

## Sunshine Classics Skills

Book	High-frequency words	Alphabet activity	Words activity	Thinking activity	Themes
<b>LEVEL 1</b>					
<b>The Birthday Cake</b> Two cooks bake a multi-coloured birthday cake.	a, the, to, you	letter name: R, C, Y, B, P, H	Match captions to pictures	Sequence	celebrations
<b>Down to Town</b> Town life and country life are different.	down, go, the, to	letter name: G, C, D, T, H	Match initial letters to words	Match sentences to pictures	animals
<b>My Puppy</b> Everyone wants to own the puppy, but he belongs with his mother.	my, no	letter name: M, N, P, V	Match high-frequency words	Sequence	pets
<b>The Big Race</b> A girl competes in different sports to win a race.	big, I, in, the	letter name: R, P, B, W, Z	Match initial letters to words	Sequence	sports
<b>Building with Blocks</b> Children build a spaceship from coloured blocks.	a, with	Writing the letter: a	Match captions to pictures	Sequence	colours
<b>The Barbeque</b> Here are the foods we love for a barbeque.	the	Writing the letter: b	Match initial letters to words	Match words to pictures	food
<b>The Birthday Party</b> All the important things for a birthday celebration	the	Writing the letter: c	Match initial letters to words	Match words to pictures	food
<b>I Can Fly</b> A baby bird practises flying.	can, down, I, up	Writing the letter: d	Match high-frequency words	Match words to pictures	birds
<b>Huggles Can Juggle</b> Huggles juggles until he drops everything.	an, can	Writing the letter: e	Match initial letters to words	Match words to pictures	humour
<b>I Am...</b> A child lists the things he does in a day.	am, I, in	Writing the letter: f	Match initial letters to words	Match words to pictures	verbs
<b>I Go, Go, Go</b> A little car goes to town.	down, go, I, into, up	Writing the letter: g	Match high-frequency words	Match words to pictures	moving around
<b>At School</b> The things you like to do at school	at, I, like, my	Writing the letter: h	Match high-frequency words	Match words to pictures	actions
<b>My Family</b> All the people in the girl's family	and, is, me, my, this	Writing the letter: i	Match high-frequency words	Match words to pictures	families

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<b>The Storm</b> Things that happen in a storm	see, the, us	Writing the letter: j	Match initial letters to words	Sequence	weather
<b>Come On!</b> Enjoy what you do everyday.	come, on, to, up	Writing the letter: k	Match high-frequency words	Sequence	daily routine
<b>LEVEL 2</b>					
<b>Little Brother</b> A sister looks after her little brother.	he, little	letter name: E, F, L, D, H	Match sentences to the pictures	Sequence	families
<b>Yuk Soup</b> Two aliens make soup using strange ingredients.	go, in, some	letter name: G, F, I, S, Y	Match the words to pictures	Make a sentence	humour
<b>What is a Huggles?</b> Huggles walks around the zoo looking for a huggles to hug.	a, is, not, what	letter name: A, S, K, N, T, B	Match high-frequency words	Match words to pictures (names of animals)	animals
<b>Ice Cream</b> Two children eat too much ice cream.	in, like, on, the, we	letter name: R, F, C, I, H	Match high-frequency words	Recognize rhyming words	humour
<b>I Like</b> Favourite foods and one that isn't!	I, like	Writing the letter: I	Match initial letters to words	Match words to pictures	food
<b>I Love My Family</b> Everyone in the family is at the wedding.	but, I, love, my	Writing the letter: m	Match the words to pictures	Make a sentence	families
<b>Huggles Goes Away</b> Huggles packs a bag.	away, some	Writing the letter: n	Match initial letters to words	Sequence	humour
<b>The Great, Enormous Hamburger</b> The ingredients of a hamburger	it, now, on, some, up	Writing the letter: o	Match high-frequency words	Sequence	food
<b>The Apple</b> Everyone claims the apple, but the goat gets it.	my, said, the	Writing the letter: p	Match initial letters to words	Match words to pictures	humour
<b>Run!</b> The animals run away from a fire.	jump, run, said, the	Writing the letter: q	Match initial letters to words	Make sentences	animals
<b>Look!</b> The birds see dogs, cats, children but bread is what interests them.	look, said, the	Writing the letter: r	Match high-frequency words	Sequence	animals
<b>My Shadow</b> A girl watches her shadow.	I, it, jump, my, when	Writing the letter: s	Match high-frequency words	Match words to pictures	movement

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<b>Give Me a Hug</b> A girl finds the best creature to hug.	are, big, little, too, you	Writing the letter: t	Match high-frequency words	Match words to pictures	descriptions
<b>I Can Jump</b> A snail can't do what insects can do.	but, can, jump, run, said	Writing the letter: u	Match high-frequency words	Match words to pictures	garden creatures
<b>Where Is My Hat?</b> A clown has lost his hat.	here, is, my, on, where	Writing the letter: v	Match high-frequency words	Sequence	humour
<b>LEVEL 3</b>					
<b>Bubbles</b> A girl makes lots of bubbles in the bath.	in, my, on, the	letter name: E, A, B, I, O	Match words to pictures	Make a sentence	humour
<b>I Am a Bookworm</b> A bookworm gobbles up his favourite books.	am, are, I, up, you	letter name: A, G, D, U, B, W	Match words to pictures	Make a sentence	reading
<b>Big and Little</b> We meet some animals and find out what their babies are called.	and, big, have, little	letter name: L, C, P, K, Q	Match the words	Match the pictures to the sentences	animal babies
<b>Shark in a Sack</b> A boy looks at containers for different animals.	can, in, yes, you, your	letter name: J, X, S, A, M	Match high-frequency words	Recognize rhyming words	humour
<b>I Write</b> Children write messages for different reasons.	and, Dad, in, my, on	Writing the letter: w	Match high-frequency words	Match words to pictures	writing
<b>The Aeroplane</b> The aeroplane whizzes all over the sky.	all, go, here, there, up	Writing the letter: x	Match high-frequency words	Match words to pictures	travel
<b>My Friend</b> Two friends read a book.	a, is, my, not	Writing the letter: y	Match words to pictures	Make a sentence	friendship
<b>Where's Tim?</b> A father tries to find his son.	he, in, is, no, yes	Writing the letter: z	Match high-frequency words	Match words to pictures	homes
<b>Shoo!</b> The animals get into the farmer's vegetables.	away, back, came, the, went	Writing the letter: A	Match high-frequency words	Sequence	humour
<b>In My Home</b> An alien looks for a room for himself.	dad, into, mum, there, went	Writing the letter: B	Match high-frequency words	Make sentences	homes
<b>LEVEL 4</b>					
<b>My Home</b> Animals and people talk about their homes.	can, like, my, said, the	letter name: m, h, f, n	Match words to pictures	Insert punctuation	home
<b>When Itchy Witchy Sneezes</b> Things happen when Itchy Witchy sneezes.	and, away, she, the, when	letter name: w, s, a, l	Rhyming words	Match pictures to words	humour

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<b>Up in a Tree</b> A boy in a tree house tells about the things he sees.	do, it, me, up, what	letter name: u, i, t, q, k	Rhyming words	Insert punctuation	rhyming
<b>Dr Sprocket Makes a Rocket</b> A scientist makes a rocket from old bits and pieces.	from, it, makes, she, with	letter name: d, r, x, z	Rhyming words	Sequence	inventing
<b>Snow</b> Snow falls, melts and becomes water.	come, falls, the	Writing the letter: C	Remake content words	Sequence	weather
<b>A Hug is Warm</b> A girl compares a hug with other nice things.	a, and, as, is	Writing the letter: D	Match initial letters to words	Match words to pictures	descriptions
<b>Wake Up, Mum!</b> On the farm, everyone wants breakfast.	for, Mum, their, up, want	Writing the letter: E	Match high-frequency words	Make sentences	animals
<b>What Would You Like?</b> Would you like to eat a worm, a mouse or peanut butter?	like, no, what, yes, you	Writing the letter: F	Match high-frequency words	Make a sentence	food
<b>Spider, Spider</b> The spider asks the animals to tea.	come, me, no, not, to	Writing the letter: G	Match words to pictures	Make sentences	predators
<b>Uncle Buncle's House</b> Count the things in Uncle Buncle's house from 7 down to 1.	are, but, in, one, there	Writing the letter: H	Match high frequency words	Sequence	counting down
<b>LEVEL 5</b>					
<b>Where Are You Going, Aja Rose?</b> A girl is happy to do things by herself. Her friends ask if they can join in.	are, can, come, my, where	letter name: w, y, g, v	Rhyming words	Insert punctuation	question and answer
<b>The Babysitters</b> A crocodile leaves her naughty baby with the animals.	no, said, the, to, you	letter name: b, e, k, h, y	Match high frequency words	Insert punctuation	humour
<b>I Like Worms</b> The hen enjoys a diet of all sorts of worms.	for, good, in, like, me	letter name: i, j, z, o	Match words to pictures	Insert punctuation	food/animals
<b>The Cow in the Hole</b> The children know how to get a cow out of a hole.	did, for, not, they, was	letter name: c, h, f, p	Match sentences to pictures	Insert punctuation	solving problems
<b>Good For You!</b> A girl lists healthy things.	are, for, good, me, what	Writing the letter: I	Match words to pictures	Make a sentence	health

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<b>Let's Have a Swim!</b> Some animals are enjoying a swim until a crocodile jumps in.	had, have, in, jumped, out,	Writing the letter: J	Match high frequency words	Sequence	humour
<b>Mr Grump</b> Mr Grump is just like his name until...	at, me, who, with, you	Writing the letter: K	Match words to pictures	Sequence	people
<b>The Magic Machine</b> The rain man and the sun woman make a rainbow.	and, came, out, put, they	Writing the letter: L	Match initial letters to words	Sequence	fantasy
<b>There is a Planet</b> This story is around a non-fiction theme	in, is, on, that, there	Writing the letter: M	Match high frequency words	Make a sentence from the story	space
<b>Look Out!</b> Every fish in the sea has to look out for something bigger.	for, look, out, said, to	Writing the letter: N	Match words to pictures	Make a sentence	ocean predators
<b>LEVEL 6</b>					
<b>The Whale</b> People at the beach help to refloat a stranded whale.	came, could, not, over, will	Letter sounds: a, b, c, d, s, w	Match high-frequency words	Sequence	whales
<b>Me and My Dog</b> A girl describes the things she can do with her dog.	has, into, just, me, of	Letter sounds: u, f, t, m, h	Match words (prepositions)	Make sentences from story	movement
<b>My Pony Minnie</b> A girl describes her pony.	an, big, has, my, two	Letter sounds: f, n, l, p, e	Match high-frequency words	Match pictures to sentences	ponies
<b>My Granny Rides a Bicycle</b> Granny is a bicycle rider but sometimes she doesn't look where she is going.	it, like, my, she, up	Letter sounds: g, r, i, x, z	Rhyming words	Sequence	families
<b>I'm Bigger Than You!</b> Rooster and Goose argue about who is the biggest.	bigger, biggest, said, same, you	Writing the letter: O	Match high-frequency words	Sequence	humour
<b>The Magic Tree</b> The magic man grows a jellybean tree.	blue, come, looked, out, yellow	Writing the letter: P	Match high-frequency words	Make sentences	fantasy
<b>"Scat!" Said the Cat</b> The animals ask questions.	said, when, where, who, why	Writing the letter: Q	Match high-frequency words	Sequence	question words
<b>Sharks</b> Different sharks and some facts about them	great, have, little, there, this	Writing the letter: R	Match high-frequency words	Match sentences to pictures	predators

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<b>My Dog</b> A boy's visual record of what his dog likes	big, his, likes, me, my	Writing the letter: S	Match verbs from the story	Make a sentence	pets
<b>Engines</b> Different engines help us move.	can, four, has, have, very	Writing the letter: T	Match high-frequency words	Match initial letters to make words	movement
<b>LEVEL 7</b>					
<b>The Old Truck</b> Tom and Bill find out why some parts of a truck are essential.	came, off, then, went, yes	Letter sounds: y, j, q, v, o	Label a picture	Sequence	transport
<b>The Flea Market</b> A man, a woman and a dog go to the flea market.	get, go, had, his, what	Letter sounds: f, m, h, w, p	Make words from letter blend fl-	Make sentences	humour
<b>Going to Lucy's House</b> Hannah imagines all the ways she could get to Lucy's house.	but, going, had, have, or	Initial sounds: g, r, l, h, i	Match initial letters to words	Label a picture	imagination
<b>The S Party</b> Sam is having a sixth birthday party and his friends are dressing up.	as, at, come, said, will	Initial sounds: l, a, b, p, s	Make words from blend st-	Insert punctuation	celebrations
<b>The Monkey Bridge</b> Five monkeys build a bridge for lion to cross the river.	five, into, make, over, went	Writing the letter: U	Match words to pictures	Sequence	animals
<b>Bread</b> The twins share bread on the way home.	get, have, Mum, some, where	Writing the letter: V	Make words from blend br-	Make sentences	being helpful
<b>The Seed</b> Annie and Bobby plant a seed and watch it grow.	but, going, grow, they, this	Writing the letter: W	Match high-frequency words	Sequence	growing plants
<b>Along Comes Jake</b> Baby Jake helps with the family chores.	along, comes, helps, then, with	Writing the letter: X	Match initial letters to words	Make a sentence	families
<b>Goodbye, Lucy</b> A girl forgets things as she leaves for school.	got, here, know, what, your	Writing the letter: Y	Match words to pictures	Make a sentence	memory
<b>There's No One Like Me!</b> A girl discovers that she is special.	does, just, like, look, not	Writing the letter: Z	Match the nouns naming animals and their babies	Match sentences to the pictures	animal babies
<b>LEVEL 8</b>					
<b>Aunty Maria and the Cat</b> Aunty Maria doesn't like cats.	on, out, that, went, when	Initial sounds: c, n, w, y, z, x	Make words from word family -at	Add punctuation and words to sentences	families/pets

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<b>Eat Up!</b> The boy's family give him reasons to eat his dinner.	big, get, like, Mum, so	Initial sounds: d, e, m, u, o	Match high-frequency words	Match words to pictures	food/families
<b>Speak Up!</b> The animals help the spider get closer to the giraffe.	down, like, said, there, you	Initial sounds: v, t, g, c, q	Label the picture	Insert punctuation	animals
<b>Be Careful, Matthew!</b> Matthew is warned to be careful by adult family members.	be, Dad, Mum, off, your	Initial sounds: f, b, c, d, p	Make words from word family -all	Add punctuation and words to sentences	safety
<b>Just Right!</b> A girl concludes that she is the right size for everything she needs to do.	could, small, too, were, would	The alphabet activities finish at this level.	Match high-frequency words	Make a sentence	size
<b>I Smell Smoke</b> A boy describes what he would do if he smells smoke.	down, help, how, out, outside	The alphabet activities finish at this level.	Make words from the -ell word family	Sequence	emergencies
<b>In the Desert</b> The animals wake up in the North American desert.	away, day, here, play, up	The alphabet activities finish at this level.	Match words to pictures	Make words from word family -ake	deserts
<b>Scit, Scat, Scaredy Cat!</b> The animals are all scared of something.	away, black, brown, through, why	The alphabet activities finish at this level.	Rhyming words	Make a sentence	animals
<b>The Zebra Crossing</b> The zebra takes control of the crossing until the crocodile comes along.	came, can't, here, just, this	The alphabet activities finish at this level.	Match high-frequency words	Make sentences	crossing the road
<b>The Maze</b> When the family is stuck in a maze, Lily gets them out.	did, out, she, went, will	The alphabet activities finish at this level.	Make words from word family -ot	Make a sentence	being smart

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<b>LEVEL 9</b>				
<b>The Green Dragon</b> The dragon doesn't take any notice of suggestions about covering up.	him, his, said, want, you	Make words with letter blend dr-	Sequence	sun safety
<b>Catherine, the Counter</b> Catherine likes to count from 1 to 9.	all, her, on, one, she	Make words from word family -ate	Insert punctuation	numbers
<b>Richie, the Greedy Mouse</b> Richie is very greedy and he eats so much he gets fat!	but, good, here, look, was	Rhyming words	Insert punctuation	food
<b>The River</b> If people throw their rubbish in a river, the wildlife goes away.	away, back, in, like, they	Match high-frequency words	Add punctuation and words to sentences	conservation
<b>The Cooking Pot</b> The children enjoy eating different food.	else, got, have, we, will	Rhyming words	Make a sentence	food
<b>A New Bed</b> Mr Mack wants a new bed.	new, old, put, take, took	Match high-frequency words	Sequence	humour
<b>Popcorn</b> Popcorn floats over the town.	everywhere, help, our, over, was	Make compound words	Sequence	humour
<b>Cat's Party</b> Will anyone go to Cat's party?	asked, love, no one, please, your	Match high-frequency words	Make sentences	humour
<b>Thumpety-Rah!</b> A giant plays his drums.	began, made, them, under, went	Make words from word family -ack	Match sentences to pictures	rhyming
<b>Birthdays</b> Everyone gets a present on birthdays.	blue, brown, green, new, red	Match colour words to pictures	Make sentences	colours
<b>LEVEL 10</b>				
<b>Don't You Laugh at Me!</b> Each animal can't stop laughing, so the next animal eats it.	go, him, me, now, or	Label the picture	Sequence	humour
<b>Come for a Swim!</b> The children get Dad and Mum to come for a swim.	had, into, other, over, were	Make words from word family -ad	Insert punctuation	families
<b>Open Your Mouth!</b> Animals feed their babies but monster babies eat something huge.	going, said, some, what, your	Label the pictures	Insert punctuation	food/families
<b>Trees Are Special</b> The text develops reasons and recommendations for the conservation of trees.	are, have, not, of, we	Match high-frequency words	Sequence	conservation
<b>The Wind Blows Strong</b> A girl listens to the noises made by a strong wind.	make, makes, too, tree, wind	Make words with letter blend cr-	Insert punctuation	sound words

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<b>When the Balloon Went Pop!</b> When the balloon pops, there is a chain reaction.	across, got, had, some, when	Rhyming words	Sequence	humour
<b>Footprints on the Moon</b> A moon monster consults a moon book.	from, made, see, these, who	Match high-frequency words	Make sentences	reference books
<b>Animal Inventions</b> People imitate what animals do.	around, does, lets, through, under	Match words from the text	Insert punctuation	adaptation
<b>Carrots, Peas and Beans</b> The children play a trick on their father.	eat, looked, many, ready, them	Match high-frequency words	Sequence	humour
<b>Where is the Cabbage?</b> The creatures are looking for cabbage to eat.	come, coming, over, through, under	Match words to pictures	Make sentences	gardens
<b>LEVEL 11</b>				
<b>Red Socks and Yellow Socks</b> The characters have great difficulty sorting out a problem with their socks.	but, do, had, now, them	Make words from letter blend sw-	Add punctuation and words to sentences	humour
<b>I'm Glad to Say</b> A pilot has a very exciting parachute jump.	had, new, up, was, went	Make compound words	Sequence	humour
<b>Tails</b> Different animals tell what they use their tails for.	am, can, look, what, your	Make words from letter blends	Add punctuation and words to sentences	animals
<b>The Roller Coaster</b> Mum and Scott have different ideas about the roller coaster.	came, no, that, too, will	Make words from letter blends	Add punctuation and words to sentences	at the funfair
<b>Mrs Pye's Pool</b> Mrs Pye has ducks in her pool and she wants them out.	around, by, looked, made, new	Make words from letter blend sw-	Sequence	humour
<b>Lucy's Rooster</b> Lucy's rooster makes a lot of noise.	inside, take, that, through, took	Compound words	Insert punctuation	humour
<b>Are You a Ladybird?</b> The ladybird is different to the other insects.	are, can, can't, don't, you	Match words to pictures	Insert punctuation	gardens
<b>Camouflage</b> Different animals use colour and shape to hide.	does, find, many, see, their	Make words from word family -ee	Match sentences to the pictures	adaptation
<b>You Can Make Skittles</b> Make skittles and play the game.	back, made, now, one, play	Make words from letter blend sk-	Sequence	games

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<b>The Tree</b> A story about looking after a tree	about, every, never, our, their	Make words from letter blend tr-	Insert punctuation	nature
<b>LEVEL 12</b>				
<b>Little Car</b> A family hires a car that is too small for them.	away, come, going, have, little	Make words from letter blend cl-	Add punctuation and words to sentences	humour
<b>My Boat</b> A boy and his brother try to float in their boat.	across, did, new, with, would	Make words from word family -oat	Add punctuation and words to sentences	humour
<b>The Terrible Tiger</b> Children go hunting for a terrible tiger and pretend they are brave until they find him.	anything, back, over, through, under	Make words from letter blends	Caption pictures	movement
<b>Hiccups for Hippo</b> Hippo has the hiccups and he annoys the lion who wants to sleep.	drink, next, too, want, work	Make words from letter blends	Insert punctuation	humour
<b>Kangaroo</b> The baby kangaroo keeps falling out of its pouch.	had, jump, out, went, will	Match verbs to their -ing form	Insert punctuation	humour
<b>What Am I?</b> Guess the animals that live in the jungle.	eat, fly, yellow, live, small	Make words from letter blend sl-	Label the picture	animals
<b>The Hermit Crab</b> The hermit crab must find a new shell.	just, live, many, other, right	Match high-frequency words	Make sentences	rock pools
<b>The Dandelion</b> A dandelion seed floats on the wind.	comes, grow, some, two, three	Label the picture	Sequence	seeds
<b>Two Stupid Cats</b> A mouse is too clever for two cats.	began, both, could, once, very	Make words from letter blend st-	Insert punctuation	humour
<b>The Dancing Fly</b> A fly annoys the shopkeeper.	again, got, little, now, there	Make words from letter blend fl-	Add punctuation and words to sentences	humour
<b>LEVEL 13</b>				
<b>Dad's Headache</b> When Dad gets a headache, the children try to make him feel better.	better, funny, let, make, our, that, there, some, stop, told	Match high-frequency words	Story quiz	families
<b>An Elephant for the Holidays</b> Harold the elephant comes to spend the holidays.	every, from, full, inside, outside, small, too, took, wanted, wants	Make words from word family -ook	Story quiz	humour
<b>Night Noises</b> A boy tells of the noises he hears at night.	come, every, night, out, outside, talk, them, together, what, will	Make words from letter blend sn-	Story quiz	sounds
<b>Who Loves Getting Wet?</b> The farmer and the animals run for cover when it starts to rain.	came, could, going, great, knew, know, love, some, who, would	Match words from the story	Story quiz	weather

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<b>Nowhere and Nothing</b> A boy feels lonely until some children ask him to play.	doing, don't, down, going, nothing, nowhere, some, what, where, why	Make words from letter blend fr-	Story quiz	friendship
<b>A Small World</b> The insects that inhabit this small world	come, green, hard, have, like, once, out, still, very, what	Make words from letter blend sm-	Story quiz	insects
<b>Whose Eggs Are These?</b> Children find eggs and name them.	are, at, by, in, looking, on, these, this, through, up	Make words from letter blends	Story quiz	eggs
<b>The Get-Up Machine</b> A boy has a machine for getting to school on time.	comes, down, get, me, morning, pulls, that, this, time, up	Make words from word family -ake	Story quiz	mechanical things
<b>What's Happened to Arrow?</b> A boy saves his goldfish.	after, again, around, back, came, still, thought, went, what's, there	Match words to -ly form	Story quiz	pets
<b>The Hole in the Hedge</b> People and animals watch each other through the hedge.	at, come, down, hole, laughed, look, looked, looking, through, went	Match verbs to -ing form	Story quiz	humour
<b>LEVEL 14</b>				
<b>Just This Once</b> A girl bullies her parents into letting her hippopotamus join in.	be, come, get, have, just, made, once, that, this, went	Match high-frequency words	Story quiz	families
<b>Crossing the Road</b> Accidents happen when Mrs Maggie Mox crosses the road.	blue, have, just, other, put, then, were, what, with, yellow	Make words from letter blend cr-	Story quiz	humour
<b>A Fire at the Zoo</b> Some zoo animals try to put out a fire but do not succeed.	coming, do, everyone, gave, her, know, one, out, put, what	Match contractions to words	Story quiz	humour
<b>Scary Spiders</b> A cheeky girl teases her grandmother about her fear of spiders.	around, from, here, just, quite, some, there, when, you, your	Match rhyming words	Story quiz	families
<b>Ratty-tatty</b> A clever rat always escapes being caught.	catch, could, couldn't, cried, didn't, good, liked, looked, no one, would	Match opposites	Story quiz	humour
<b>The Zoo Olympics</b> The reporter gets the Olympics story wrong.	came, good, got, people, see, very, when, will, won, wrong	Match singular to plural	Story quiz	humour
<b>Same But Different</b> Two children compare their drawings.	came, different, just, like, one, open, our, same, some, with	Make words from word family -ame	Story quiz	comparisons
<b>The Apple Tree</b> The apple tree changes through the seasons.	again, open, just, white, outside, their, them, then, when, will	Contractions	Story quiz	fruit
<b>Space</b> Two children think about what is in space.	could, day, every, find, night, no one, sometimes, there, will, wonder	Make words from letter blend sp-	Story quiz	solar system

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<b>I Wonder</b> A boy looks around and wonders.	behind, brown, green, lives, new, over, there, this, what, wonder	Make words from letter blend dr-	Story quiz	imagination
<b>LEVEL 15</b>				
<b>When Dad Went to Pre-school</b> A boy takes care of his dad at pre-school.	about, every, first, gave, helped, know, made, showed, take, think	Make words from letter blend pl-	Story quiz	school
<b>Brutus</b> When Brutus, the dog, is naughty, he is sent to live in the country but he doesn't like it.	all right, cannot, can't, looked, open, people, showed, stop, stopped, their	Make words from letter blend br-	Story quiz	pets
<b>Morning Bath</b> Mr Porter is late for work so he goes to work in his bath to save time.	again, because, cold, give, never, next, often, read, soon, very	Match verb to past tense	Story quiz	humour
<b>Old Grizzly</b> Old Grizzly refuses invitations to play and so finds himself alone until two dogs come along.	day, down, goes, happens, more, play, should, shout, there, would	Make words from letter blend gr-	Story quiz	humour
<b>Noise</b> The children are asked by their mother to stop and listen.	can, had, keep, long, nothing, off, on, that, then, went	Make words from letter blend pl-	Story quiz	humour
<b>Boring Old Bed</b> A boy looks for a new place to sleep.	anywhere, good, I'm, new, next, only, place, thought, want, would	Make words from letter blend pr-	Story quiz	humour
<b>Mrs Grimble's Grapevine</b> Mrs Grimble loves to eat grapes and so do the birds.	around, ate, came, cannot, could, don't, inside, make, over, under	Make words from letter blend gr-	Story quiz	humour
<b>Mrs Muddle Mud-Puddle</b> Mrs Muddle Mud-Puddle visits her friend but enters a haunted house instead.	again, away, friend, himself, Mrs, poor, that's, under, some, you're	Match describing words to nouns	Story quiz	humour
<b>The Little Yellow Chicken</b> The little chicken is having a party but his friends won't help.	about, done, friend, himself, little, ready, stop, thought, yellow, yourself	Contractions	Story quiz	kindness
<b>Soup</b> Souperman makes soup for the workers. He uses his soup for another purpose too.	after, can't, made, more, over, people, shall, something, sometimes, soon	Compound words	Story quiz	humour
<b>LEVEL 16</b>				
<b>My Sloppy Tiger</b> A little girl encounters problems when she decides to take her sloppy tiger to town.	again, comes, made, never, new, over, pleased, think, very, wants	Make words from letter blend scr-	Story quiz	humour

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<b>Tess and Paddy</b> When a two-year-old girl goes to stay with neighbours, she makes friends with their dog.	after, also, asked, became, gave, more, most, nearly, next, why	Match verb to present participle	Story quiz	pets
<b>The Traveller and the Farmer</b> A traveller fools a farmer into providing him with food.	again, be, better, can't, from, give, good, ran, soon, would	Match word with word ending -ed	Story quiz	humour
<b>The Trouble with Heathrow</b> Heathrow is a beloved family pet, but he is naughty.	anyway, been, don't, everyone, fast, having, much, never, too, very	Make words from letter blend tr-	Story quiz	pets
<b>The Poor Sore Paw</b> When the dog gets his paw caught, everybody is delayed.	across, because, can't, couldn't, down, going, stopped, over, want, way	Match the opposites	Story quiz	rhyming words
<b>Mum's Birthday</b> A girl gets lots of ideas about what to buy her Mum.	about, best, better, give, going, what, when, who, whole, would	Make words with letter blends	Story quiz	birthdays
<b>My Sloppy Tiger Goes to School</b> A sloppy tiger gets into mischief at school.	always, couldn't, goes, having, himself, outside, saw, take, that's, where	Compound words	Story quiz	humour
<b>The Dippy Dinner Drippers</b> The Dippy family drip and drop so much food that their clothes become a meal, too.	ate, every, gone, new, night, our, their, them, they, were	Match words with -ed form	Story quiz	humour
<b>The Giant Pumpkin</b> Mr and Mrs Pip's giant pumpkin grows bigger and bigger.	good, grew, idea, make, Mrs, suddenly, what, which, would, wouldn't	Contractions	Story quiz	humour
<b>Superkids</b> Superkids rid the town of the giant, the monster and the dragon.	afraid, again, back, let's, people, out, over, threw, was, we're,	Rhyming words	Story quiz	humour
<b>LEVEL 17</b>				
<b>Mr Whisper</b> When Mr Whisper breaks his blue cup, he has problems shopping for a new one.	again, can't, loud, louder, much, need, please, shouted, still, too	Make words from digraph wh-	Story quiz	humour
<b>The Tiny Woman's Coat</b> A tiny woman gets help to make a coat.	keep, mine, sharp, stayed, take, three, try, wanted, warm, where	Match rhyming words	Story quiz	fantasy
<b>Quack, Quack, Quack!</b> A father takes his children to school and embarrasses them.	about, across, around, done, don't, more, morning, replied, through, was	Make words from letter blend qu-	Story quiz	families

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<b>The Bag of Smiles</b> When people have their smiles taken away, they try to get them back.	again, bottom, even, happy, never, shouted, their, time, unhappy, where	Make words from digraph kn-	Story quiz	humour
<b>One Thousand Currant Buns</b> A baker makes one thousand currant buns for his friend, but his plans are spoiled by hungry animals.	after, can't, give, know, made, never, past, thousand, two, way	Past tense	Story quiz	humour
<b>The Giant's Boy</b> An unhappy giant's boy makes bad weather until the giant hugs him better.	better, cried, felt, shouted, let, people, rain, said, their, what	Match words with -ed form	Story quiz	weather
<b>Mrs Grindy's Shoes</b> Mrs Grindy can't find any shoes that she likes at the shop.	about, blue, don't, find, left, new, red, right, should, some	Rhyming words	Story quiz	humour
<b>A Hundred Hugs</b> Huggles likes to give people hugs and bring them friendship.	away, does, happy, how, mind, morning, much, need, nothing, thank you	Opposites	Story quiz	kindness
<b>Bother Those Barnetts!</b> When the five Barnett children visit, there is mayhem!	after, bother, coming, didn't, four, looking, them, through, sleep, when	Compound words	Story quiz	humour
<b>Road Robber</b> The people set out to defeat the robber who steals their roads.	always, gone, how, made, much, somewhere, took, where, which, who	Make words with letter blends	Story quiz	collective action
<b>LEVEL 18</b>				
<b>Boggywooga</b> When a space traveller arrives on a purple planet, she plays a monster at his own game.	across, behind, close, coming, great, small, smaller, there, through, why	Match adjective with comparative	Story quiz	humour
<b>The Secret of Spooky House</b> The Monster family makes strange noises in Spooky House at night.	because, began, can't, even, every, find, know, never, would, wrong	Make words from letter blends	Story quiz	humour
<b>In the Middle of the Night</b> Farmers see an alien in the farmyard in the dark.	against, behind, fifth, first, fourth, middle, once, quickly, second, third	Make words from letter blends	Story quiz	humour
<b>Lizard's Grandmother</b> Lizard loves to play tricks on the other animals, but they are tired of her pranks.	again, always, closer, herself, mine, much, never, sometimes, together, yourself	Make words with word ending -ed	Story quiz	humour
<b>Letters for Mr James</b> The children send letters to Mr James to cheer him up.	about, can't, come, from, going, Mr, never, today, where, your	Opposites	Story quiz	kindness

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<b>A Magician's House</b> If you ever rent a magician's house, you'll get lots of surprises.	always, around, full, little, middle, need, never, other, something, which	Match high-frequency words	Story quiz	magic
<b>Seeds</b> How seeds develop and grow.	another, grow, inside, need, ready, soon, still, them, upwards, downwards	Rhyming words	Story quiz	growing plants
<b>The Desert Machine</b> Find out how the camel has adapted to deserts.	cannot, give, little, live, make, most, other, very, where, without	Match words to -ing form	Story quiz	camels
<b>Bees</b> Find out all about honeybees.	each, live, make, most, must, other, special, stop, these, together	Compound words	Story quiz	bees and honey
<b>Tracks in the Sand</b> All creatures leave tracks. Find out what they look like.	across, around, because, best, closely, everywhere, guess, keep, nearby, often	Match words with same letter blend	Story quiz	animal behaviour
<b>LEVEL 19</b>				
<b>Mish-na</b> A boy cares for his pet hen during spring and summer but in winter she disappears.	afternoon, asked, brown, every, green, heavy, there, under, white, yellow	Make words from letter blends	Story quiz	pets
<b>Space Race</b> All but one spaceship in a race run into difficulties.	another, around, five, forgot, left, race, ready, seven, six, wrong	Make words from word family -ace	Story quiz	counting
<b>Dragon with a Cold</b> When the family dragon gets a cold, he makes a big fuss.	anything, better, caught, every, guess, himself, know, might, thought, without	Make words from word family -old	Story quiz	humour
<b>Sloppy Tiger Bedtime</b> Sloppy tiger takes a long time getting ready for bed.	about, around, behind, better, gave, need, once, read, their, wanted	Make words from letter blend sl-	Story quiz	humour
<b>Sloppy Tiger and the Party</b> Sloppy Tiger gets into mischief at the party.	always, couldn't, going, much, never, please, should, very, wanted, was	Match words with their plural form	Story quiz	humour
<b>The Fantastic Washing Machine</b> This fantastic new washing machine has a mind of its own.	after, cried, doing, them, having, itself, again, round, little, thank you	Match words with -ed form	Story quiz	humour
<b>Busy Baby</b> Looking after babies isn't easy as the children find out.	another, anything, better, doing, mind, outside, quite, soon, took, worse	Rhyming words	Story quiz	babysitting
<b>Icebergs</b> Look at the Arctic and Antarctic regions.	actually, around, away, bottom, middle, only, through, time, sometimes, together	Compound words	Story quiz	icy worlds

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<b>Incredible Insects</b> Look at some of the more amazing insects in our world.	before, brown, even, everywhere, green, however, might, quickly, sometimes, suddenly	Match words to pictures	Story quiz	insects
<b>Volcanoes</b> Volcanoes can be active or dormant – find out why.	both, even, inside, many, middle, often, their, they, under, when	Match words with the same letter blends	Story quiz	volcanoes

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<b>LEVEL 20</b>			
<b>The Three Wishes</b> A grateful man grants a kind woodcutter and his wife three wishes.	Write what you would have wished for if the tiny man had give you three wishes.	Story quiz	traditional literature
<b>The Snow Daughter</b> The loneliness of Jenny and Lars ends when a baby made of snow becomes their daughter.	Imagine you were a TV news reporter when Lars made the snow daughter. Write down the words you would say to your viewers and practise saying them. Then video your script.	Story quiz	traditional literature
<b>The Mud Pony</b> Unable to have a real pony, Running Deer makes one out of river mud.	Use the illustrations to write a paragraph about where and how Running Deer’s tribe lived.	Story quiz	Native Americans
<b>The Magic Porridge Pot</b> The girl and her family never go hungry, thanks to the magic porridge pot.	Write a song to make a BBQ cook your favourite food. Write another song to make it stop.	Story quiz	traditional literature
<b>Baby's Breakfast</b> When the baby won't eat his porridge, his mother won't make pancakes.	Write a paragraph to describe a greedy gadumper for a Children's Encyclopedia of Animals.	Story quiz	humour
<b>Is it a Fish?</b> Find out what makes a fish a fish and then decide if the animals in this book are fish or not.	Write three differences between fish and whales.	Story quiz	fish
<b>Our Eyes</b> Discover fascinating facts about the marvellous tools we use to read and view the world.	Write a report to explain what your pupils are, what they do and why they are important.	Story quiz	our bodies
<b>Wonderful Ears</b> Ears help animals to hunt for food and to protect themselves from danger.	Make a list of interesting words to describe the ears of different animals. Use some of them in a poem about "Eary Animals".	Story quiz	biology

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<b>Animals, Plants and Air</b> We are breathing air all the time, whether we are asleep, playing or on the computer.	Imagine you are a tree. Explain how you breathe.	Story quiz	biology
<b>Clouds, Rain and Fog</b> What are clouds for? Why does it rain? What is fog? Why do hailstones fall?	Write a story about the journey of a drop of water vapour from a puddle on the street to a raindrop.	Story quiz	weather
<b>LEVEL 21</b>			
<b>The Pied Piper</b> The townspeople teach the mayor a lesson.	Write your own ending about what happened to the Pied Piper or the mayor of Hamelin.	Story quiz	traditional literature
<b>Grandma's Elephants</b> Shanti is proud and excited that her grandma's elephants are in the Onam festival parade.	Write step-by-step instructions about how to get an elephant ready for an Onam parade.	Story quiz	celebrations
<b>Blackbirds</b> The blackbirds look for a safe place to build a nest. Once the nest is finished, the eggs are laid and they hatch after 14 days.	Imagine you are a mother blackbird. Write a list of instructions on how to build a nest.	Story quiz	birds
<b>The Man Who Enjoyed Grumbling</b> Mr Ratchett liked to grumble about things, especially about his neighbours, the Goat family.	Imagine Mr Ratchett was your uncle and he went missing. Write a paragraph for the police to describe what he looks like.	Story quiz	humour
<b>Knights in Armour</b> While exploring a castle, John and James are taken back to the middle ages to experience what life was like for true knights in armour.	Write instructions to tell knights how to get ready for a tournament.	Story quiz	history
<b>Hot and Cold Weather</b> Discover what affects weather. Is it going to be hot or cold where you are right now? What causes a change in the temperature? Why does it go up or down?	Imagine you are in Antarctica during summer. Write about some of the good and bad effects 24 hours of daylight might have on your life.	Story quiz	weather

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<p><b>Moving Things</b> Levers, rollers, ramps, wheels, wedges and screws have been around for thousands of years and yet they are just as important for moving things today.</p>	Choose one of the machines from the book and write a paragraph about how it is used today in your school or at home.	Story quiz	physics
<p><b>Flowers</b> Flowers add beauty and colour to the world. Without them most plants would not exist.</p>	Describe a well-known flower in 30 words without naming it. Read what you wrote to someone and see if they can guess what flower it is.	Story quiz	biodiversity
<p><b>Feathers and Flight</b> Birds are the only animals that have feathers. Their feathers keep them warm and dry and are important in helping them to fly.</p>	Write an explanation about how feathers are used and how birds look after them.	Story quiz	birds and flight
<p><b>Animals and their Teeth</b> Whether animals are plant eaters, meat eaters or they eat both plants and meat, their teeth are adapted to suit the diet.</p>	Imagine a shark and a beaver are having a chat. Write a short play about what they might say to each other.	Story quiz	biology
<b>LEVEL 22</b>			
<p><b>A Lion Song</b> The little boy wanted to give his mother a song, a very special song.</p>	Catch a fierce tiger song and write it down before it disappears into the mountains.	Story quiz	traditional literature
<p><b>The Garden Party</b> Mrs Trotter was going to the garden party but she wouldn't let Rosalind go.</p>	You are invited to a garden party. Write a description of the hat you will wear.	Story quiz	humour
<p><b>Dragon Fire</b> Jess's heart sank when Mr Hopkins started talking about fire safety at Brownies. She would rather be doing activities.</p>	Write a list of the fire safety hints from the story.	Story quiz	fire safety and first aid
<p><b>The Wonderhair Hair Restorer</b> Dad is worried because he is losing his hair and even his Wonderhair Hair Restorer can't restore it.</p>	Imagine that people might want to have flowers growing on their heads. Think of a good name for a brew and write some words to go on the bottle to persuade people to buy it.	Story quiz	humour
<p><b>The Little Old Lady Who Danced on the Moon</b> No one in the village believed the little old lady when she said she danced on the moon.</p>	Look at the picture on pages 6–7. Describe the clues the illustrator gives the reader that it is a windy day.	Story quiz	fantasy

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<b>Cobwebs, Elephants and Stars</b> Barbara is worried. Is Mrs Caliban a wicked fairy and did she really turn Tim Burrows into a lizard just for putting a fried egg in her letterbox?	Write instructions on how to stick gold pieces to a ceiling the way Barbara and Mrs Caliban did.	Story quiz	humour
<b>How Bread is Made</b> Making bread is a good way of seeing how some things can be changed.	Damper is a kind of bread that can be made in a camp fire. Research damper and write simple instructions on how to make it.	Story quiz	chemical change, food
<b>What is Rock?</b> We live on rock, our land is made of it, our oceans lie on top of it, many of our roads and buildings are made from it, but what exactly is rock?	Using some words from the book, make a list of "rocky" names for a rock band – for example, Stone Skeleton and the Sedimentaries.	Story quiz	Earth's resources
<b>How Do Fish Live?</b> Fish are cold-blooded animals. Find out how they breathe, how they swim, how they see and how they hear.	Write a paragraph to explain some differences between people and fish.	Story quiz	fish
<b>Baby Birds</b> Baby birds begin their life as eggs, usually in a nest.	Write a paragraph about a chick in the book that gives clues to what kind of bird you are. Read your paragraph to a friend and see if they can guess which bird you are.	Story quiz	birds
<b>LEVEL 23</b>			
<b>A Pet to the Vet</b> Almost everyone in Judy's street has a pet with a problem.	Write a rhyme like the ones in the book for a pet or for another sick animal.	Story quiz	humour
<b>The Little Kite</b> The kite loved soaring on the air above the land and the sea but there was always a fear, a fear of the wires.	Imagine you are one of those birds in the book. Describe what is happening to you.	Story quiz	traditional literature
<b>Old Bones</b> This story is about a beloved family dog and how Zac overcomes his sadness when Arch, the family dog, dies.	Write a list of the clues the illustrator gives the reader to show the different seasons.	Story quiz	pets
<b>The Best Diver in the World</b> Mark's lungs felt close to bursting as he reached for the large crayfish.	Write a list of helpful hints for divers using the information in the story.	Story quiz	adventure

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<p><b>The Adventures of Jessica and Zebedee</b> When Jessica flees the orphanage to save Zebedee's life, the adventures begin, but how will they end?</p>	List some different jobs and write funny, suitable names for people who do those jobs.	Story quiz	adventure, pets
<p><b>The Treasure of the Stone Lions</b> The stone lions looked scary but Luke played on them all the same.</p>	Write a headline for the newspaper story mentioned in the story.	Story quiz	adventure
<p><b>Winklepoo the Wicked</b> Winklepoo bullies her way into the wickedest pirate competition and starts a whirlwind of wickedness.</p>	Write about a horrible deed that a pirate like Winklepoo would enjoy doing.	Story quiz	humour
<p><b>Getting the Water We Need</b> Everyone needs fresh clean water every day to survive.</p>	Use the internet to find a simple way to make untreated water drinkable. Email instructions to a friend.	Story quiz	Earth's resources, sustainability
<p><b>About Snails</b> Snails are much more than garden pests who move slowly and sleep for much of the year.</p>	Write a description of the life cycle of another garden creature.	Story quiz	snails
<p><b>Wonderful Eyes</b> Not all eyes are the same. They vary to suit the particular needs of the animals using them.</p>	Describe the differences between a chicken and an eagle including how their eyes affect their behaviour.	Story quiz	biology
<b>LEVEL 24</b>			
<p><b>The King's Treasure</b> The people have a problem, so does the king. He is worried that someone will steal his treasure.</p>	Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper giving the reasons why a king should share his treasure with the people in his kingdom.	Story quiz	humour
<p><b>What is Soil?</b> Soil brings together weathered rocks, decayed plants and animals, and millions of bacteria to make a mixture that allows plants to grow.</p>	Think of words that describe how soil looks, how it feels and how it smells.	Story quiz	Earth's resources
<p><b>The Solar System?</b> The planets in the solar system are all different but they have some things in common.</p>	It is your job to rename all the planets. Write a list of alternative names that give a clue to what that planet is like.	Story quiz	space
<p><b>What I Want to Be</b> Angela's ambition is to be an actor, just like her grandfather, op, used to be.</p>	Read page 19, and then write a script for a one-sided phone conversation with two different emotions in it.	Story quiz	creative arts

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<p><b>From Flowers to Fruit</b> Flowers play a very important role in a plant bearing fruit and spreading seeds that grow into new plants.</p>	Choose a flowering plant and in your own words write about how it grows from a seed to a plant, using the information in the text.	Story quiz	biology
<p><b>He Ran Because He Loved to Run</b> Kipsang and Chui run to school every day. They run even when there is no school because they love to run.</p>	Kipsang overcame many obstacles to achieve his dream. Write a paragraph about an achievement you are proud of and mention any obstacles you had to overcome to achieve it.	Story quiz	Olympic Games
<p><b>Endangered Animals</b> Every year the list of endangered animals grows longer. We need to help these creatures survive.</p>	Write a short letter to the editor of a newspaper to tell people about one of the endangered animals in the book. Suggest something people can do to protect it.	Story quiz	threatened species
<p><b>The Wild Snow Dog</b> During a skiing holiday, Rebecca tells her brother, Rick, the story of a wild snow dog that rescued children from a burning bus.</p>	Write the first paragraph of a newspaper story about the children's adventure.	Story quiz	adventure
<p><b>What Happens to Rock?</b> Before rock gets to the surface of the earth, things start breaking it down and transporting it to other places.</p>	Imagine you were once part of a cliff and now you are a tiny grain of sand. Write a story to explain how you got there.	Story quiz	geology
<p><b>The Super Body Fun Fair</b> When Billy visits the Super Body Fun Fair he discovers that not only are the rides fun, they also teach him lots of things he didn't know about his own body.</p>	One of the rides that Billy and Bonzo didn't go on was the "Magic Sound Machine" shown on page 2. Find out how your ears work and write about a ride on the "Magic Sound Machine".	Story quiz	how the body works
<b>LEVEL 25</b>			
<p><b>The Terrible Topsy Turvy Tissy Tossy Tangle</b> Lily Whisker has just invented a mysterious potion to make things whizz and fizz.</p>	Look at the illustration on the last page and write a story about what happened next.	Story quiz	humour
<p><b>Trouble on the Bus</b> When a witch's broomstick breaks down, this spells trouble for the people on the bus.</p>	On page 2 read the list of people and things that were not allowed on the bus. Then write your own funny list of people and things that shouldn't be allowed on buses.	Story quiz	humour

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<p><b>Mayday</b> Adam loved nothing more than flying in a small plane with his father at the controls, but today was different.</p>	Write a headline and the first paragraph for the newspaper story about Adam's amazing flight.	Story quiz	adventure
<p><b>The King's Jokes</b> The king's love of jokes has gone too far. After the queen asks the king's favourite clown for advice, she goes to Far.</p>	Write two or three "knock knock" jokes or riddles that would make the king, the queen and Prince Tom laugh.	Story quiz	humour
<p><b>Spiders</b> Spiders live wherever they can find food. They do this by building beautiful webs to catch passing insects, or they run fast and catch their prey.</p>	Write three reasons why you would rather be a spider than a fly.	Story quiz	spiders
<p><b>Wind and Storms</b> What is wind? How is it measured? What are storms?</p>	Imagine you are a grumpy person and the wind is your neighbour. Write a letter to the wind to thank it for the good things it does and to complain about some of the bad things it does.	Story quiz	weather
<p><b>The Old Woman's Nose</b> When Uncle Buncle sees the old woman's nose in the sky, he says that strange things will start turning up... and he's right!</p>	Uncle Buncle was blown away by the wind. Make a "Lost Uncle" poster to hang on a noticeboard. Write a detailed description of what he looks like and what he was wearing when he was last seen.	Story quiz	humour
<p><b>Fruit</b> Fruit helps to protect the seeds of plants but it is also good for us to eat.</p>	Imagine you are a tiny seed in the ovary of an apple blossom. Write an interesting story about what happens to you over the next year.	Story quiz	biology
<p><b>The Pond</b> Ponds are places where earth, water, sunlight, plants and animals all interact to create unique and ever-changing environments.</p>	Choose any animal that lives in a pond and read about it. Write a list of things about the animal that make it well suited to living in a pond.	Story quiz	ecology, environment
<p><b>The Emperor Penguin</b> Emperor penguins are the largest penguins. Every year, they and their eggs survive winter in the coldest, darkest, windiest place on Earth.</p>	A Space Programme is looking for astronaut animals to explore an icy, watery planet. You are an emperor penguin. Write an email to tell why you are the perfect animal for the job.	Story quiz	Natural history, Antarctica
<b>LEVEL 26</b>			

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<p><b>Marmalade and Tigger</b> Tigger thinks that his bird Marmalade is special enough to win the “Most Unusual Bird” prize at the school pet day.</p>	Write a newspaper report about the school pet show.	Story quiz	humour
<p><b>Iris La Bonga and the Locked Door</b> Despite being able to lasso a stone pineapple with a slinky scarf, Iris La Bonga’s plan to steal secrets from a famous inventor goes horribly wrong.</p>	Write a description of Iris La Bonga for a “Wanted” poster. Describe what she looks like and what she was wearing.	Story quiz	Humour
<p><b>Iris La Bonga and the Boomerzooomer</b> Famous spy Iris La Bonga has to speed into town to get the secrets from Havemore Filljug on the boomerzooomer.</p>	Imagine you were one of the traffic officers who followed Iris La Bonga on the Boomerzooomer. Write a paragraph about the things you would give her a ticket for.	Story quiz	humour
<p><b>Hoppy</b> On his first day at a new school, Hoppy is pleased to make friends with Billy and his gang.</p>	Imagine you are Hoppy’s class teacher. Write several sentences to go on his report about what kind of person he is.	Story quiz	bullying
<p><b>Butterflies</b> Butterflies are masters of disguise and even more beautiful than the flowers they feed off.</p>	Write a funny life cycle for a person. Divide it into five stages: baby, toddler, child, teenager, adult.	Story quiz	butterflies
<p><b>About Bees</b> Take a look into the amazing world of bees.</p>	Imagine you are a queen bee who needs more worker bees. Write a job advertisement to explain the tasks the worker bee will have to do.	Story quiz	bees
<p><b>Ocean Birds</b> Read about amazing adaptations that ocean birds have made to survive in and around the sea.</p>	Write a paragraph about how ocean birds are suited to a life of flying above the sea and feeding from it.	Story quiz	birds
<p><b>Sharp Defences</b> Whether they use spines, tusk or horns, the creatures in this book are all equipped to defend themselves with their sharp defences.</p>	Write a paragraph about the similarities and differences between hedgehogs and porcupines and explain which one you would rather be.	Story quiz	biology
<p><b>Birds of Prey</b> Birds of prey are hunters. They are equipped with remarkable eyesight.</p>	Write a paragraph about why birds of prey are well suited to catching and eating other animals.	Story quiz	birds

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<p><b>How Ice Cream is Made</b> People have been enjoying ice cream for millennia. But how did they do this without freezers?</p>	Make up an ice cream dish and write the instructions for preparing it.	Story quiz	food
<b>LEVEL 27</b>			
<p><b>Mr Rumfitt</b> The seasons are too untidy for Mr Rumfitt so he buys a valley and tries to shut them out.</p>	Compare the difference between Mr Rumfitt's appearance in the illustrations on the title page and on page 24.	Story quiz	humour
<p><b>Iris La Bonga and the Helpful Taxi Driver</b> Iris La Bonga's has to use a taxi to get to the special training school organised by the Society of Spies and Sneakthieves.</p>	Write a supper menu for a different type of training school.	Story quiz	humour
<p><b>Princess Harimau and the Tiger</b> When Princess Harimau tries to free her tiger Shiva from captivity, strange things happen.</p>	Choose an animal you would like to be for a day. Write a diary entry about what you did.	Story quiz	fantasy
<p><b>Tai Taylor is Born</b> Tai Taylor's father could change the course of rivers with his hands and his mother was the sister of the moon, so Tai was always going to be an extraordinary baby.</p>	Compile a missing person's poster for Tai Taylor. Describe what he looks like, what he was wearing and some of the things he can do.	Story quiz	humour
<p><b>Tai Taylor and the Sweet Annie</b> When Tai's parents take him on the Sweet Annie, Tai's reactions to sharks, food and the doldrums is... extraordinary.</p>	Write some "wicked thoughts" that the white shark might have been thinking on page 14.	Story quiz	humour
<p><b>Tai Taylor and his Education</b> At the Mocker's school on the island of Chibbawokki, Tai learns what heroes and poets like him need to know.</p>	Write a delicious sounding menu with things that begin with b.	Story quiz	humour
<p><b>The Mysterious Yeti</b> The people of Tibet and Nepal have told stories for centuries about a mysterious creature they call the yeti.</p>	Write a haiku poem about the Yeti.	Story quiz	myths

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<b>Cyclone Christmas</b> It is 1974 and Kirsten is looking forward to Christmas. But this Christmas turns out to be very different because Kirsten lives in Darwin, Australia and Cyclone Tracy is coming.	From information in the story, make a list of things a family should do to prepare for and survive a cyclone.	Story quiz	weather
<b>Unsolved Mysteries</b> Strange shapes cut into fields, unexplained sightings of fiery-eyed creatures, raining frogs and fish – people say they have seen these things.	Choose a mystery from the book and write a convincing explanation for it.	Story quiz	mystery
<b>Wushu</b> This book covers the history of wushu (martial arts) in China and how it developed into a popular sport and discipline around the world.	Write a paragraph to persuade someone your own age to try wushu.	Story quiz	martial arts
<b>LEVEL 28</b>			
<b>The New House Villain</b> Julia has a horrible villain living in the tree outside her new house.	Write a "For Sale" advertisement for Julia's house that makes the tree and the tree Villain sound like good reasons to buy.	Story quiz	humour
<b>Agatha's Brew</b> Agatha mixes up a brew that surprises her.	Write a recipe for a brew so powerful that it would make a dinosaur wake up and scare the stripes off a tiger shark.	Story quiz	humour
<b>The Animal Beauty Competition</b> The Minister of Sport and Recreation wants to teach the animals a lesson about the foolishness of measuring beauty.	Choose an animal and write a "Points of Beauty" list that shows all its good points in your opinion.	Story quiz	humour
<b>Shambles</b> Shambles was called Shambles because that is what he made of almost everything.	Write the words for a "LOST DOG" poster. Describe what Shambles looks like and a list of the things she likes doing.	Story quiz	adventure
<b>Elliot and the Drainpipe Kids</b> Elliot is in a new city and without any friends.	Imagine you are a newspaper reporter covering the failed robbery of Mr McCorkindale's treasures. Write an exciting headline and the first paragraph of the report.	Story quiz	adventure

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<b>Kerry's Keys</b> Her Uncle Ronnie has a big problem that affects the whole family.	Write a paragraph about the kind of person Kerry is by looking at the illustrations of her in the story.	Story quiz	mystery
<b>Twins to the Rescue</b> There is something odd going on in Mrs Carpenter's house.	Look at the illustration on page 27. Write how you think Miss Carpenter, her nephew and Tim were feeling at the time.	Story quiz	mystery
<b>Messages Without Words</b> Every day people send messages to each other in ways that don't require words.	Imagine you are a sports umpire. Write a paragraph to explain why sometimes you need to send messages without words.	Story quiz	history, visual literacy
<b>Favourite Games</b> Wherever there are children, games are played.	Explain how to play one of your favourite playground games.	Story quiz	games
<b>Places of Mystery</b> Ancient ruins show us where there were once lost civilisations.	Use your imagination to write a paragraph to explain one of the mysteries in the book.	Story quiz	geography, history
<b>LEVEL 29</b>			
<b>The Girl Who Washed In Moonlight</b> A young girl has only a cake of soap from her dead mother and the moonlight to turn back the darkness that surrounds her.	Write an advertisement for the magical soap in the story.	Story quiz	fantasy
<b>The Stranger From the Sea</b> Thomas lives alone by the sea until one night a storm delivers a mysterious stranger to his cottage.	Write a caption to a newspaper story.	Story quiz	fantasy
<b>The Crystals</b> Samantha has an experiment that won't work. In solving the problems she makes some new discoveries.	Imagine what Thomas is thinking.	Story quiz	science
<b>The Flyer</b> Brendan's overseas trip starts going wrong from the moment he arrives at the airport.	Write about what the characters might be doing 20 years after this story.	Story quiz	adventure
<b>Popping Corn</b> The history and science of popcorn is just as interesting as the flavours.	Match popcorn flavours to favourite movies.	Story quiz	food

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<b>What are Wonders of the World?</b> Here are some of the wonders of the world, created by people or by nature.	Choose a winner from the wonders in the book and justify your decision.	Story quiz	history, architecture
<b>Ropes and Knots</b> Ropes are important and tying them in knots is a useful skill.	List five ways people can have fun with a long piece of rope.	Story quiz	rope skills
<b>Fossils</b> Fossils tell us what life on Earth used to be like.	Pretend to be that paleontologist and write about what the fossil tells about how children used to live.	Story quiz	science,
<b>Sweets</b> This book covers the history of sweets and how they are made.	Write a funny story using sugary ingredients.	Story quiz	food
<b>Chocolate</b> Read about the history of chocolate, the people who improved its taste and manufacture.	List four points for and against eating chocolate.	Story quiz	food
<b>LEVEL 30</b>			
<b>The Haunting of Miss Cardamon</b> Miss Cardamon is a serious town planner.	Imagine you saw the ghost of your wild self. Write a paragraph to describe what it would look like.	Story quiz	humour
<b>The Drum</b> Drums are among the oldest instruments.	Write a four-line poem with a strong rhythm that could be played on a drum.	Story quiz	music
<b>Adventure at Shepherd's Hut</b> Melinda is excited to be going on a pony trek with her friend Suzy.	Write a radio announcement about the escape of Hunter and Tats from prison. Give your listeners a good description of what the escaped prisoners were wearing and what they looked like.	Story quiz	adventure
<b>Ancient Man of the Ice</b> In 1991, the frozen body of man was found in the Ötztal Alps in Austria.	Use information in the book to write simple instructions on how to make a copper axe head.	Story quiz	history
<b>Shipwrecks and Castaways</b> These are the true stories of people lost at sea or marooned on isolated islands.	Write a headline for a newspaper story about each of the stories in this book.	Story quiz	adventure
<b>Dangerous Jobs</b> Dangerous jobs involve people taking risks to save the lives of others, or where people work where accidents are more likely.	Imagine you are doing a dangerous job. Explain what the job is, the things you would wear and how you would keep safe.	Story quiz	jobs

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<p><b>The Great Fire</b> It is London in 1666 and Meg's life is being turned upside down by the plague when an even more threatening disaster strikes.</p>	Imagine you are a doctor in London in 1666. Write some advice to your patients on how to avoid the plague.	Story quiz	history
<p><b>The Horse</b> Horses have played an important role in human society for thousands of years.</p>	Write an email to someone who doesn't know what a horse is telling them all you know.	Story quiz	horses
<p><b>The Adventures of Tutankhamen</b> Tutankhamen is about to become the most powerful person in Egypt, but he still has to deal with bullying.</p>	Imagine you were Tutankhamen. Write 50 words in your diary about what happened to you in the story.	Story quiz	adventure
<p><b>Who Stole the Tiger's Eye?</b> This book contains two cases for a detective. Spot the clues and use powers of deduction to find out who stole the jewels and who kidnapped the professor.</p>	Invent a code using numbers instead of letters. Use it to write a clue to tell the reader where you are right now.	Story quiz	mystery