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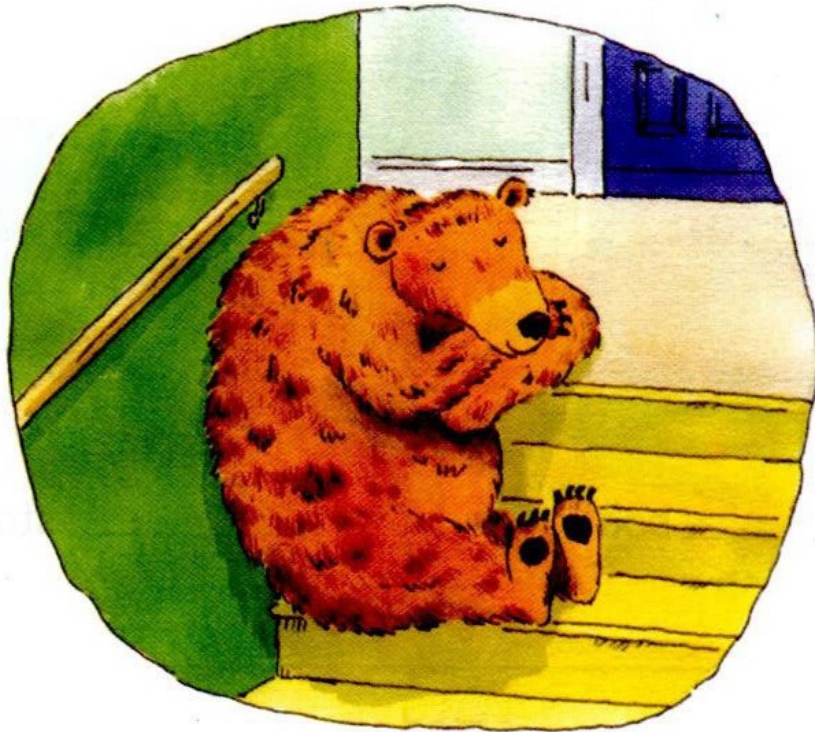
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Before you read, write the colours.



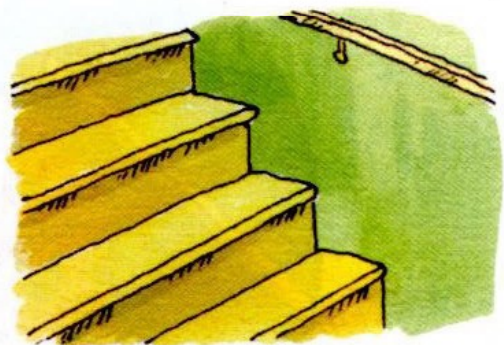
1 \_\_\_\_\_ door



2 \_\_\_\_\_ bath



3 \_\_\_\_\_ boat



4 \_\_\_\_\_ stairs

GERRY comes home from school  
At five past four.  
Grandpa always waits  
By the big blue door.



He says:  
'Tell me what you have to say.  
Tell me what is new today.'



door



grandpa



home



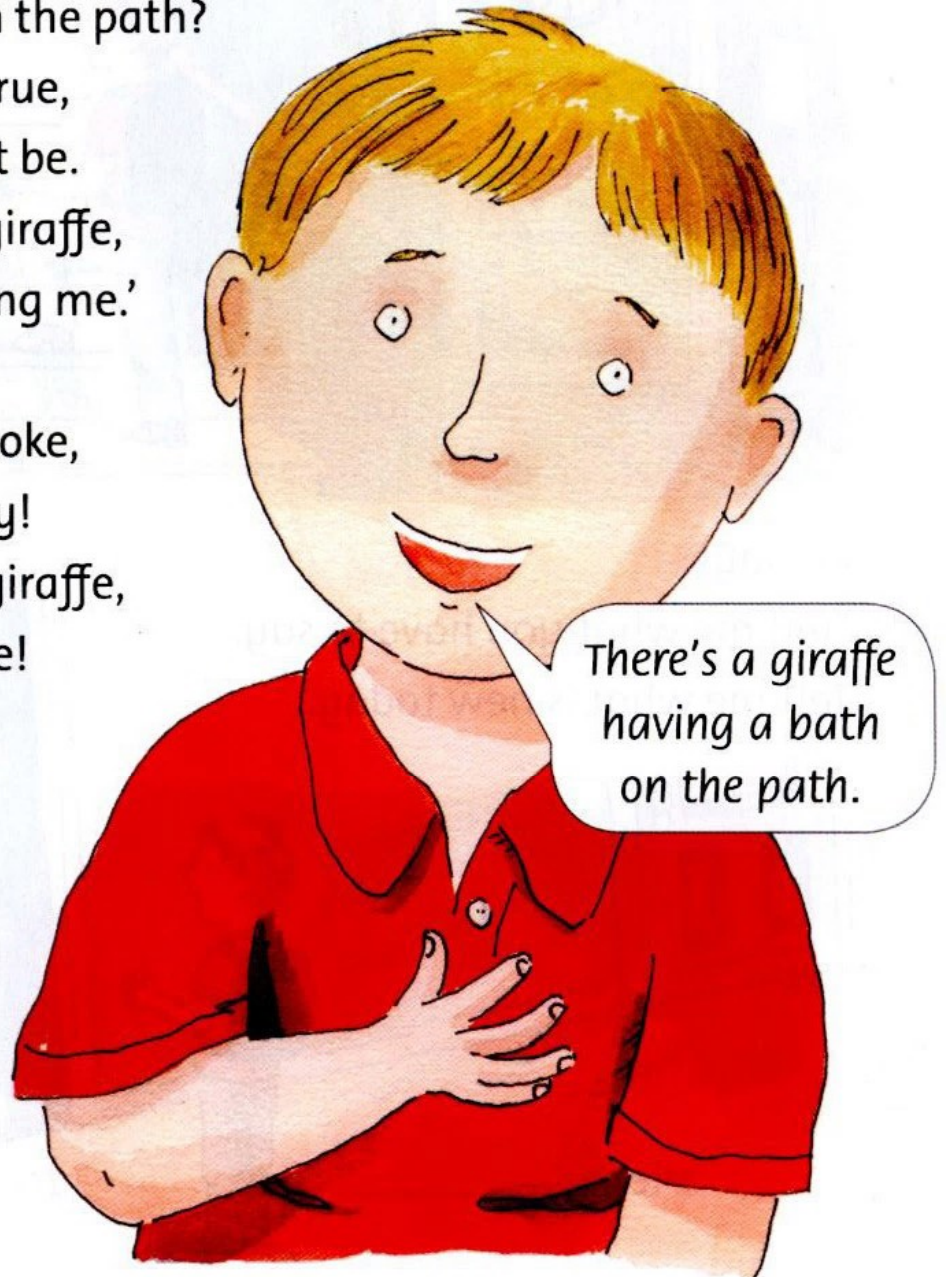
school



On Monday Gerry says:  
'There's a giraffe  
Having a bath  
On the path.'

Grandpa says:  
'A giraffe on the path?  
That's not true,  
That cannot be.  
There's no giraffe,  
You're fooling me.'

It's a little joke,  
It's so funny!  
There's no giraffe,  
Hee hee hee!



bath



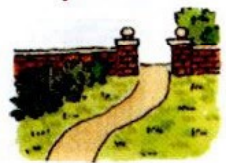
funny



giraffe

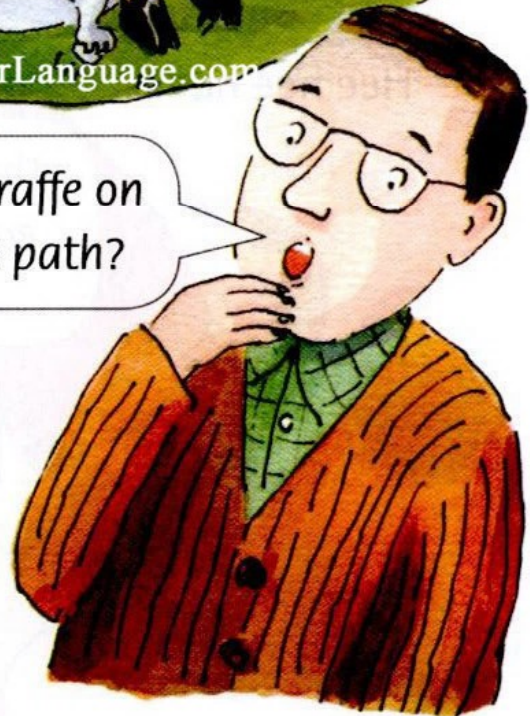


path





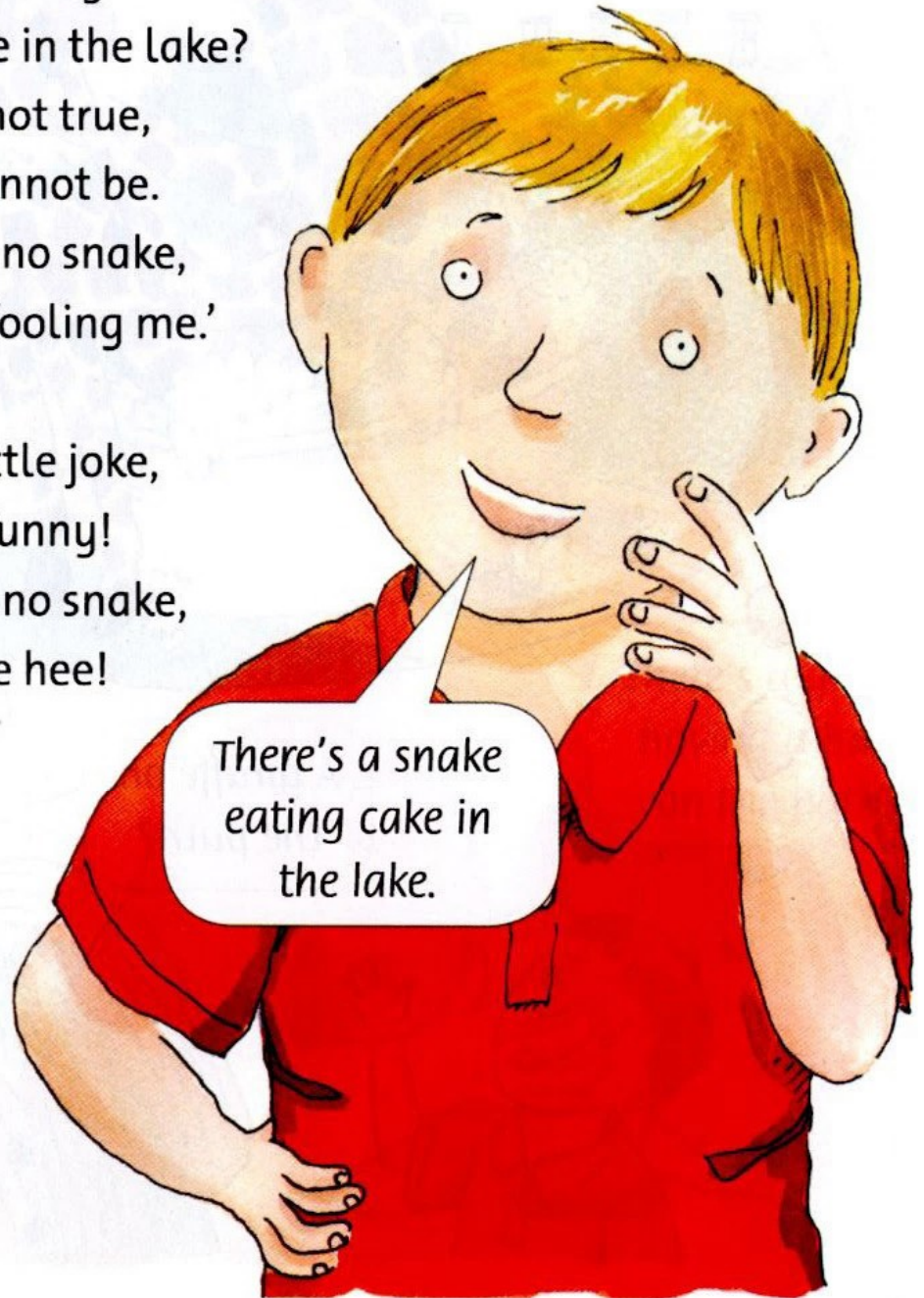
A giraffe on  
the path?



On Tuesday Gerry says:  
'There's a snake  
Eating cake  
In the lake.'

Grandpa says:  
'A snake in the lake?  
That's not true,  
That cannot be.  
There's no snake,  
You're fooling me.'

It's a little joke,  
It's so funny!  
There's no snake,  
Hee hee hee!



cake



lake



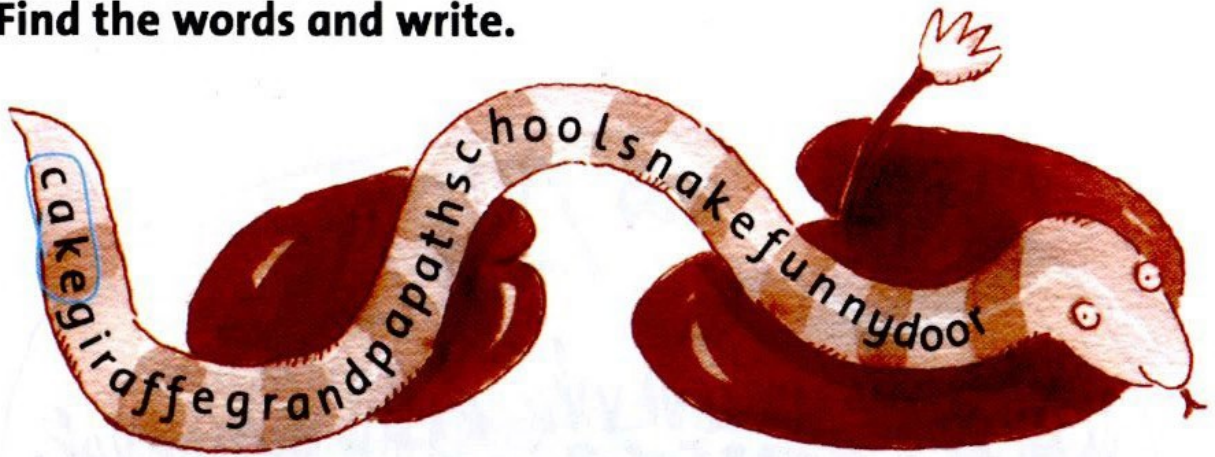
snake







Find the words and write.



a



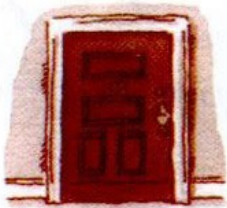
cake

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b



c



d



e



f



g



h



Match the rhyming words.



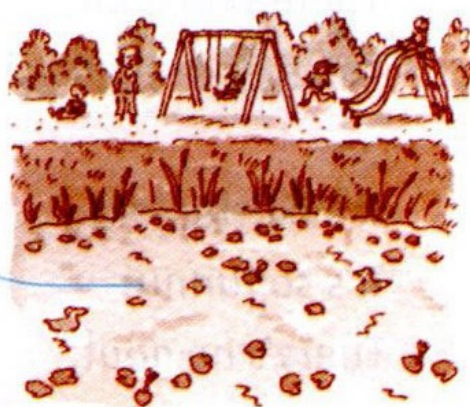
snake

4

four



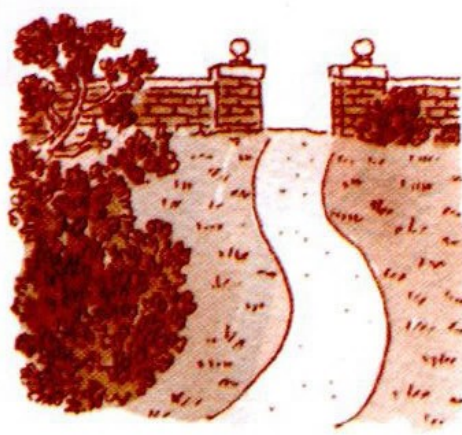
bath



lake



door



path

On Wednesday Gerry says:

'There's a goat

In a coat

In a boat!'

Grandpa says:

'A goat in a boat?

That's not true,

That cannot be.

There's no goat,

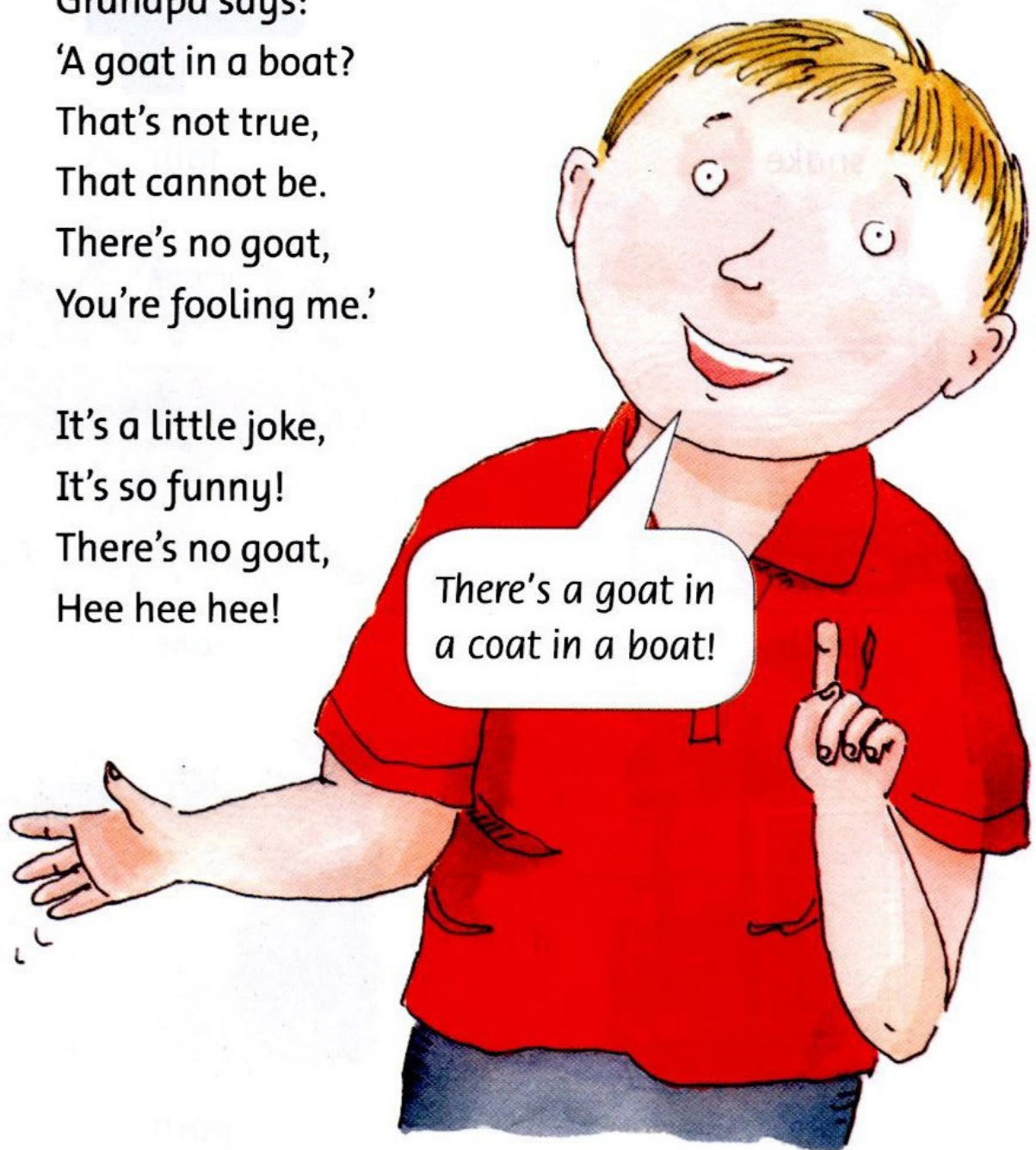
You're fooling me.'

It's a little joke,

It's so funny!

There's no goat,

Hee hee hee!



boat

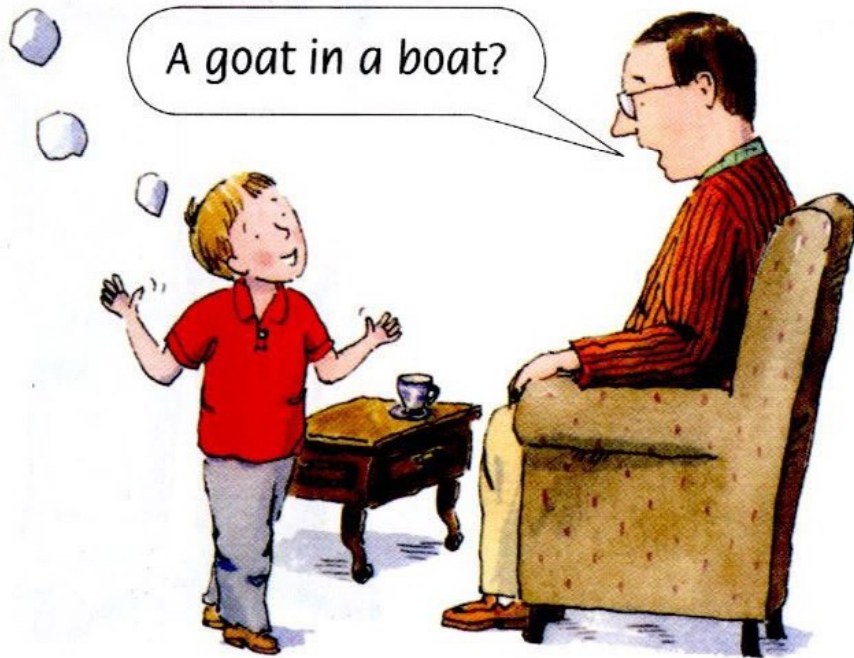


coat



goat





On Thursday Gerry says:  
'There's a fox  
Selling socks  
On the rocks!'

Grandpa says:  
'A fox on the rocks?  
That's not true,  
That cannot be.  
There's no fox,  
You're fooling me.'

It's a little joke,  
It's so funny!  
There's no fox,  
Hee hee hee!



fox

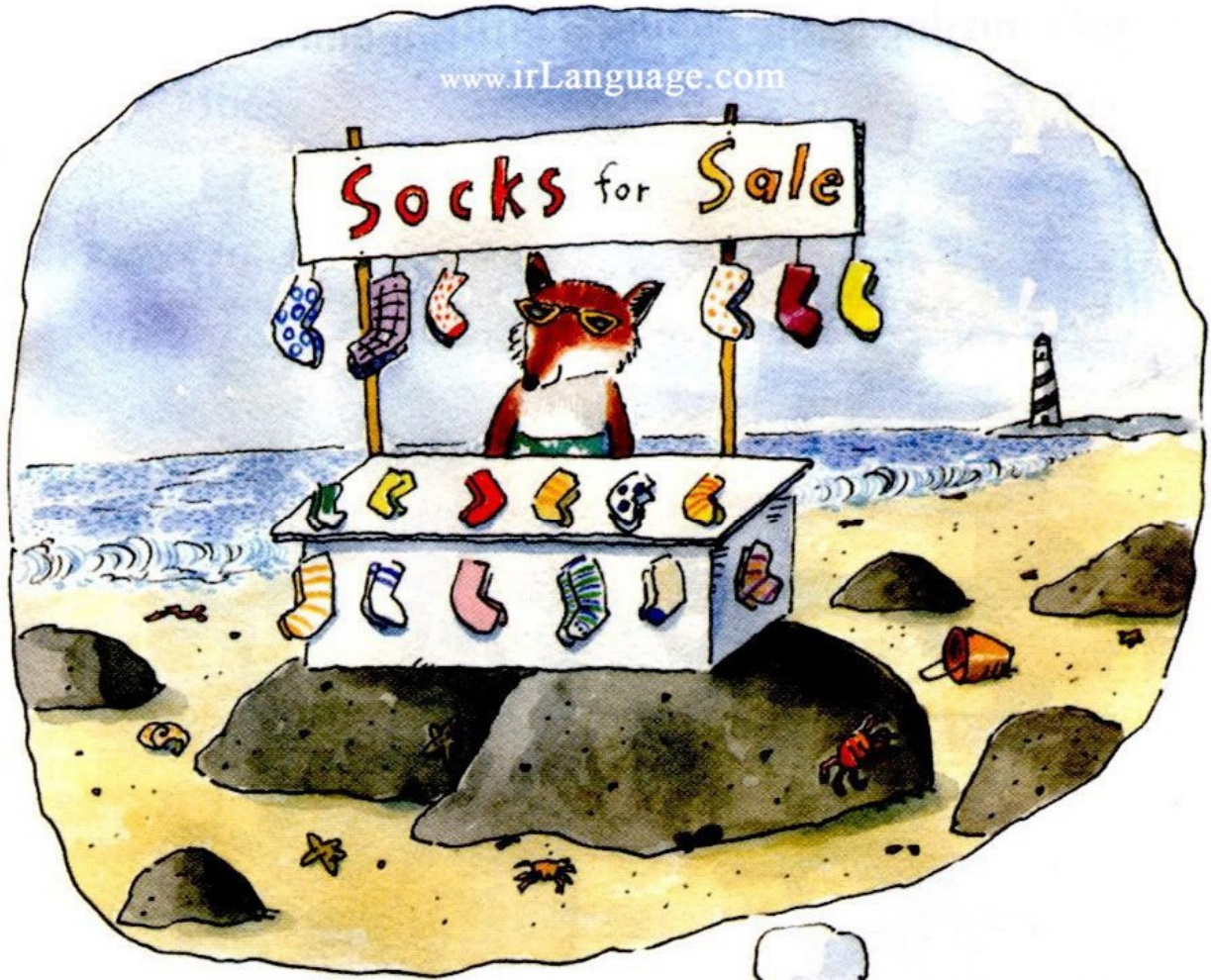


rocks



socks





A fox on the rocks?



What's missing in the pictures? Write.

cake

~~socks~~

bath

coat

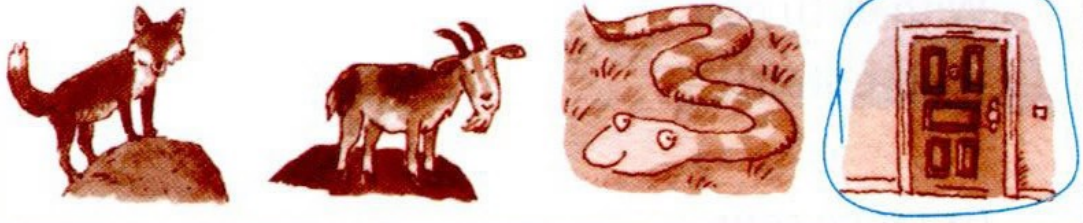


socks



**Circle the odd-one-out and write the words.**

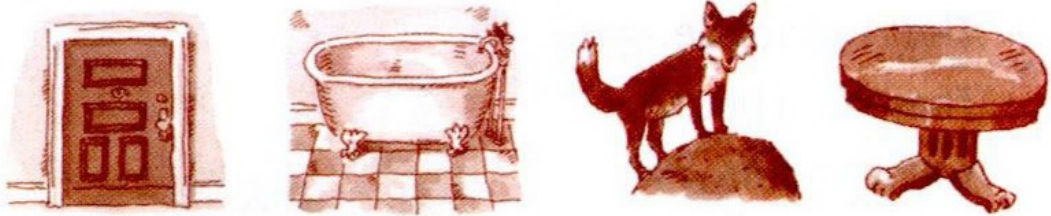
1



door

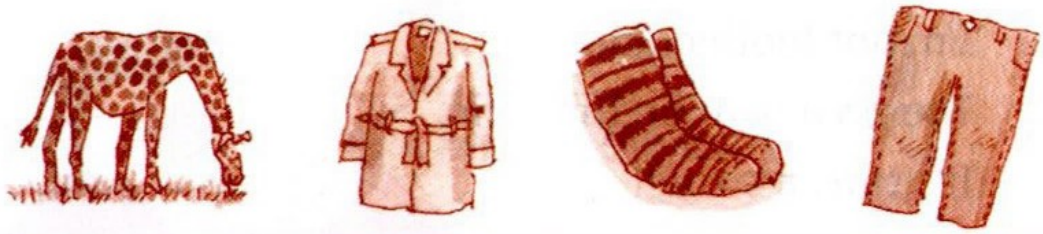
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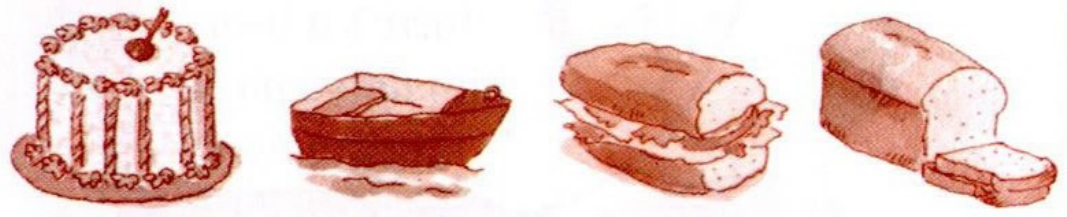
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4



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On Friday Gerry says:  
'There's a bear  
With dirty hair  
On the stairs!'

Grandpa says:  
'A bear on the stairs?  
That's not true,  
That cannot be.  
There's no bear,  
You're fooling me.'

Gerry says:  
'No, listen to me!  
I'm not fooling you.  
There's a bear on the stairs,  
It's true, it's true!'



bear



dirty



hair



stairs





Grandpa says:  
'I'm old,  
But I know a lot.  
I know what's true  
And what is not.'



'On Monday  
A giraffe on the path.  
On Tuesday  
A snake in the lake.  
On Wednesday  
A goat in a boat.  
On Thursday  
A fox on the rocks.  
And now, on Friday  
A bear on the stairs.



Hee hee hee, you can't fool me.  
That's what I call make believe.'



Wednesday



Thursday



Friday

Gerry says:  
'I'm not fooling.  
Not this time.  
I'm scared of that bear  
And I'm really not lying.'

lie



make believe  
(not real)



scared



Write the days of the week.



1 Thursday



2 \_\_\_\_\_



3 \_\_\_\_\_



4 \_\_\_\_\_



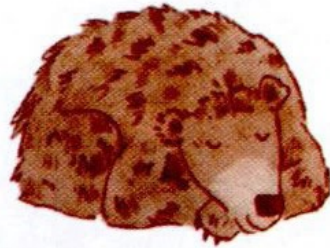
5 \_\_\_\_\_

**What colour are the things in the story?**

1 Gerry's T-shirt is \_\_\_\_\_.



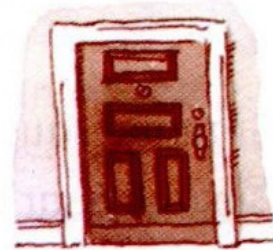
2 The bear is \_\_\_\_\_.



3 The snake is \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_.



4 The door is \_\_\_\_\_.



5 The giraffe is \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_.





Grandpa says:  
 'Do you hear that great big roar?  
 Is that Miss McKay from the second floor?'

Gerry says:  
 'No. That isn't a woman  
 Or even a man.  
 It's a bear on the stairs.  
 Let's get out if we can.'

floor



man



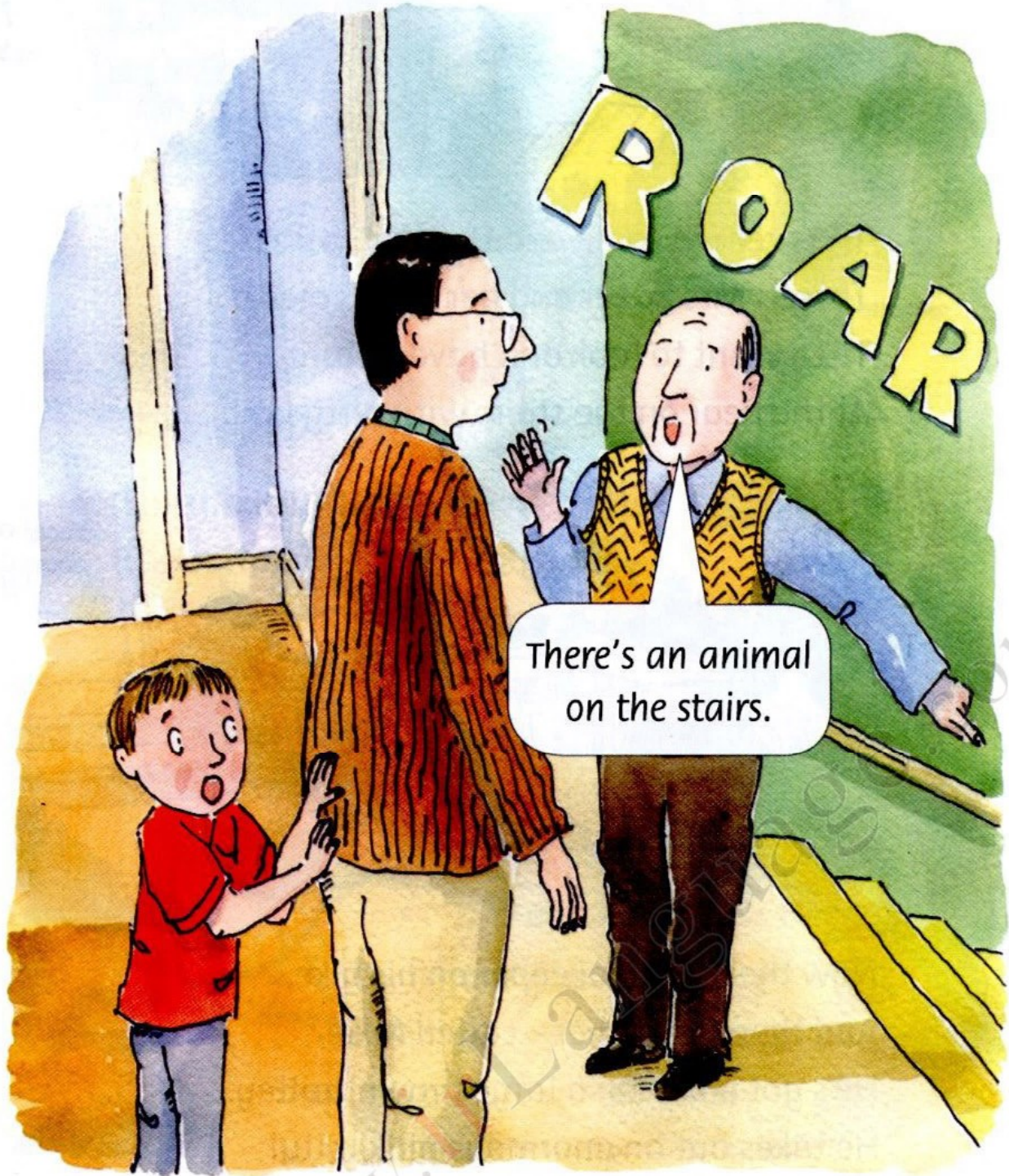
roar



woman



Then there's a knock on the door.  
It's Mr Smith from the seventh floor:  
'Pardon me, don't be upset.  
There's an animal on the stairs – it isn't a pet.'



animal



knock



pet



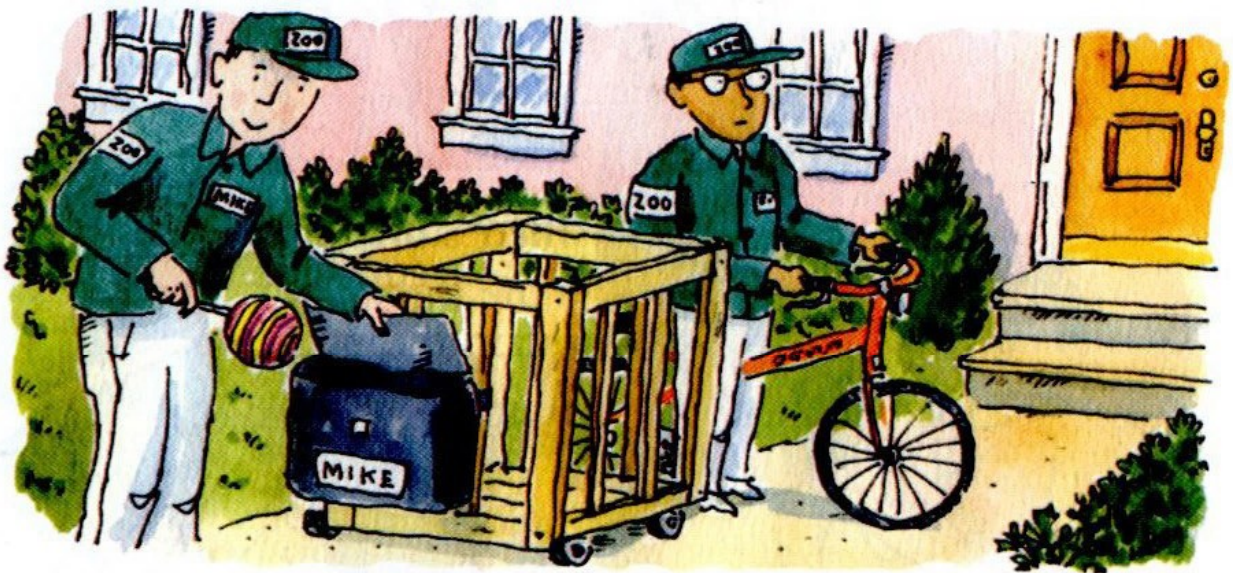
upset







The firemen come and then the police.  
There's Mrs Baker and her nosey niece.  
They want to look and have a stare  
At the bear on the stairs with dirty hair.



Now there's a zookeeper on his bike,  
And there's another – called Mike.  
He's got a bag on a large brown trolley.  
He takes out an enormous pink lolly!

lolly



nosey



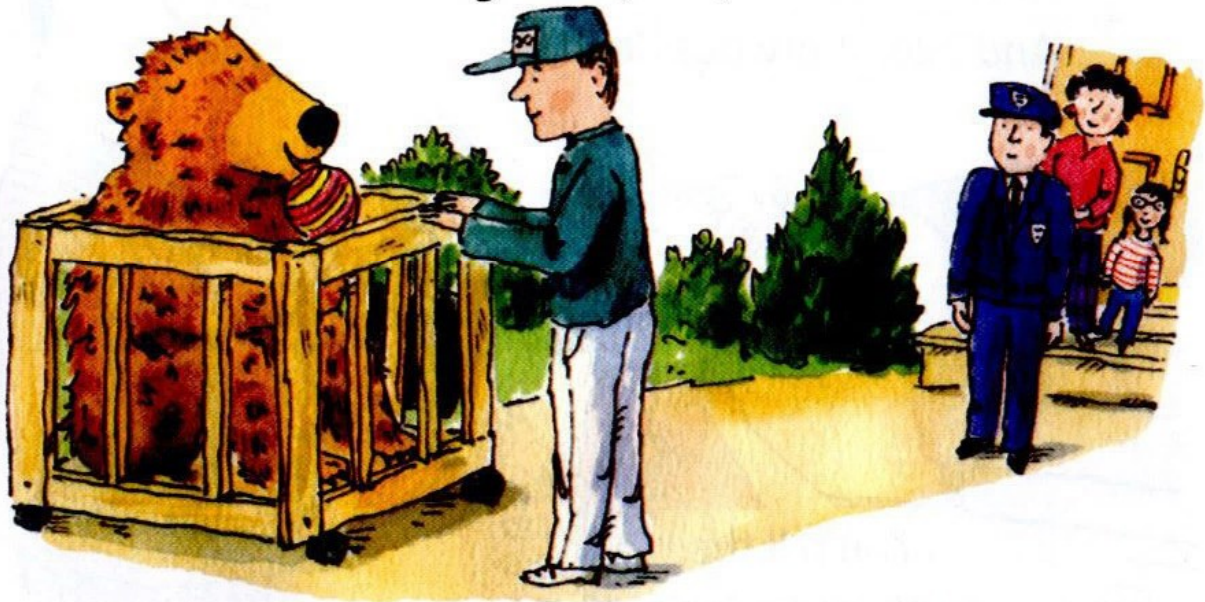
trolley



zookeeper



The bear on the stairs sees the sweet,  
And in one second she's on her feet.  
She jumps into the trolley – weeee!  
And eats the lolly – one, two, three!



'Sorry, sorry,' the zookeepers say.  
'It's bath time at the zoo today.  
This bear sees soap and she runs away,  
But come and visit another day.'



feet



soap



sweet



zoo



Gerry says:  
'You see, Grandpa,  
I know it's a surprise,  
But I can tell the truth  
And I don't always lie.'



Grandpa says:  
'But it's not good if you say  
One or two lies every day.  
Here's an idea – take a good look –  
When you talk, tell the truth  
And write your stories in this book.'

story



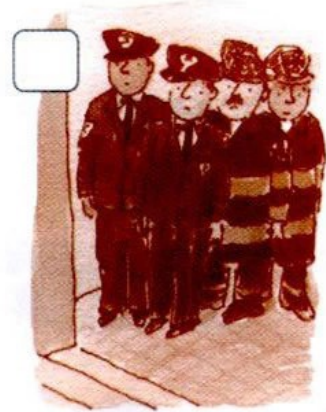
surprise



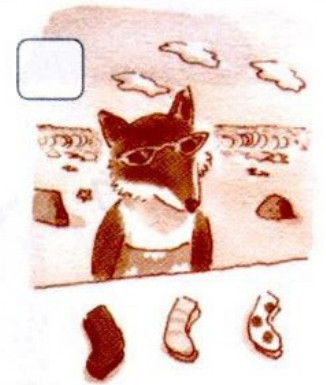
tell the  
truth



Number the pictures in order and tell the story.



Gerry comes home from school.



Write the words. Find the animal in the puzzle.

1



2



3



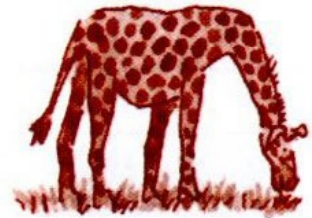
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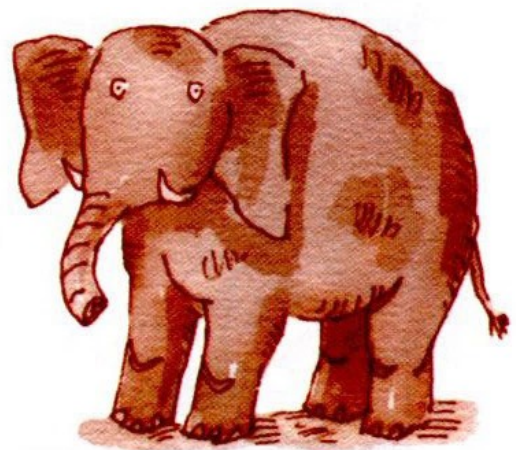
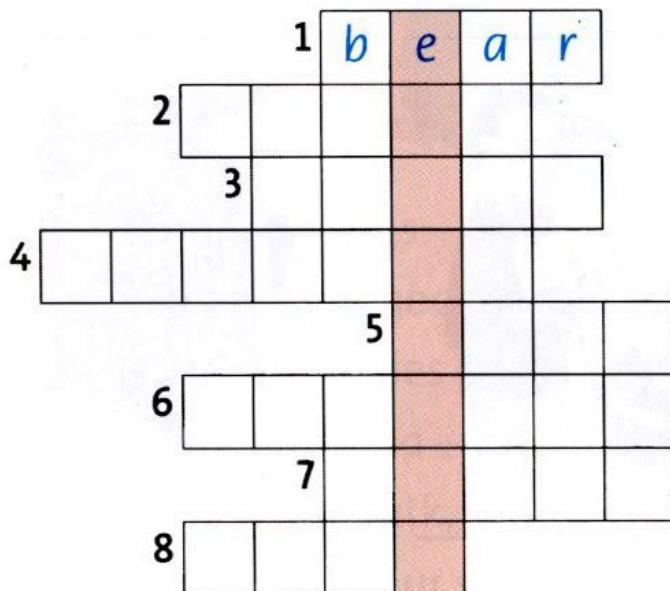
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## Act the play.

### Scene 1

**Narrator** On Monday Gerry comes home from school  
At five past four.  
Grandpa always waits  
By the big blue door.

**Grandpa** Tell me what you have to say.  
Tell me what is new today.

**Gerry** There's a giraffe having a bath  
On the path.

**Grandpa** A giraffe on the path?  
That's not true, that cannot be.

**Gerry** You're right. It's not true.  
There's no giraffe. I'm fooling you.

**Narrator** On Tuesday Gerry comes home from school.

**Grandpa** Tell me what you have to say.  
Tell me what is new today.

**Gerry** There's a snake eating cake  
In the lake.

**Grandpa** A snake in the lake?  
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Gerry            There's a goat in a boat  
                      Wearing a coat.

Grandpa        A goat in a boat?  
                      That's not true, that cannot be.

Gerry            You're right. It's not true.  
                      There's no goat. I'm fooling you.

Narrator        On Thursday Gerry comes home from school.

Grandpa        Tell me what you have to say.  
                      Tell me what is new today.

Gerry            There's a fox selling socks  
                      On the rocks!

Grandpa        A fox on the rocks?  
                      That's not true, that cannot be.

Gerry            You're right. It's not true.  
                      There's no fox. I'm fooling you.'

Narrator        On Friday Gerry comes home from school.

Grandpa        Tell me what you have to say.  
                      Tell me what is new today.

Gerry            There's a bear with dirty hair  
                      On the stairs!

Grandpa        A bear on the stairs?  
                      That's not true, that cannot be.

Gerry            No, listen to me! I'm not fooling you.  
                      There's a bear on the stairs,  
                      It's true, it's true.

## Scene 2

Bear ROAR!

Grandpa Do you hear that great big roar?  
Is that Miss McKay from the second floor?

Gerry No. That isn't a woman or even a man.  
It's a bear on the stairs, let's get out if we can.

Narrator Then there's a knock on the door.  
It's Mr Smith from the seventh floor.

Mr Smith Pardon me, don't be upset.  
There's an animal on the stairs – it isn't a pet.

Bear ROAR!

Narrator The firemen come and then the police.  
There's Mrs Baker and her nosey niece.  
They want to look and have a stare  
At the bear on the stairs with dirty hair.

Zookeepers Sorry, sorry,  
It's washing time at the zoo today.  
The bear sees soap and she runs away!

## Scene 3

Gerry You see, Grandpa, I know it's a surprise,  
But I can tell the truth, I don't always lie.'

Grandpa Here's an idea – take a good look –  
When you talk, tell the truth  
And write your stories in this book.



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