

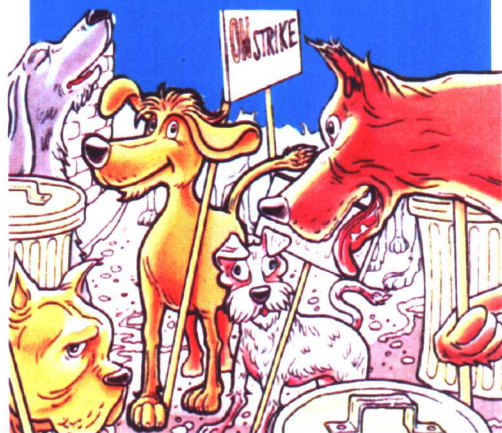
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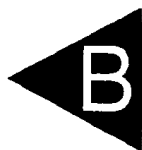
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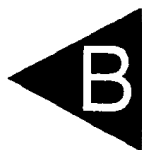
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鬼屋

斯蒂芬 12 岁时，父母去世，他就到乡下和他的叔叔住在一幢老房子里面。房子里发生了奇怪的事情。为什么两个小孩的幽灵出现在房子里和花园里呢？斯蒂芬的叔叔看起来很好，很和善……但是，是这样吗？

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THE HAUNTED HOUSE

M. R. James

When twelve-year-old Stephen's parents die, he goes to live with his uncle in an old house in the country. Strange things happen in the house. Why do the ghosts of two children appear in the house and garden? Stephen's uncle seems good and kind. . . but is he?

THE HAUNTED HOUSE

Stephen Drake sat alone in a corner of the big hospital waiting-room¹. Nurses and doctors walked quickly and importantly along the corridors², sometimes speaking to patients³ and sometimes not. A nurse smiled at the pale⁴ boy sitting in the corner and twice she brought him a cup of tea. He looked cold and frightened. . . and very lonely⁵.



1. waiting-room: the room where people wait to see the doctor.
2. corridor: the area between two lines of room.
3. patient: a doctor's client, an ill person in hospital.
4. pale: very white
5. lonely: we feel lonely when we have no friends.

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What jobs do these people do?

Listen and complete these words with vowels from the balloon.

CL...RK

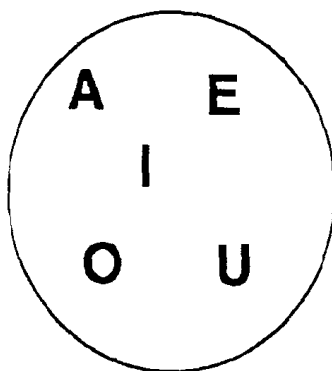
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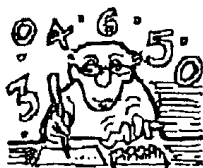


Listen and write the correct

words under the pictures.



1.....



2.....



3.....



4.....



5.....



6.....

“**W**hy is everything always white in a hospital?” thought Stephen as he drank¹ the hot tea. “White is so boring². Orange and yellow are much happier colours than white!” A doctor stopped in front of Stephen and sat³ down. “Well, how are you, young man?” he asked.

“Not bad, Dr Owen.” replied the boy. “I’ve got some good news⁴ for you,” said the doctor. “I received a letter from your uncle Abney yesterday, he wants you to go and live with him!”

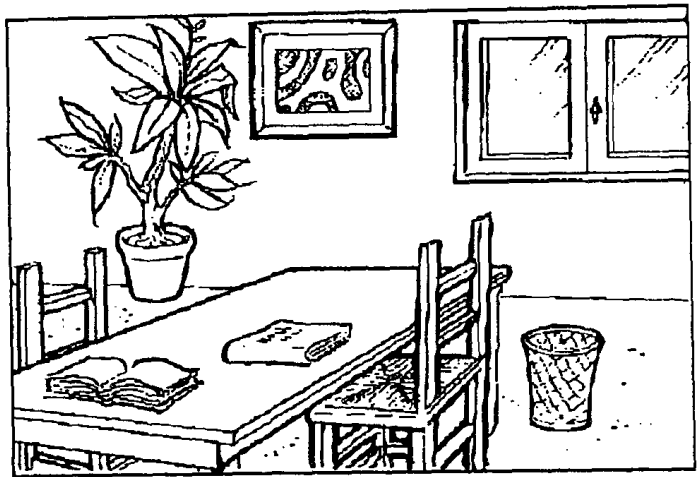


1. drank: past tense of to drink.
2. boring: uninteresting.
3. sat: past tense of to sit.
4. news: information.

ACTIVITY



Listen and colour the picture.

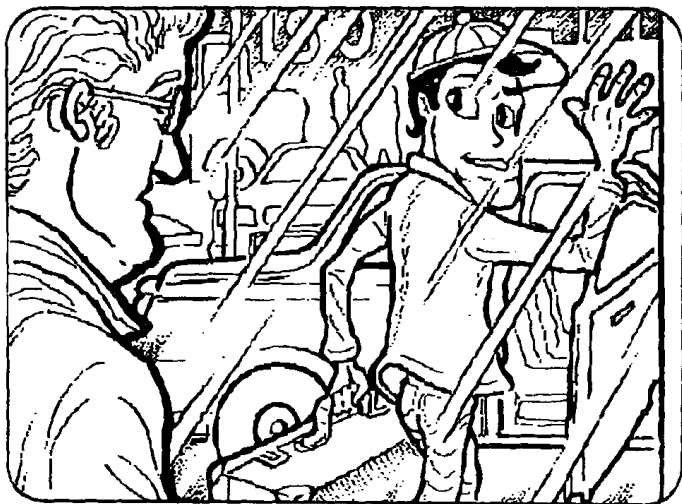


Write sentences about the picture.

There is a blue and white picture on the wall.

Stephen didn't know his uncle Abney existed.

"He's your father's oldest¹ brother. He lives in a big house in the country. I'm sure² you will be very happy with him." Dr Owen added. "There is a car outside. It will take you to your uncle's house. Here is your suitcase³. Goodbye and good luck." Stephen looked and waved⁴ to Dr Owen. The doctor was his only friend.



1. oldest: superlative of old.
2. sure: certain.
3. suitcase: a container where we put our clothes when we go on holiday.
4. to wave: to say good bye to a person by waving our hand.

ACTIVITY



Make the following words
superlative. Listen and correct.

old	the oldest	long	.....
big	.....	fat	.....
slim	.....	hot	.....
dirty	.....	dry	.....



Write sentences using the superlatives
above and the words suggested.

(woman/next door) The oldest woman
in town lives next door.

(river/the Thames)

(city/London)

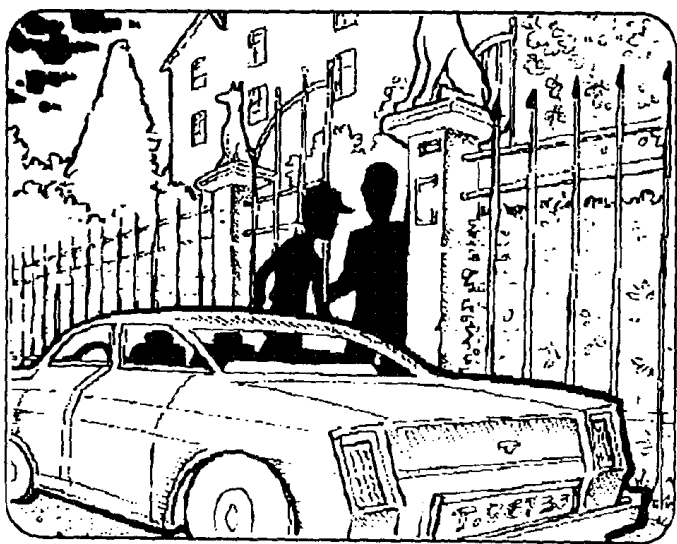
(boy/my class)

(Jill/in the school)

When Stephen's parents died¹ in a car crash last Christmas. Dr Owen let him stay at the hospital, because he had no relatives² and nowhere to go.

"Why didn't daddy tell me about uncle Abney?" thought Stephen as the car stopped in front of a big house.

The door opened and a butler came down the steps³ to car. "Good morning Master Stephen. Welcome to Aswarby Hall." said the butler. "My name's Parkes. Your uncle is in the sitting room.".



1. to die: to cease to live.

2. relatives: family.

3. steps: stairs outside a house.

ACTIVITY



Answer the questions.

When and how did Stephen's parents die?

Who is Dr Owen?

Why did Dr Owen let Stephen stay at the hospital?

Who is Mr Abney?

Where does Stephen's uncle live?

Who is Mr Parkes?

Is Mr Abney Stephen's father's youngest brother?

What did Stephen drink in the hospital?

“Come in, my boy,” said uncle Abney. Stephen liked his uncle straight away¹. He was a short stout² man with not very much grey hair, glasses³ on a round, pink nose and a big smile.

“How old are you?” Uncle Abney asked.

“Twelve,” the boy answered.

“Are you sure you’re twelve?” his uncle insisted. “Not eleven or thirteen?”

“I was twelve in October,” the boy answered. “Perfect. . . PERFECT!” said uncle Thomas, contentedly! Stephen thought his uncle was a little eccentric⁴. . . but very nice!



1. straight away: immediately.

2. stout: fat.

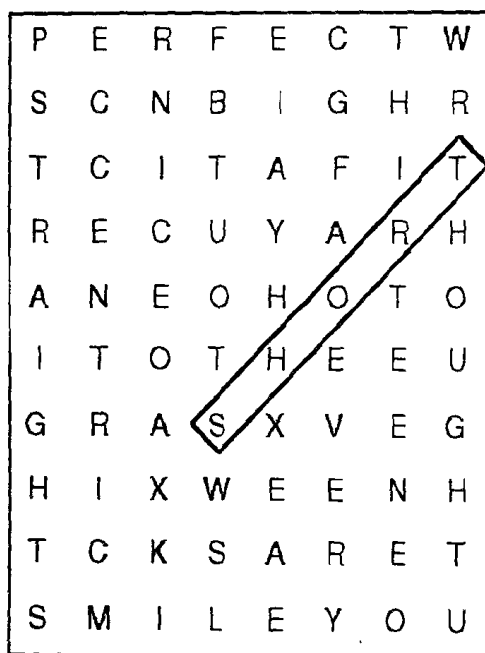
3. glasses: we wear glasses to help us see.

4. eccentric: strange.

ACTIVITY



Listen and find the words you hear.
The words are all on page 10.



Write the words you find.

Short,