

That's me



What's your name?

Where are you from?

How old are you?

How are you?



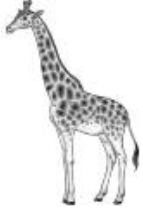
I like....



I don't like....

Wild animals - Which animals are shown?

crocodile - penguin - leopard - giraffe - owl - whale -
rattlesnake - kangaroo - shark - polar bear - seal -
elephant - hippo - seagull - lion - monkey

































The tower of London

The Tower is one of London's most popular sights. It is close to the Thames. The history of this old castle goes back to William the Conqueror (who invaded England in 1066). The Tower has served as a fortress, a royal residence and a prison. It is nowadays a museum. Thousands of tourists come daily. Everybody wants to see the Crown jewels. The Tower is not only one tower. It consists of several individual buildings. The best-known are the White Tower and the Bloody Tower, in which many people were imprisoned before they were executed. There are strong walls around the Tower. The Tower is guarded by the so-called „Beefeaters“. They wear old-fashioned uniforms. One of the Beefeaters is responsible for the ravens, which have been kept in the Tower for ages. There is a legend that the British Empire will fall if the ravens should leave the tower. Today the Empire no longer exists and yet the ravens are all in excellent health.

In the hospital

When playing football my big brother broke his leg. Today we visit him in the hospital. A doctor operated on him. He is lying in bed with a plaster leg. He has only a little bit pain, but he is happy. My brother is glad about our visit. We brought him lots of books and fun games. In the same room is a little boy who has injured his hand. He's been in the hospital for a week and is going home tomorrow. The nurse brings the patients their medicine. I hope my brother will come home soon. It's pretty boring at home without him.

1. Why is my big brother in the hospital?

2. What did the doctor do?

3. Who is still with my brother in the hospital room?

4. What does the nurse do?

Questions about Blinker

exercise 4

Chaper 4

What is the street for a little dog?

The street is ...

What does Blinker think?

He thinks he

What happens to Blinker on the pavement?

Blinker is ...

What does Blinker do?

1.He runs and ...

2.He runs away from ...

3.He runs away ...

4.He runs out ...

Where is Blinker now?

He is all ...

How is Blinker now ?

1.He is ...

2.No one ...

3.And no ...

Chapter 10

Who comes in?

Mrs. Brown comes in.

What did Mrs. Brown hear?

She heard the noise.

Who has done all this?

Blinker has done all this.

Can Blinker understand why she is angry?

No, he cannot understand why she is angry.

Can you imagine that Blinker wants to break a vase or upset a bowl or break a looking-glass?

No, I cannot imagine.

Who comes home at last?

At last Bill comes home from school.

What does Mrs. Brown say?

She says: „Look, what your dog has done.“

What do Blinker and Bill do?

Bill and Blinker look at each other.

What does Bill do?

He takes away the sign of Blinkers neck.

LITTLE RED-CAP [LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD]

Once upon a time there was a dear little girl who was loved by everyone who looked at her, but most of all by her grandmother, and there was nothing that she would not have given to the child. Once she gave her a little cap of red velvet, which suited her so well that she would never wear anything else; so she was always called 'Little Red-Cap.'

One day her mother said to her: 'Come, Little Red-Cap, here is a piece of cake and a bottle of wine; take them to your grandmother, she is ill and weak, and they will do her good. Set out before it gets hot, and when you are going, walk nicely and quietly and do not run off the path, or you may fall and break the bottle, and then your grandmother will get nothing; and when you go into her room, don't forget to say, "Good morning", and don't peep into every corner before you do it.'

'I will take great care,' said Little Red-Cap to her mother, and gave her hand on it.

The grandmother lived out in the wood, half a league from the village, and just as Little Red-Cap entered the wood, a wolf met her. Red-Cap did not know what a wicked creature he was, and was not at all afraid of him.

'Good day, Little Red-Cap,' said he.

'Thank you kindly, wolf.'

'Whither away so early, Little Red-Cap?'

'To my grandmother's.'

'What have you got in your apron?'

'Cake and wine; yesterday was baking-day, so poor sick grandmother is to have something good, to make her stronger.'

'Where does your grandmother live, Little Red-Cap?'

Robin Hood: Questions

Chapter 3

Question	Answer
Who was going to hold an archery contest?	
Where will the targets be set now?	
Who was the first of the three to shoot?	
What did the Sherwood man whisper to Prince John?	
What did the hard-faced man say to Prince John?	
Where did the Sherwood man's arrow hit the target?	
What did the people of Nottingham do then?	
How many archers were left by mid-afternoon?	
Why did Prince John let Robin go ?	
Why did the outlaws go silently around the trees?	
Why did Robin almost shout with surprise ?	

Robin Hood: Put into the future tense

Chapter 7

Present tense	Future tense
Soon the clearing is full of men on horseback.	
The Sheriff brings six of Robin`s men with him.	
The prisoner`s hands are tied behind their backs.	
Robin speaks to the Sheriff in Sir Guy`s voice.	
Then he moves behind the outlaws. With his knife he cuts their ropes.	
A great fight begins, and the outlaws take swords from the soldiers.	
Robin blows his horn, and a knight in black rides into the clearing.	
He helps the outlaws, and the Sheriff`s men gallop back to Nottingham.	

Robin Hood: Retelling the story

Chapter 1

Talk about one of the following topics to the class, in just a few sentences. Write things first down, but when you speak to the class the rule is : you have to talk, not to read !

The numbers show you on which pages you have to look (5,22 means page 5 line 22)

Prince John and the Sheriff 4,1-4,29	In the church 4,30-5,23	Robin and Sir Guy 5,24-5,35	In the forest 7,1-7,17
your notes			

Chapter 1 – Marley's Ghost

Marley was dead, to begin with - there's no doubt about that. He was as dead as a doornail.

Marley and Scrooge were business partners once. But then Marley died and now their firm belonged to Scrooge, who was a stingy and heartless old man. Once upon a time, on Christmas Eve, old Scrooge sat busy in his office. It was very cold outside and in Scrooge's office it was not much warmer either. Suddenly, a cheerful person entered the office. It was Scrooge's nephew.

"A merry Christmas, uncle! God save you!" Fred said.

"Bah!" said Scrooge, "Humbug!"

"Christmas a humbug, uncle!" said Scrooge's nephew. "You don't mean that, I am sure?"

"I do," said Scrooge. "What's Christmas time to you? You have to pay bills without money! You're a year older but not an hour richer! Keep Christmas in your way, and let me keep it in mine."

"Keep it? But you don't keep it," said Scrooge's nephew, who was a very friendly young man. He even tried to cheer Scrooge up and invited him for dinner on Christmas Day. But Scrooge said no and sent him out.

When Scrooge's nephew left, two gentlemen came in to collect money for the poor who had no place they could go. Stingy Scrooge, however, didn't give the gentlemen any money.

"Are there no prisons? Are there no workhouses?" he asked sarcastically and told them to leave the office.

When it was time to close the office, Scrooge talked to his clerk, Bob Cratchit.

Christmas Carol - Summary

Stave one: *A Christmas Carol* opens on a bleak, cold Christmas Eve in London, seven years after the death of Ebenezer Scrooge's business partner, Jacob Marley. Scrooge, an ageing miser, dislikes Christmas and refuses a dinner invitation from his nephew Fred—the son of Fan, Scrooge's dead sister. He turns away two men who seek a donation from him to provide food and heating for the poor and only grudgingly allows his overworked, underpaid clerk, Bob Cratchit, Christmas Day off with pay to conform to the social custom.

That night Scrooge is visited at home by Marley's ghost, who for the past seven years has been doomed to wander the Earth, entwined by heavy chains and money boxes forged during a lifetime of greed and selfishness, and now regrets ignoring the needs of his fellowmen in life, but is too late to ever make amends for his actions. Marley tells Scrooge that he has a single chance to avoid the same fate: he will be visited by three spirits and must take heed, or else be cursed to carry much heavier chains of his own.

Stave two: The first spirit, the Ghost of Christmas Past, takes Scrooge to Christmas scenes of Scrooge's boyhood, reminding him of a time when he was more innocent. The scenes reveal Scrooge's lonely childhood at boarding school, his relationship with his beloved sister Fan, and a Christmas party hosted by his first employer, Mr Fezziwig, who treated him like a son. Scrooge's neglected fiancée Belle is shown ending their relationship, as she realises that he will never love her as much as he loves money. Finally, they visit a now-married Belle with her large, happy family on the Christmas Eve that Marley died. Scrooge, upset by hearing Belle's description of the man that he has become, demands that the ghost remove him from the house.

Stave three: The second spirit, the Ghost of Christmas Present, takes Scrooge to a joyous market with people buying the makings of

Chapter 4 - Questions - Christmas Carol

1. Describe the Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come. In what ways is this spirit very different from those that came before ?

2. What is Scrooge's reaction to this spirit? Is his reaction the same or different from the other spirits?

3. What does the spirit show Scrooge first? What are the men talking about?

4. What does Scrooge keep looking for during this part of the journey?

Martin Luther King

Martin Luther King, Jr., original name **Michael King, Jr.**, (born January 15, 1929, Atlanta, Georgia, U.S.—died April 4, 1968, Memphis, Tennessee), Baptist minister and social activist who led the civil rights movement in the United States from the mid-1950s until his death by assassination in 1968. His leadership was fundamental to that movement's success in ending the legal segregation of African Americans in the South and other parts of the United States. King rose to national prominence as head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, which promoted nonviolent tactics, such as the massive March on Washington (1963), to achieve civil rights. He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964.

Early years

King came from a comfortable middle-class family steeped in the tradition of the Southern Black ministry: both his father and maternal grandfather were Baptist preachers. His parents were college-educated, and King's father had succeeded his father-in-law as pastor of the prestigious Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta. The family lived on Auburn Avenue, otherwise known as "Sweet Auburn," the bustling "Black Wall Street," home to some of the country's largest and most prosperous Black businesses and Black churches in the years before the civil rights movement. Young Martin received a solid education and grew up in a loving extended family.

This secure upbringing, however, did not prevent King from experiencing the prejudices then common in the South. He never forgot the time when, at about age six, one of his white playmates announced that his parents would no longer allow him to play with King, because the children were now attending segregated schools. Dearest to King in these early years was his maternal grandmother, whose death in 1941 left him shaken and unstable. Upset because he had learned of her fatal heart attack while attending a parade without his parents' permission, the 12-year-old King attempted suicide by jumping from a second-story window.

The United States of America

The United States of America is the third largest country in the world - both in terms of area (after Russia and Canada) and population (after China and India). The English name United States of America is often abbreviated to USA in our country. Some people also say simply "America", although this is not quite right, because America is the name of the entire continent.

Land borders exist only with Canada (in the north) and Mexico (in the south). The east coast is on the Atlantic, the west coast on the Pacific. Alaska is also part of the USA, although it is separate from the 48 states that make up the country's core territory. Also far away from this is the island of Hawaii as the 50th state. Due to the enormous size of the country, there are four time zones and many different landscapes. Desert, prairie and high mountains are among them. Bisons and bears, skunks and chipmunks live in the USA.

The original inhabitants were the Indians. In 1492, the navigator Columbus landed in "America". Many other Europeans followed him and took possession of the land. The English founded the first 13 colonies on the east coast. In 1776 they declared themselves independent from Great Britain. They then gained more and more land and spread westwards.

Flag of the United States of America

The flag of the USA has a beautiful name: Star-Spangled Banner. In English it is called the Star-Spangled Banner or Stars and Stripes. As you can see, it has 13 red and white stripes and 50 stars.

The stripes stand for the 13 founding states of the USA, the stars for today's 50 states. The colours red, white and blue come from the English Union Jack flag, which was also the flag of the English colonies.

THE CAR - a short story

by Andrew Rossiter

"It's a really good *bargain*," said the man in the showroom ; and as far as Shafi could tell, he was telling the truth.

"It's yours for just £5,000!" he continued. "You won't find a better buy anywhere else in the North; and what's more, we'll give you a year's *insurance* with it. Free!"

Shafi eyed the vehicle *longingly*; it was bright red, and just over a year old - and inside it had that smell of polish that comes with a new car. There was just the matter of the price - it was more than he had planned to spend on his first car, and more than he actually had *available*.

"Five thousand?" he asked, hoping rather hopelessly that he had somehow *misheard*.

"Five grand! That's it. But you can 'ave it for three in cash now, and the rest in three months. You can get a *loan* from the bank!"

Ever since he'd taken his first job at the burger bar at the age of 17, he'd been saving up for a nice car; of course, he could have *made do with* a cheap *wreck* years ago - but that was not what he wanted. Shafi wanted a good car, a nice car, one that would make him feel as if he had *achieved* something better in life than serving in a restaurant.

He handed over the crisp fifty pound notes. Even if the insurance was only third-party, he *reckoned* it was a good buy at the price.

Settling in to the driving seat, he adjusted it for position, and turned the key. Within minutes, he had passed the *outskirts* of Leeds, and was headed for Gemma's house in Frampton. After all, she'd been badgering him to get a car, ever since he'd first mentioned the idea to her a month or so earlier

He knew that she'd be impressed.

The Black Cat

Edgar Allan POE

For the most wild, yet most homely narrative which I am about to pen, I neither expect nor solicit belief. Mad indeed would I be to expect it, in a case where my very senses reject their own evidence. Yet, mad am I not -- and very surely do I not dream. But to-morrow I die, and to-day I would unburthen my soul. My immediate purpose is to place before the world, plainly, succinctly, and without comment, a series of mere household events. In their consequences, these events have terrified -- have tortured -- have destroyed me. Yet I will not attempt to expound them. To me, they have presented little but Horror -- to many they will seem less terrible than barroques. Hereafter, perhaps, some intellect may be found which will reduce my phantasm to the common-place -- some intellect more calm, more logical, and far less excitable than my own, which will perceive, in the circumstances I detail with awe, nothing more than an ordinary succession of very natural causes and effects.

From my infancy I was noted for the docility and humanity of my disposition. My tenderness of heart was even so conspicuous as to make me the jest of my companions. I was especially fond of animals, and was indulged by my parents with a great variety of pets. With these I spent most of my time, and never was so happy as when feeding and caressing them. This peculiarity of character grew with my growth, and in my manhood, I derived from it one of my principal sources of pleasure. To those who have cherished an affection for a faithful and sagacious dog, I need hardly be at the trouble of explaining the nature or the intensity of the gratification thus derivable. There is something in the unselfish and self-sacrificing love of a brute, which goes directly to the heart of him who has had frequent occasion to test the paltry friendship and gossamer fidelity of mere Man.