

# Bats

Mixed regular and irregular words

Set 4 a

If you see a bat in the day-time, it could be lost

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or ill. Lift the bat with a piece of card and put it

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in a box. Put a soft jumper or soft cloth in the

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box so the bat can go under it to rest. In a little

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dish put some water for it to drink. Put a lid on

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the box and make some holes in it with a pen so

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that the bat has plenty of fresh air.

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Put the box in a safe place away from cats,

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other animals and children. You can let the bat

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go when it is dark.

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When it is night-time, take the box and put it

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up on to the top of a wall on its side and open

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the lid and take the jumper or cloth out.

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If, after a time, the bat does not come out of the

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box and fly away off into the night, put the lid

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back on, put the jumper or cloth back in and

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phone a help line for help.

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If the bat is a baby one you should phone for

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help, too. Look for the phone number in the

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phone book or go on the web-site for the nearest

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bat man or woman. They will be able to help

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you and tell you what to do with the bat.

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Bats are lovely animals that fly in the garden at

night feeding on insects. If you have a pond,

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they will swoop over the pond to get the insects

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that live near the pond. Sometimes they may

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come into the house because they have fallen

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down the chimney.

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If a bat bites you, you must wash the bite very

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well with lots of water and go and see a doctor.

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# The Meal

Mixed regular and irregular words Set 4 b

The other day we went out for a meal at that

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new cafe in the old square in the town. Do you

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know the eating place I am talking about?

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When we sat down at the table, they gave us a

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menu and we had to decide what we wanted to

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eat. It was difficult to choose what to have.

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In the end we first had vegetable soup with

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freshly baked bread. It was still hot and smelt

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so good! We felt really hungry!

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The next course was chicken drumsticks with

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beans and mashed potato or cod and chips with

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mushy peas.

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At the end of the meal we could either have

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the sweet: strawberries, ice cream and jelly or

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apples and grapes with cheese and biscuits.

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# Going Away

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I am so sad! My friend, Sam, is going to a new

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town to live. He has been my friend at school

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for such a long time - for about four years. His

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house is next to my house and I see him all the

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time. We play on the computer at his house or

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my house after school.

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His mum is like my mum. They are friends as

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well. They are both kind to Sam and me. I go

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for tea at his house on a Tuesday and then on

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Wednesday he has tea at my house. What will I

---

do without my friend?

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Sam left yesterday. He moved to his new house

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a long way away. What will I do without him?

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The phone rings. It is a boy from school, Chris.

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He would like me to go and have tea with him

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one day this week. He wants to know if I want

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to see his new computer game that he had for

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his birthday. He says he will show it to me. He

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asks me if I have any new computer games. If

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so, could I take them with me for him to look at?

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Every day now, I walk to school with Chris. My

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mum is pleased that I have made a new friend.

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Last week our neighbours' grandson came over

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to see his grandparents and we met each other.

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He is my age and we got on very well. I will like

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spending time with him when he is over here.

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Well, I am happier now! I have lots of friends

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to hang out with but I still miss Sam, sometimes!

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# Gran

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Give Gran a big hug from me when you see

her. She likes that because Grandpa has been

gone for a long time. Now she lives all by

herself in a flat with just her old cat, Tibby.

She comes to see us at Christmas and in the

holidays. We often pop in to see if she is

well and happy when we are on our way to

see our friends in the hills or call in on her

on the way back.

Some of her friends call in, too, from time

to time and do her shopping for her. They

also pick her up and take her to a meeting

at the village hall. Her friends, there, often

get people in to talk about topics that they

are interested in, like flowers and holidays.

When it is dark, watching television is what

Gran likes to do most of all and she thinks

Coronation Street is very good. She will

never miss it. She is their best fan!

Every week she makes cakes, tea bread and

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buns. There is no one to eat them but her,

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unless a friend pops in. Sometimes she

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sells them at the meetings and her friends

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there buy them.

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Gran was also good friends with her next

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door neighbour, Pam. Last year, however, Pam

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sold her flat next door. The new people, who

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have now moved in to this flat next door, are

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also older and their children have all left home.

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They are not quite as old as Gran but she

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still gets on really well with them.

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Sometimes they take her out for a ride in

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their car to the seaside. They have a lot of

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fun and sit on the sand eating ice creams.

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When they go on holiday she looks after their

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dog. Once, the dog went missing! Luckily he

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was found hiding under their garden shed!

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# Pizzas

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Most pizzas have cheese and tomato on them.

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If you are a vegetarian, then those pizzas will

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be the best ones for you. If you want more

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toppings on the pizza, you can get them - but

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you will have to pay more for them.

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Dad likes big thick pizzas with lots of ham on

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them. Gran likes hers thin and soft. Sam has a

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small pizza with pepperoni on it. Chris likes his

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thin and crispy with lots of cheese on the top.

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Some pizzas have a lot of toppings on them such

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as onions, tuna or pineapple.

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It is tricky getting one that everyone will like!

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Sometimes we get a really big one that has four

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parts to it with different toppings on each part.

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We cut this pizza up and have a part each.

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The pizzas we buy are usually round but

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nowadays you can get rectangular ones, as well.

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You can buy pizzas that are too big to go into

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the cooker! They have to be cut into four

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pieces before they will fit in!

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Pizza outlets often deliver them for you, if you

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would like them to. You just phone up and put

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in your order. It is delivered by a person who

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arrives, often on a motorbike, with your order

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in a box in a zipped 'cool' bag to keep it hot!

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It is lucky that we all love pizza! Shall we have

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one tonight? We all say, 'Mmm, yes please!'

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# At the Docks

Mixed regular and irregular Set 5 b

At eight o'clock every morning down at the

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docks there are people working on the ships.

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Some are doing welding, some are fitting bolts

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and others are putting many of the parts of the

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new equipment together on the upper decks.

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Suddenly they heard a scream. One of the

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women had fallen into the water. They quickly

---

pulled her out by grabbing her clothes. She was

---

dripping wet but pleased she had got to safety.

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A doctor checked her over and wrote a report.

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He found that there was nothing wrong with her.

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So after changing her uniform, warming up and

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drinking some tea, she was soon back at work.

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# Our Friends

Mixed regular and irregular Set 6 a

Hello! Who are you? Are you new? Where

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are you from? Please, tell us what you do.

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As you are here, would you like to come

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along with us and meet our friends who live in

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the house next to the school? They are kind

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folk who always make us feel really welcome.

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Sometimes they do not give us a meal but that

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is only because they are too busy with their

---

work at their other flower shop across town.

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Once, when some of our family fell sick and

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were too ill to go on the local trip, these helpful

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people even made sure the children had enough

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apples, oranges and bananas to cheer them up.

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Today, most of us thought we would like to

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go and see our cousins in London. Our auntie

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and uncle live near the front of Acton Station.

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They, too, gave us a warm welcome, and as

---

someone had already brought some egg salad

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for lunch, we tucked in. Sometime later in the

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afternoon we decided that it would be all right

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for us to leave for the football match.

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Well, this time we saw the game right to the

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end. Our best player scored three goals.

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We were very pleased to be supporting the

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winning side and we shouted loudly. All the

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way home we sang songs. We didn't want to

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forget this great day when our team won the

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football trophy!

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We always enjoy the time we spend with our

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friends and family very much and look

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forward to seeing them again very soon.

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# The Hotel

Mixed regular and irregular words Set 6 b

When you come to our hotel, you will get a big

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welcome at reception. The members of staff are

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all very kind and friendly.

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We have put flowers in every room to make

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them look and smell nice. Every bedroom has a

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small bathroom ensuite. All the people who stay

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with us will have comfy beds with clean sheets

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and duvets. By each bed there is a lamp which

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can be dimmed or turned fully on. In the

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bathrooms there will be large towels to dry

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yourself and power showers so you will feel fresh

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after you have been under them.

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You can order dinner at the time you want to

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eat. It is served at any time from six o'clock

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to nine o'clock. There are two choices for each

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course. The menus are on the tables.

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Breakfast is in the dining room from 8am until

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10am. You can either have a full English

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breakfast with eggs, bacon, sausage, mushrooms

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and fried bread or a continental breakfast of

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cereal, toast and fruit juice. The price list for all

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the food is on display in the hall. There, too,

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you will find details of the town and the many

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local attractions you can visit.

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Please let us know if there is anything else you

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need. We do hope you enjoy your stay with us

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and will come to visit us again another time.

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# At the Sports Centre

Set 7 a

We met at the entrance to the pool. As we

were walking through the building, we saw

some folk playing squash and some lifting

weights which is also called pumping iron.

Later at the pool, some swimmers were messing

about diving into the water while others were

jumping off the edge. Everyone thought the

new shark and swordfish inflatables were good

fun but extremely difficult to climb on.

Afterwards, we swam and floated until we

became too exhausted to carry on any more.

We decided we had had enough so we returned

to the lockers to fetch our clothes. Having

dressed hurriedly we both had a snack before

leaving the Sports Centre for the journey home.

# The Storm Flood

Set 7 b

Suddenly the thunder cracked overhead as

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if the sky was being snapped into two. Rain

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began to fall from the clouds, filling the puddles.

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Everything was soaked. People thought it

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would never end. Sandbags were put in place

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as fast as was possible in all the correct

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positions but they failed to keep the water

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out of the house. The furniture was floating

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about. The front door was forced open by

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the weight of the water. There was nothing else

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to do but wait for the flood water to subside.

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The front garden was under several inches

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of horrible sludge. The smell was awful!

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Now we are worried we won't get insurance.

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# Two Tired Armies

Set 8 a

After their tedious trek through the foreign

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countryside, groups of tired soldiers from both

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the armies plodded onwards across the fields

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and through the mire. They reached the tunnel

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where they waited for the earliest train and

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scrambled and fought to board it.

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Unfortunately there was trouble with the

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engine which was not moving fast enough.

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When it finally stopped completely, they

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disembarked and walked instead.

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At long last they eventually arrived at their

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destination: Mountain Springs. They were

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exhausted, very relieved and pleased to be

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there after their difficult and tiring journey.

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# The Curious Dinosaur Set 8 b

Another unusually curious dinosaur cautiously  
approached and stared at the newly discovered  
cavern. It noticed a terrible monster lizard that  
was angrily guarding the entrance. Having  
stopped to listen to it, the dinosaur then decided  
to ignore the monster and quickly and quietly  
hurried away instead.

The danger had been exaggerated, however,  
as the gigantic lizard was quite friendly and  
actually welcomed the other animal's company.

Around the immediate area the environment  
contained plenty of vegetation consisting of a  
good variety of nutritious plants so the  
dinosaur visited the new location frequently.

# At the Theatre

Set 8 c

At the theatre we were taken backstage to view

the brilliant coloured lighting which could be

switched to its highest or lowest setting as

required. Unfortunately, the bulbs keep fusing

and they have to be replaced regularly at great

expense. It really is an enormous nuisance and

causes the technicians endless problems.

We were also allowed to tour the scenery in the

the storage warehouse. Looking above the stage

we saw where an aerial runway is situated with

harnesses for the flying sequences. In the floor is

the trap door for the magical exits and sudden

entrances. It was all quite exciting!

The performance was an interesting experience!

# The Search

Set 8 d

The pilots decided that a thorough search of the

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area was needed in order to discover the

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whereabouts of the pony that had escaped.

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They anxiously agreed to a daring helicopter

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survey of the local scene.

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Unhappily, they made the fatal mistake of

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forgetting about the lethal power lines that

---

criss-crossed the area.

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Not surprisingly, their shock at narrowly missing

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these dangerous sources of electricity caused

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them to be very wary and more careful during

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their future sweeps over the countryside.

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Thankfully, to everyone's relief the pony was at

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last found uninjured in a nearby quarry, silently

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cowering in the undergrowth.

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# The Fire Practice

Set 8 e

Forty office personnel shared the ground floor

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of the factory. During the preparation for the

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usual annual fire alarm practice, they realised

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that it would be at a really inconvenient time,

---

a Thursday afternoon when important visitors

---

were expected from Head Office. It was

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disappointing to have to cancel it but it had be

---

postponed to a date in the near future.

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In fact, while one of the previous fire inspections

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was being carried out, they had discovered that

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the door connecting the two adjacent buildings

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stood ajar when it should really have been shut.

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A fire door must always be kept closed, when

---

not in use, to stop a fire from spreading.

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A notice was posted on the boards to inform the

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employees and fire officers of the revised date.

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Eventually the day arrived when the fire practice

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was due to go ahead. It all ran smoothly until

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it was observed that not all of their colleagues

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had been properly informed and some were

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ignorant of the planned evacuation of the

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premises. The management was then in trouble

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for having failed to carry out the correct Health

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and Safety precautions which, by law, companies

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have to follow.

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However, finally the inspectors were satisfied

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that all the statutory fire regulations had been

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satisfactorily dealt with and at last the company

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received its certificate.

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# Alone

Set 8 f

With determination he focused his attention

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on the thought that he might be alone in this

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region of the country. How would he cope with

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this loneliness? The company of other people

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meant so much to this young man.

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He remembered with sorrow all the burials that

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had taken place since the plague had begun.

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Only those families rich enough to spend their

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whole day in front of a fire managed to escape

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this contagious disease. One by one members of

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his family had succumbed to the inevitable

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painful death. He watched as they writhed in

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agony with little anyone could do to relieve their

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suffering. It was such a tragedy!

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Suddenly emerging out of the woodland ahead

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there came an ancient fellow hobbling along with

---

the aid of a gnarled walking stick.

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Never had he been more pleased to behold

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another human being! Was he friend or foe?

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It really didn't matter to him! He was past

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caring! He quickened his pace with lightness in

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his heart. Laughing, he approached the elderly

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newcomer with a shout and greeted him warmly.

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Drawing closer the youngster recognised the

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elderly man as the gamekeeper who had left his

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father's employment to care for his failing uncle.

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They set up home together and with all the old

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man's skills they were able to live off the land.

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Eventually the plague ran its course and so

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normality returned to Britain.

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It had been a very dark period for everyone.

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