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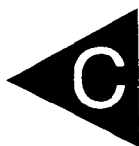


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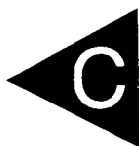
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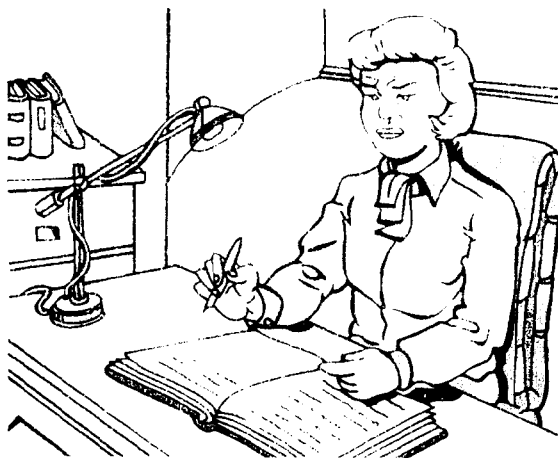
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女 校 长

当莱克小姐开始接任圣翠尼特学校的新校长时，她意识到了工作的难度。孩子们很难管理！莱克小姐不知该如何去做，她绝望了！这时一个意想不到的帮助降临了。创建该学校的女校长那愤怒的灵魂回来了，给了孩子们一次他们永不会忘记的教训。

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Karen Day
**THE
HEADMISTRESS**

When Miss Lake begins as the new headmistress at St Trinity's school, she realises that she has a difficult job to do. The children are impossible to control! Miss Lake doesn't know what to do, she is desperate! Then help arrives in an unexpected way. The angry ghost of the headmistress who founded the school comes back to teach the children a lesson they will never forget!

THE HEADMISTRESS

"Good morning. My name is Miss Lake. I'm the new headmistress¹ of this school. I'm sure we will enjoy this next school year together."

The children looked at the headmistress. She was a short, plump² woman of about forty-five. She had short, grey hair, a turned up nose and pink cheeks³. The boys sniggered⁴ and the girls giggled⁵.

"We're going to have fun with this head," they whispered. "We are not afraid of her!"



1. **headmistress:** woman in charge of a school (abbreviation: head).
2. **plump:** a little fat.
3. **cheeks** parts on either side of the nose.
4. **to snigger:** to laugh not nicely.
5. **to giggle:** to laugh nervously or stupidly.

ACTIVITY



Look at the pictures and listen.
Write their names and ages.



1).....



2).....



3).....



4).....



5).....



6).....



Listen to the tape again. Repeat
and write the complete sentences.

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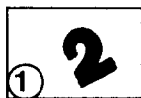
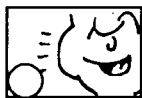
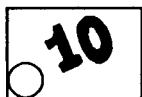
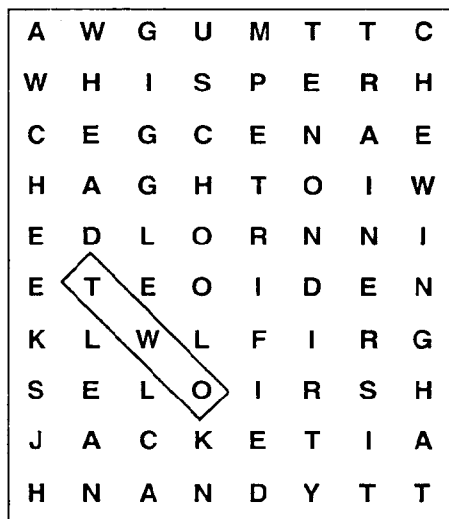
Miss Lake looked at the faces in front of her. There were two hundred youths¹ of between eleven and sixteen in the assembly hall². Some of them stood or sat on the floor, others leant against the wall. Most of them wore leather trousers and jackets and their hats back to front³. They all wore dirty trainers⁴ and chewed gum! She wasn't frightened of them... she was absolutely PETRIFIED⁵!!



1. **youth:** young person, particularly referring to a young boy.
2. **assembly hall:** large room where pupils, teachers and the headmaster / headmistress meet before lessons begin.
3. **back to front:** the back of the hat at the front.
4. **trainers:** tennis shoes.
5. **frightened; petrified:** very afraid, terrified.

ACTIVITY

 Find the words from the text in the grid.



Listen, repeat and number the pictures as you hear them.

Miss Lake's first two weeks at the school went very well. When the Education Committee offered her the position¹ at Saint Trinity's, she was worried². She knew that, many years ago, the school was the very best³ in town, now it was the worst⁴! The headmasters or headmistresses never stayed for more than one year at the school. "The children look like gangsters," she thought, "but I'm sure they are very good, normal children. It's just the fashion to dress and act as they do!"



1. the **position**: the job.
2. **worried**: preoccupied.
3. the **best** is the superlative of *good*.
4. the **worst** is the superlative of *bad*.

ACTIVITY



Listen and write down the answers to the questions.

THE BEST

THE WORST

- 1) Is Freddy's the best disco in town?
.....
- 2) Is Gigi's the best ice-cream parlour?
.....
- 3) Is Saint Trinity's the best school?
.....
- 4) Is The Cave the best restaurant?
.....
- 5) Is The Den the best coffee bar?
.....
- 6) Is Colorado the best shop for jeans?
.....

"Good evening, Mr Billings," called Miss Lake as she left the school.

Mr Billings, the caretaker¹, was dusting² the huge³ statue in the hall.

"That's Phyllis Vane, isn't it?" the headmistress asked. "Did you know her?"

Mr Billings began to laugh. "I certainly did! No-one could forget⁴ Miss Vane and her bamboo cane⁵! Everybody was terrified of her. She founded the school a hundred years ago this year."



1. **caretaker:** the person who looks after a building.
2. **to dust:** to clean, to remove dust.
3. **huge:** very big.
4. **to forget** is the opposite of *to remember*.
5. **cane:** stick; a long piece of wood.

ACTIVITY



Listen to the description of Mr Billings and complete the picture.



Miss Lake was very interested. "Tell me about her," she said to the old caretaker. "Her father was a ship-builder¹, the family had a lot of money². When Miss Vane was about eighteen, her father died³ and she inherited⁴ all the money. There were no schools in Brandon, and the people couldn't read or write. Miss Vane went to a private school in Oxford. She was very well educated. So she decided to build this school."



1. **ship-builder:** a person who constructs ships.
2. **money:** currency (lire, dollars, pounds, francs, etc.).
3. **to die** is the opposite of *to be born*.
4. **to inherit:** to obtain money or property when someone dies.

ACTIVITY



Listen and write TRUE or FALSE.

- 1) *True*
- 2)
- 3)
- 4)
- 5)
- 6)
- 7)
- 8)



Listen again and repeat the sentences. Then write them down.

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)
- 4)
- 5)
- 6)
- 7)
- 8)