'

At first, they were very careful. They hit the shuttlecock gently between each other, seeing who would be first to miss it. Most of the time they only hit it about twice each.

'Hitting a shuttlecock is quite difficult,' said Biff. 'It's not like hitting a ball.'

'That's true,' said Chip. 'You can hit a shuttlecock really hard – like this – and it doesn't go very far.'

As he said this he gave the shuttle a huge whack with his racket. It flew up in the air and landed on the roof.

'Oh no!' groaned Biff. 'You've knocked it into the gutter. How on earth are we going to get it down?'

'I'm afraid it will just have to stay there until the wind blows it down,' said Dad.

- 1 What is a shuttlecock like?
 - 2 How could Dad get the shuttlecock down from the gutter?
-

Pages 4/5

Biff remembered that there was a tiny cricket bat in the shed. 'Let's play French Cricket,' she said. Chip couldn't remember what French Cricket was.

'You know,' said Biff. 'You have to try and hit my legs with the ball. I have to make sure you don't. If you catch the ball, or hit my legs or feet, I'm out.'

French Cricket might have been a good game to play in the garden if Biff had remembered not to hit the ball too hard, but she didn't. When Chip threw the ball at Biff's legs she whacked it, and it whizzed through the air and flew over the fence into the neighbour's garden. The neighbour was watching what happened through his upstairs window.

'Oh dear,' said Biff. 'He doesn't look too pleased. I think we should wait until he throws the ball back, but that might not be until tomorrow!'

- 1 Why doesn't the neighbour look too pleased?
 - 2 What should the twins do to get their ball back from the neighbour's garden?
-

Pages 6/7

The next day, Dad came back from town with a long, thin box.

'I've got a surprise for you two,' he said. 'I think I've thought of a way for you to play ball games safely in the back garden.' He opened the box and pulled out two long metal poles.

'One of those poles looks like a giant corkscrew,' said Chip. 'What do you think it is?'

'I don't know,' said Biff. 'Whatever it is, it's got rackets and a ball on a cord.'

'It's called a Swing Ball,' said Dad.

- 1 How do you think the Swing Ball works?
-

Page 8

Dad put the two metal poles together and pushed the Swing Ball into the grass in the centre of the lawn. He gave Biff and Chip two black plastic rackets.

'There we are,' he said. 'You can see how it works. Now you can play as much as you like, and there won't be any more trouble.'

'It's brilliant,' said Chip. 'But it's quite hard to hit the ball sometimes when it swings round at you.'

Mum came out to watch them playing. 'Hurry up, you two. Dad and I want to have a go.'

'I knew it was too good to last,' said Biff. 'There's going to be trouble after all – getting Mum and Dad to let us have the Swing Ball back, once they start playing!'

- 1 What do you think the neighbour thought of the Swing Ball?
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Fetch!

Cover/ Introduction

Mum and the twins wondered if Floppy would go for a swim to fetch a stick if they threw one in the water. After all the dog they were watching seemed to be enjoying itself.

- 1 How can you tell it isn't a very warm day?
 - 2 What do you think Floppy would say if he could talk?
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Page 1

One windy afternoon, Biff and Chip went with Mum when she took Floppy out for his daily walk. They went to the park which wasn't very far away. The children liked going to the park. It had a little lake in it. Sometimes there were ducks on the lake, but on this particular afternoon, there was a lady with two dogs who were jumping into the water to fetch sticks.

'Look at those dogs swimming after sticks,' said Biff. 'I didn't know dogs could swim so well.'

'Oh yes,' said Mum. 'Dogs are good swimmers. Some dogs have been known to rescue people and save them from drowning.'

- 1 Talk about a time when you saw a dog swimming.
 - 2 Does your dog enjoy swimming?
-

Pages 2/3

'Floppy likes fetching things,' said Biff. 'He loves chasing after balls in the garden. Do you think he would jump in the lake and fetch a stick?'

'I don't know,' said Mum. 'I've never seen him swim. I wonder if he will?' She picked up the stick and threw it into the lake.

'Fetch it, Floppy!' she called. 'Go on, fetch!'

Floppy didn't move. He didn't move when Biff tried throwing a stick.

'I'd have thought that seeing those two dogs in the water would have given him the idea,' said Chip.

They all tried throwing more sticks but Floppy simply wouldn't move. 'At this rate there will be enough sticks in the water to build a bridge,' laughed Mum.

- 1 Why do you think Floppy won't go in the water?
 - 2 What do you think Floppy would have said, if he could speak?
-

Pages 4/5

'I can't believe Floppy won't swim for us,' said Biff. She found one more stick, and showed it to Floppy. But just as she threw it, a gust of wind blew her hat off and it went flying off into the lake.

'Oh no!' Biff yelled. 'My hat!' The hat sailed through the air, spinning round and round. Then it landed in the lake where it floated among all the sticks that Biff, Chip and Mum had thrown in. 'Oh dear,' wailed Biff. 'The wind is blowing it out farther and farther. We'll never be able to reach it, and it was my favourite hat, too.'

- 1 Do you like windy days? What happens when it's windy?
 - 2 What good things does the wind do? What bad things does it do?
-

Pages 6/7

Suddenly Floppy ran towards the lake. With an enormous bound he sprang into the water, and swam towards Biff's hat.

'Wow!' said Biff. 'Who said Floppy wouldn't go for a swim? What a good dog!'

'It's Floppy to the rescue, all right,' said Chip. 'Look he's rescued Biff's hat.'

- 1 Why did Floppy jump into the lake?
 - 2 Why were Biff, Chip and Mum surprised?
-

Page 8

Floppy looked really pleased with himself as he came out of the water. He carried Biff's hat very carefully in his jaws.

'Thank you, Floppy,' said Biff, taking the hat. 'What a clever dog you are.'

'Hooray!' said Chip. 'I think Floppy is a sensible dog. He won't jump in a cold lake to fetch silly sticks, but when it comes to a proper rescue, he can swim really well.' At that moment Floppy shook himself and the water from his coat sprayed all over Biff, Chip and Mum.

'Hey!' called Mum. 'You're making us all wet. Stop it Floppy!' Floppy gave a little bark. He can't talk of course but if he could, I wonder what he would have said!

- 1 What do you think Floppy would have said?
 - 2 How does a dog shake itself? Why does it do it?
-



The Apple

Cover/ Introduction

The problem that faced Dad and the twins was how to pick the last apple on the tree. It was a beautiful-looking apple, but it was just too high to reach.

1 What do you suppose Dad is thinking?

Page 1

'It's a funny thing,' said Dad. 'But the very last apple on this tree is the biggest and the most juicy-looking of all, and guess what?'

'We know,' said Biff and Chip. 'It's the only one we can't reach.' It was true. The children had spent the afternoon with Mum and Dad picking apples in Mr Dale's orchard and the very last apple of all was too high on the tree for anyone to get at.

'If we had a ladder,' suggested Mum. 'We could easily get it.'

'Well, we don't have one,' said Dad. 'So what other ideas has anyone got?'

1 How do you think they could get the apple down?

Pages 2/3

'How about using a long stick?' suggested Chip. 'I think there was one near the gate that would be just the job.' Chip fetched the stick. It was forked at one end and it would have been just right except for one thing. It was too short! Dad stood on tip-toe and stretched up as far as he could, but the stick wasn't quite long enough!

'If ... I ... could ... just ... reach ... this ... pesky ... apple,' gasped Dad. But it was no good.

'You need to be a good half metre taller,' said Biff.

'I've had a good idea,' said Chip. 'I know how to make Dad taller.'

1 Point to the 'fork' at the end of this stick.

2 What do you think Chip's idea is?

Pages 4/5

Chip's idea was a good one. He sat on Dad's shoulders and Mum handed him the stick.

'If ... I ... reach ... up ... as ... far ... I ... can,' grunted Chip.

'Oooh, Ouch!' said Dad. 'What have you got in your pockets, Chip? Something's digging into my neck, and it hurts.'

'It's probably some marbles,' said Chip. 'I've got about twenty in my pocket.'

'You might have thought of that before you climbed up,' moaned Dad.

'Don't complain,' said Mum. 'Come on, Chip. Try and hook the apple off and I'll catch it when it falls.'

'Right,' said Chip. 'Here goes...!'

1 What will happen when Chip hooks the apple off?

Pages 6/7

Chip carefully put the end of the stick under the stalk of the apple and gently pushed it upwards. Then the apple fell.

'Catch it, Mum!' shouted Chip. But Mum didn't catch it. It bounced out of her hand and flew towards Biff.

'Catch it, Biff!' shouted Mum. But somehow, Biff didn't catch it, either. It bounced out of her hand and flew towards Kipper.

'Catch it, Kipper!' shouted Mum and Biff. Kipper did his best to catch it, but he wasn't ready. The apple fell straight through his hands and bounced on the ground towards Floppy. Floppy opened his mouth and sprang towards the apple.

'Oh no!' said everyone.

1 What did happen to the apple after it fell off the tree?

2 What do you think will happen next?

Page 8

Well, you can see what happened to the apple. Floppy crunched it into three pieces and began to chew one of the pieces up.

'Oh Floppy,' said Mum. 'That was the best apple in the whole orchard.' Dad laughed and laughed.

'You can't blame Floppy,' he said. 'He was the only one of you who could catch. I've never seen so many butterfingers in all my life.' In the end, Mum couldn't help laughing either, and everyone joined in.

'There's one good thing about this,' said Mum. 'Now that

Floppy's eaten the best apple, there won't be any arguments over which one of us should eat it.'

'There weren't going to be any arguments,' said Dad. 'I was going to have it.'

'Oh no you weren't,' said Mum. And guess what happened. Everyone did start arguing over it – but only in fun!

- 1 How might the family decide who should eat the best apple – if Floppy hadn't had it?
 - 2 How would you decide who had the best apple?
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Cover/ Introduction

The Big Box

This enormous box was left behind when a new fridge-freezer was delivered to the house. The box gave Biff and Chip a good idea, so they asked Mum if they could have it. Can you guess what their idea was?

- 1 What would you do with an enormous box like this?
 - 2 What do you think Biff and Chip are going to do with it?
-

Page 1

When the new fridge-freezer was delivered, it came in a huge cardboard box.

'May we have the box, Mum?' asked Chip. 'It would be a great thing to play with. Maybe we could make a little house out of it.'

'It would only be a little house,' said Biff. 'Because I don't think more than one of us could get inside it.' The delivery man said he had some even bigger boxes in the back of his van.

'Normally, I throw them away,' he said. 'So if you want them, you're welcome to them.'

'Wow! Thanks!' said Biff and Chip.

- 1 How could you make a little house out of a cardboard box?
 - 2 Why were Biff and Chip pleased with the delivery man?
-

Pages 2/3

Mum helped Biff and Chip make the house. She carefully cut out the windows and door, and she thought of a way to make a sloping roof. Biff and Chip painted the little house. Chip painted a brick pattern on the sides, and when he'd finished, Biff had a go at painting tiles on the roof.

'It's brilliant inside,' said Chip, crawling through the little door. 'Maybe we can put some tiny furniture in here.'

'Just stay outside while I'm cutting these windows out,' warned Mum.

- 1 What did Mum tell Chip to do? Why was she worried?
 - 2 How many windows can you see?
-

Pages 4/5

When the house was finished everyone thought it looked really good. There was room inside for Biff, Chip and Kipper, and there was even a little extension for Floppy.

Chip had painted a sign that said 'Our house' and another one that said 'Floppy'. Biff found a little chair and a stool that were small enough to fit inside.

'I think it's brilliant!' said Kipper. He liked the tall part of the house where everyone could stand up.

'You'd better come inside,' Chip called to Biff. 'It's beginning to rain.'

- 1 Point to the sign that says 'Our house'.
 - 2 Which is the tallest part of the house? Which is the widest? Which is the smallest?
 - 3 Why did everyone have to go inside?
-

Pages 6/7

It didn't just rain! It poured! At first it was fun inside the little house. The children looked out at the rain and felt very snug and safe. But after a while, water began to drip on them, and big wet patches appeared in the walls.

'Oh no!' said Biff. 'I don't think cardboard is waterproof. I think the house is collapsing.'

'The walls do feel soggy,' said Chip. 'And the roof's beginning to sag.' Mum ran out into the garden.

'Oh dear,' she said. 'I should have warned you about the rain. We should have put the little house in the garage until the rain stopped. What a pity, after all the work you've done to make the house look nice. Now it's ruined!'

- 1 What has happened to the house?
 - 2 What's happened to Floppy?
-

Page 8

Later that day, Dad found the tent and he put it up in the garden. 'Sorry your cardboard house was spoilt by the rain,' he said, 'but you can keep this tent up for as long as you like. Luckily the rain won't spoil it. It's quite waterproof.'

'We like the tent,' said Chip. 'At least it won't go soggy.'

'No, but tents can collapse,' said Dad. 'So we must make sure we put all the pegs in firmly.' In fact the tent did collapse – but that's part of another story.

- 1 What does 'waterproof' mean?
 - 2 In which other story does a tent collapse?
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**Cover/
Introduction**

Biff and Chip had never heard of a street fair until they went into town with Dad one Saturday afternoon.

Maybe you've never heard of a street fair either. So what is it? Well, first of all, it's a lot of fun, but even more important than that is that it does a lot of good, because most street fairs make money to help people.

When Biff and Chip went to this particular street fair, they found something that became a big surprise for Mum and Kipper.

- 1 What can you see in the picture?
 - 2 What do you think Biff and Chip are asking Dad?
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Page 1

One Saturday, when Dad took Biff and Chip into town to do some shopping, there was a big surprise for all three of them. A street fair was being held.

'The street fair looks fun,' said Dad, as they stopped to watch a man juggling balls in the air. 'I think we'll have a look round it before we go home. I wish Mum and Kipper had come shopping with us, now.'

'Why are so many people dressed up?' asked Biff.

'It's just for fun,' said Dad. 'It makes the street fair look more colourful.'

- 1 How many balls is the juggler using?
 - 2 How many balloons can you see? Point to them.
-

Pages 2/3

The street fair was very exciting. There were stalls selling things like sweets and cakes, second-hand books, toys, records, and clothes. There were plants and flowers, greetings cards and writing paper, beautiful silk scarves, and funny-looking mugs with people's names on them.

'I bet they haven't got a mug with Biff on it,' said Biff.

'Nor one that says Chip,' said Chip. There were balloon sellers, jumping-bean sellers, and people selling toffee-apples, candy-floss and hot roasted chestnuts. There were musicians and bands playing all kinds of music.

'I keep seeing children with their faces painted,' said Biff. 'I wonder if there's a face painting stall?'

- 1 Point to the children who have their faces painted. Did you see any painted faces on the first page?
 - 2 What are the instruments that the musicians are playing?
-

Pages 4/5 Biff was right. There was a face painting stall. She and Chip saw a sign that said 'Brenda's face painting'. A lady was painting the faces of two children. She had painted the girl's face to look like a tiger.

'That lady must be Brenda,' said Chip. 'She's a brilliant face painter. Look, she's making that boy's face up to look like a clown.'

'I'd love to have my face painted,' said Biff. 'I wonder if Dad would let us have some money.'

'I don't know,' said Chip. 'He's given us our pocket money and we've already spent it. We could try asking him, I suppose...'

'I don't think he will, though,' said Biff.

- 1 Have you ever had your face painted?
 - 2 What is the girl with the painted face doing?
 - 3 Do you have pocket money?
-

Pages 6/7 Kipper and Mum were having a nice quiet afternoon without the others. 'It's fun being on our own,' said Kipper, as he and Mum settled down in the living room, while Mum enjoyed a nice cup of tea. Just then, Dad and the twins arrived.

'Surprise! Surprise!' they called and they all popped their heads round the door at the same time. Mum and Kipper almost jumped out of their skins!

'We've had our faces painted!' laughed Chip. 'We had them done at the street fair in town. Dad had his done, too!'

'Goodness me!' laughed Mum. 'It's a wonder you didn't frighten the neighbours. You certainly frightened Kipper and me!'

'It was a nice sort of frighten, though,' said Kipper.

- 1 What has happened to Dad and the twins?
 - 2 Which painted face do you like most?
-

Page 8 Mum wanted to take a photograph of the painted faces, but before she took it, she got her make-up and painted Kipper's face to look like a clown. Kipper was pleased, because he couldn't help feeling a little bit jealous that Dad and the twins had had such a good time at the street fair.

Just as Mum was about to take the photograph, Floppy ran up and stood in front of everyone.

'He wants to be in the picture, too,' said Chip. 'But we can't paint his face.' In the end, Mum found a pair of huge sun glasses, and put them on Floppy.

'Smile, everyone,' called Mum. 'Say cheese!' Mum didn't need to say this. Everyone was smiling already.

- 1 If you had your face painted, what would you like it to be?
 - 2 Why can't you paint a dog's face?
 - 3 What do you think the nosy neighbour told his wife?
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Who Is It?

Cover/ Introduction

Biff, Chip and Kipper are looking at someone's shadow. Can you tell whose shadow it is? This story is called **Who Is It?** and in it we see lots of people's shadows. Some are easy to recognise. But there is one shadow that is rather a surprise.

- 1 How can you get a shadow in the daytime?
- 2 How can you make a shadow when it's dark?

Page 1

When the others saw Biff and Chip's shadows against the wall of the tent, they laughed. '**Who is it?**' they shouted. Of course they knew it was Biff and Chip because they knew their shapes. Chip did a little dance and his shadow looked funny as he did it. Biff had an idea for a game. 'Let's see who can make the funniest-looking shadow,' she said.

- 1 Point to the lamp which is making Biff and Chip's shadows.
- 2 What would you do to make your shadow look funny?

Pages 2/3

Biff and Chip each tried to make a funny shadow. But even though she'd thought of the game, Biff couldn't think how to make a funny-looking shadow.

She tried to make a rabbit shape.

Chip knew how to make a good shadow shape with his hands. 'Guess what I'm going to make,' he said. He used his fingers to make a face and his thumbs to make two ears.

'That's great,' shouted Kipper. 'It looks just like a chicken.'

Chip sighed. 'It's nothing *like* a chicken,' he said.

- 1 What do you think Chip's shadow shape looks like?
- 2 Try and make a shadow shape with your hands.

Pages 4/5

Mum and Kipper said they'd have a go at making a funny shadow. Mum put on her big dressing gown. She put her arms out. 'I am Queen Shady Lady,' said Mum.

She picked up a fly swat and held it above Kipper's head. 'This is my servant, Little Pest,' said Mum. She tapped Kipper on the head with the fly swat. Kipper threw out his arms and fell backwards.

Everyone laughed.

- 1 What did Mum do to make a funny shadow?
- 2 What is Dad up to, do you think?

Pages 6/7

Then something really funny happened. **Floppy and a spaceman** appeared. 'Greetings Earthlings,' said the spaceman in a funny voice.

Everyone was really surprised. 'It's amazing,' said Chip. '**Who is it?**'

'It's a spaceman of course,' said Mum. 'I saw the spacecraft landing in the next field. I just forgot to mention it.'

Everyone laughed. They knew who the spaceman was.

But Floppy didn't like the look of the spaceman.' He barked loudly at him.

- 1 What is a spaceman?
- 2 Who you think the spaceman really is?

Page 8

'It's not a real spaceman, then,' laughed Kipper.

'**No, it's Dad,**' said Dad.

Everyone laughed when they saw how Dad had made himself look like a spaceman. He had put his legs inside Biff and Chip's sleeping bags and he had a padded anorak on. He had a plastic bowl on his head.

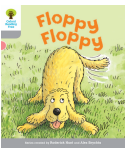
'That was great joke,' said Mum. 'You looked just like a spaceman when you were a shadow.'

'But now you just look ridiculous,' laughed Biff.

- 1 What else has Dad got to make him look like a spaceman?
- 2 What would you like to dress up as to make a shadow shape?

Anticipating the text through guided responses

	Lead in	Guided response
Page 1	What did Wilf ask when he saw the shadows?	<i>Who is it?</i>
Page 2	(Point) Who is this?	<i>Biff</i>
Page 3	(Point) And who is this?	<i>and Chip.</i>
Page 4	(Point) Who is this?	<i>Mum</i>
Page 5	(Point) And who is this?	<i>and Kipper.</i>
Page 6	(Point) Who is this?	<i>Floppy</i>
Page 7	(Point) And who is this?	<i>and a spaceman.</i>
page 8	Is it a spaceman?	<i>No, it's Dad.</i>



Cover/
Introduction

Floppy Floppy

Floppy looks as if he's in one of those moods where he wants to play. His front legs are down and his tail is wagging, and if he can't find anyone to play with, he'll race everywhere as fast as he can

Let's see if what he's up to in this story, called **Floppy Floppy**.

- 1 What do you suppose Floppy is thinking in this picture?
- 2 What sort of noise would Floppy make when he looks like this?

Page 1

Floppy was full of energy. He raced round the garden. He ran in and out of the house. He charged across the flower bed and jumped over the wall.
Biff was holding a tray of cups She almost dropped them as Floppy hurtled past.
'Oh Floppy!' said Biff, as he rushed past them.
Kipper laughed. 'I think he's gone crazy,' he said.

- 1 What is Kipper carrying?
- 2 Why do you think Biff and Kipper are carrying drinks outside?

Pages 2/3

Biff, Chip and Kipper were having a little picnic with Mum outside on the grass. It wasn't a big picnic - just some drinks and a biscuit or two.
Floppy heard Chip tearing open the wrapping on the biscuits. He rushed across and skidded to a stop. They he crouched down and looked at Chip.
'Look at him,' laughed Mum. 'I know what he'd say if he could talk.'
'Well, he can't have a biscuit,' said Chip. 'It's not good to spoil dogs by giving them biscuits.'
Floppy gave a little bark.
'No Floppy!' he said. You can't have a biscuit.'

- 1 What *would* Floppy say if he could talk?
- 2 Who else can you see, besides Mum and Chip?

Pages 4/5 Dad saw the others outside, so he came out to join them on the rug. He had made a plate of sandwiches.

Floppy ran up with a bone in his mouth. He put the bone down and started to dig a hole in the lawn.

‘He wants to bury his bone,’ said Kipper.

Dirt began to fly all over the rug.

‘**Oh Floppy!**’ said Dad. ‘Stop it. Go and bury your bone somewhere else in the garden.’

1 What does ‘bury a bone’ mean?

2 Guess what Floppy is thinking as he buries his bone.

Pages 6/7 ‘I don’t know,’ said Mum. ‘Floppy is in such a funny mood. He hasn’t stopped rushing about all day.’

Suddenly there was a miaow and a bark. Floppy had seen the cat from next door and he began to chase it.

The cat ran across the lawn and shot over the rug where everyone was sitting.

‘**No Floppy!**’ shouted Mum, but it was too late. Floppy charged after the cat and leaped over the rug.

‘Oh you crazy dog,’ said Dad.

1 What sort of noise is a miaow?

2 Do you think Floppy caught up with the cat?

Page 8 It was the end of a busy day for Floppy. He was worn out with all the chasing about he had done. He lay down on the grass and went fast asleep.

‘Just look at him,’ said Dad. ‘One minute he’s all over the place, the next he’s out like a light,’

‘I love the way he just flops down and goes to sleep,’ said Chip. ‘No wonder he’s called Floppy.’

‘Yes,’ agreed Biff. ‘**Floppy Floppy.**’

1 Tell me about a dog that you know who flops down like Floppy.

2 Why did Biff say ‘Floppy Floppy’?

Anticipating the text through guided responses

	Lead in	Guided response
Page 1	What did Biff say to Floppy?	<i>No Floppy!</i>
Page 2/3	What did Chip say to Floppy?	<i>Oh Floppy!</i>
Page 4/5	What did Dad say to Floppy?	<i>No Floppy!</i>
Page 6/7	What did Mum say to Floppy?	<i>Oh Floppy!</i>
Page 8	What did Biff call Floppy?	<i>Floppy Floppy.</i>



Six in a Bed

Cover/ Introduction

This story is called **Six in a Bed**. There are only two people in this bed – Mum and Dad. The alarm clock is going off so it looks as if it's time for them to wake up. Dad has opened one eye. I wonder what he's thinking. I bet he's not thinking about six people in his bed.

- 1 What is an alarm clock?
- 2 Try and guess what Dad is thinking.

Page 1

It was Saturday morning. Dad and Mum had woken up. 'Is this a miracle?' asked Dad. 'There is no sound from the children. They must still be fast asleep.'

'We may as well enjoy the peace and quiet for a bit,' said Mum.

Mum started reading her book and Dad began to read a magazine. But the peace and quiet didn't last very long. Kipper woke up and he went padding in to **Mum and Dad**.

- 1 What is Kipper carrying?
- 2 What do you think he is going to ask Mum and Dad?

Pages 2/3

Kipper climbed into bed between Mum and Dad. 'Will you read me a story?' he asked.

Dad looked out of the window. 'It's raining,' he said. 'There's no hurry to get up.' And so **Mum, Kipper and Dad** settled down and Mum began to read Kipper his book. It was a good story. Dad found himself quite enjoying it.

Just then, Chip appeared in the doorway. He was carrying Catsimir, his favourite toy.

- 1 What kind of animal is Catsimir?
- 2 What do you think Chip is going to ask Mum and Dad?

Pages 4/5

Chip climbed into bed beside Dad. Mum carried on reading the story. Chip knew it well, and he kept interrupting. **Mum, Kipper, Dad and Chip** enjoyed the story so much that Biff woke up. She went to Mum and Dad's bedroom door carrying Big Ted, her favourite toy. 'What's going on?' she asked.

- 1 Count the people in the bed.
- 2 Count everyone in this picture as well as the two toys.

Pages 6/7

Biff climbed into bed beside Mum. 'I love this story,' she said. 'We haven't heard it for ages.' So Mum carried on reading and Biff and Chip kept interrupting. **Biff, Mum, Kipper, Dad and Chip** enjoyed the story so much that Floppy woke up. He had been asleep in his basket down in the kitchen. He appeared in the doorway with his tail wagging. 'Grr!' he went. 'I wonder if there's room for me in that bed?'

- 1 What do you think Floppy is going to do?
- 2 How many people are in the bed now?

Page 8

And Floppy suddenly jumped on the bed. 'No Floppy, get down,' shouted Dad but at that moment there was a crack, and a thud. The leg of the bed broke and the corner of the bed crashed on to the floor.

'Oh no!' said Mum. 'Now we'll *have* to get up.'

Dad looked at the broken bed. Then he sighed and looked at Mum. 'I know what we'll be doing this morning,' he said.

- 1 Why did the bed break?
- 2 What did Dad and Mum have to do that morning?

Anticipating the text through guided responses

	Lead in	Guided response
Page 1	Who is in the bed?	<i>Mum and Dad.</i>
Page 2/3	<i>(Point)</i> Who is this, this and this?	<i>Mum, Kipper and Dad.</i>
Page 4/5	<i>(Point)</i> Who is this, this, this and this?	<i>Mum, Kipper, Dad and Chip.</i>
Page 6/7	<i>(Point)</i> Who is this, this, this, this and this?	<i>Biff, Mum, Kipper, Dad, Chip,</i>
Page 8	And?	<i>and Floppy.</i>

**Cover/
Introduction**

This story is called **A Good Trick**. You can see whose trick it was – Biff and Chip’s. Look! Everyone is clapping. Biff and Chip are wearing special clothes. They are taking a bow. They must have put on a show. So it looks as if Biff and Chip perform the trick in their show.

What sort of trick was it? Well, let’s read the story and find out.

- 1 Can you bow like Biff and Chip? Do a bow and show me.
- 2 Who can you see in the audience?

Page 1

Biff and Chip are putting on a show. They have made a big banner which says The Biff and Chip Show. ‘Ladies and Gentlemen and ... er ... dogs,’ announced Biff. ‘We now present for your entertainment, our Amazing Trick.’

Mum looked at Dad. ‘I wonder what they’re up to,’ she whispered.

‘Ssh!’ hissed Dad.

Biff pointed to a large square shape. It was covered by a rug.

Chip held the rug in both hands. ‘First – **a rug**,’ he said. And he pulled the rug off the square shape.

- 1 What sort of clothes are Biff and Chip wearing? Talk about them.
- 2 Why did Biff say ‘and ... er ... dogs’ when she said ‘Ladies and Gentlemen’?

Pages 2/3

What was underneath the rug? There was still a big square shape. This time it was covered by a sheet.

‘Ladies and gentlemen,’ announced Chip. ‘This is a trick that will amaze you.’

He pointed to the big shape. ‘**A sheet!**’ he said.

Biff took hold of the sheet with both hands.

‘Watch carefully now,’ she said as she pulled it off.

- 1 What do you think is under the sheet?
- 2 Can you remember what the banner that Biff and Chip have made says? You can see part of it at the top of the picture.

Pages 4/5 What was underneath the sheet? ‘**A big box,**’ said Biff.
Biff and Chip took hold of it at each end.
‘Ladies and gentlemen,’ said Chip. ‘This trick has never been seen before by any human eyes.’
‘It has not even been seen by any dog,’ said Biff.
‘And now,’ said Chip, ‘prepare to be amazed.’
Biff and Chip lifted off the box.

- 1 What do you think is under the big box?
- 2 What does it say in the upside-down arrow?

Pages 6/7 What was underneath the big box? Well, there was a much smaller box.
Biff pointed at the little box.
‘**A little box,**’ she announced.
‘Ladies and gentlemen,’ said Chip. ‘It is essential that you are completely quiet during the next part of this trick.’

- 1 Can you guess what is in the little box?

Page 8 Suddenly **Kipper** jumped out of the little box.
‘Ta - ra!’ sang Kipper, Biff and Chip all at the same time.
‘Goodness me!’ exclaimed Mum. ‘Kipper looked just like a jack-in-the-box! How ever did he manage to squeeze inside that little box?’
‘What’s even more amazing,’ said Dad, ‘is how he managed to keep so still and quiet in there.’
Everyone laughed. ‘It was a good trick,’ said everyone.

- 1 What is a jack-in-the-box?
- 2 Why was it a good trick?

Anticipating the text through guided responses

	Lead in	Guided response
Page 1	What is the covering that Biff is pointing to in this picture?	<i>A rug,</i>
Page 2/3	What is the covering that Chip is pointing to in this picture?	<i>a sheet,</i>
Page 4/5	What do Biff and Chip call this?	<i>a big box,</i>
Pages 6/7	What do Biff and Chip call this?	<i>a little box,</i>
Page 8	Who jumped out of the little box?	<i>Kipper.</i>



Fun at the Beach

Cover/ Introduction

Have you ever been on the beach at the seaside? Did you have **fun at the beach**? Mum and Dad have taken Biff, Chip and Kipper to the beach to have some fun. This beach has a pier on it. Have you ever been on a pier?

The children hadn't, so that's where they went first.

- 1 Tell me about the time you went to the seaside?
- 2 What is a pier?

Page 1

It was fun on the pier. The pier went right out to sea. The children could look down and see people on the sand below them. There were lots of things to do on the pier. There was a man putting his head through a board. 'What's he doing?' asked Chip, 'And why is everyone laughing?'

Dad and Mum smiled.

'We'll show you,' said Dad.

- 1 Do you know what the man is doing?
- 2 Have you ever been on a pier? Tell me about it.

Pages 2/3

Further down the pier was another board. Two funny men were painted on it. There were holes where their faces should be.

Mum and Dad put their faces through the holes so that the funny men had faces like Mum's and Dad's.

Kipper, Chip and Biff laughed.

Biff took a photograph. 'This will make a really good picture,' she said.

- 1 Point to Mum and point to Dad.
- 2 Would you like to have your face in a funny picture like this?

Pages 4/5

There was a Hall of Mirrors on the pier. This is where the family went next. Every mirror was a different shape so that when you looked in it, it made you into an odd shape too.

Kipper, Biff and Dad looked into one mirror. Biff and Dad

looked very tall and their heads looked long. Kipper's head looked wide and fat.

Mum, Chip and Floppy looked into another mirror. It made them look a really funny shape. 'I look all bent,' said Mum. 'I'm glad we don't look like this in real life.'

- 1 Whom do you think looks the funniest?
- 2 Look at your face in the back of a shiny spoon.

Pages 6/7

On the other side of the pier were some trampolines. The children wanted to have a go. **Chip, Biff and Kipper** bounced up and down. **Dad and Floppy** watched. 'It's fun,' said Biff, 'but it's hard work, doing all this bouncing.'

Floppy began to pull on his lead. 'He wants to go for a run,' said Dad. 'We'll have to find a place where we can let him off his lead.'

- 1 What is a trampoline?
- 2 Have you been on a trampoline or a bouncy castle? Tell me about it.

Page 8

Oh no! Look what happened when they let Floppy go for a run. He rushed down the beach and got covered in mud. He ran back to Dad looking really pleased with himself.

'**Oh Floppy!**' said Dad. 'Look at the state of you. We've got to take you home in the car.'

'Well don't let him sit in the back with us,' said Biff.

Anticipating the text through guided responses

	Lead in	Guided response
Page 1	(point) Who is this and this?	<i>Dad and Mum.</i>
Page 2	(point) Who is this and this?	<i>Mum and Dad.</i>
Page 3	(point) Who is this, this and this?	<i>Kipper, Chip and Biff.</i>
Page 4	(point) Who is this, this and this?	<i>Kipper Biff and Dad.</i>
Page 5	(point) Who is this, this and this?	<i>Mum, Chip and Floppy.</i>
Page 6	(point) Who is this, this and this?	<i>Chip, Biff and Kipper.</i>
Page 7	(point) Who is this and this?	<i>Dad and Floppy.</i>
Page 8	What did Dad say to Floppy?	<i>Oh Floppy!</i>



The Pancake

Cover/ Introduction

Dad looks as though he's concentrating hard. He's cooking a pancake, and that's what this story is called – **The Pancake**. Pancakes are delicious, but they can be tricky to make.

In this story, Dad has quite a lot of help when he makes the pancake. The ending isn't quite what you'd expect, so we'd better read it to find out what happened.

- 1 Have you ever had a pancake? Tell me about it.
- 2 What sort of hat is Dad wearing on his head?

Page 1

Dad loves to watch programmes about cooking on television, so when he came to make a pancake, he decided to have some fun. He pretended he was on television. Biff and Chip were used to Dad's jokes, so they joined in.

'**The frying pan**,' said Dad 'To make the pancake, you need a large pan.

Chip pointed at Dad. 'But first you need a large cook,' he laughed.

'And make sure he has washed his hands,' laughed Biff.

'Cheeky!' said Dad.

- 1 What is Dad going to use to make his pancake? Tell me what else you see on the table.
- 2 Why are there programmes about cooking on television?

Pages 2/3

'Since you're so cheeky, you can all help me,' said Dad to the children. 'You can fetch me the ingredients. 'I'll need a bag of flour and some eggs.'

Biff fetched the flour and Chip brought the eggs.

'**The flour**,' said Biff, tipping some into Dad's bowl.

'Hang on,' said Dad, 'you can't just tip it in like that. We have to weigh some out.'

'**The eggs**,' said Chip. Kipper took one and cracked it into the bowl.

'Hang on,' said Dad, but it was too late. Kipper had already cracked the egg.

- 1 What had Biff done that was wrong?
- 2 Have you ever cracked an egg into a bowl like Kipper? Was it hard to do?

Pages 4/5 'Now,' said Dad, 'the next thing to do is to whisk some milk into the flour and egg.

Biff poured a little of the milk into the bowl. '**The milk**,' she said. Chip began to whisk the mixture. 'Steady, Chip,' said Biff. 'You're making the flour fly everywhere.'

'Meanwhile, Kipper and I will melt some butter in the frying pan,' said Dad.

Kipper cut off a slab of butter. '**The butter**,' he said.

- 1 Point to these - the milk, the flour, the eggs, the butter.
- 2 Point to these - the spoon, the jug, the whisk, the bowl.

Pages 6/7 'Now stand back everyone,' said Dad. 'I'm going to cook the pancake.'

Everyone stood back as Dad heated up the butter on the stove. There was a sizzling noise as Dad poured some of the mixture into the hot pan.

Soon the pancake was cooked on one side. 'Now to turn it over,' said Dad.

'Stand back even further,' he ordered.

'Oh no!' said Biff. 'He's going to toss the pancake. I hope it doesn't end up on the floor.'

'Or stick to the ceiling,' laughed Chip.

'**The pancake**,' said Dad. 'Here it goes!' and he tossed it high in the air.

- 1 Have you ever seen anyone toss a pancake? What happened?
- 2 What do you think might happen next?

Page 8 Well, Dad didn't drop the pancake, and he and the children hadn't made it to eat. They had made it so that Mum could be in **the pancake race**.

Mum ran like the wind with Dad's pancake. She had to toss it as she ran because that what you have to do in a pancake race.

'Come on Mum!' shouted Biff, Chip and Kipper.

It was an exciting race. Mum came first, but only just.

'Well done Mum,' shouted Kipper.

'I know what we can have for supper tonight,' said Chip when they got home.

'Pancakes?' said Dad.

'No, pizza,' said Chip.

- 1 What is a pancake race?
- 2 What did Dad think Chip was going to want for supper?

Anticipating the text through guided responses

	Lead in	Guided response
Page 1	What is Dad holding?	<i>The frying pan,</i>
Page 2	What is Biff putting in the bowl?	<i>the flour,</i>
Page 3	What is Chip holding?	<i>the eggs,</i>
Page 4	What is Biff pouring into the bowl?	<i>the milk,</i>
Page 5	What is Kipper putting in the pan?	<i>the butter,</i>
Pages 6/7	What has Dad made?	<i>the pancake,</i>
Page 8	What sort of race was Mum in?	<i>the pancake race.</i>