

## At home materials

### Year 4 Week 1 to 4

#### Week 1

*I have carefully read and thought about the chapter*

*I have written a diary using correct person and tense*

*I have responded to the grammar prompts*

*I have practised the spellings and learned the definitions*



#### Week 2

*I have answered the questions using information from the text*

*I have written using lots of description and adjectives*

*I have responded to the grammar prompts*

*I have practised the spellings and learned the definitions*



#### Week 3

*I have carefully read and thought about the chapter*

*I have written an interesting story thinking about the character*

*I have responded to the grammar prompts*

*I have practised the spellings and learned the definitions*



#### Week 4

*I have used the text to answer the questions*

*I have written using persuasive language*

*I have responded to the grammar prompts*

*I have practised the spellings and learned the definitions*



This booklet consists of weekly tasks in all areas of English: reading, writing, grammar and spellings.

 **How do I use the booklet?**

- Set aside time each day to complete the weekly tasks, you don't have to do each one every day.
- Take your time to read and understand the extract. Ask an adult if you need help understanding the text.
- Read the instructions and questions carefully before you start a task.

 **How do the lessons work?**

Below are some suggested timings.

- **Reading** - 30 minutes daily
- **Writing** - 45 minutes daily
- **Grammar** - 5 minutes daily
- **Spelling** - 10 minutes daily

**Can parents, carers and siblings help?**

Yes, of course! Family members can help in the following ways:

- Read the extracts with you aloud.
- Gather all the exciting and difficult words you want to find out about or use in your writing and put them on display.
- Help you with the planning of the story
- Write a story at the same time as you. You could then compare your stories and check each other's writing.

**What else can I do if I love writing and I want more of a challenge?**

- Keep writing stories using your own ideas.
- Explore [www.lovereading4kids.co.uk](http://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk) or [www.newsela.com](http://www.newsela.com) to find other extracts to read and write about.

These packs include the wonderful resources from:

## Week 1: Reading and writing prompts

### The Bolds Go Wild – Chapter 1

#### Reading

**Before reading-**

*Predict what you think the story might be about based on the name of it.*

**During reading-**

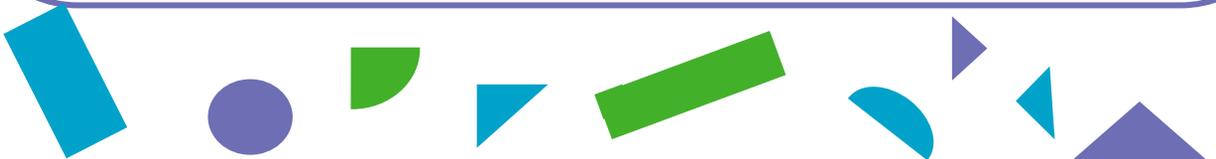
*Collect the names of every new character you meet.*

**After reading-**

*Which character do you think is the most important and why?*

#### Writing

*Imagine you are Bobby. Write a diary entry about the fun day you had in the rain. Use this space to jot down some key words to use.*



## Week 1: Grammar and Spelling prompts

## Grammar

**Rewrite this sentence using the correct punctuation.**

*the Bolds were a family of hyenas*

**Fill in the missing verb.**

*The Bolds \_\_\_\_\_ in puddles.*

**Underline the subject in this sentence:**

*Mr McNumpty is a grisly bear.*

**Which adjective best describes Mr Bold?**

*grumpy angry funny hungry*

**Complete this sentence about the weather that day.**

*The weather was \_\_\_\_\_.*

## Spelling

**Practise each word. Choose two and write their definitions.  
Choose two to write in sentences.**

*interest*

*island*

*knowledge*

*learn*

*length*

*library*

*material*

*medicine*

*mention*

*minute*



## Week 2: Reading and writing prompts

## The Bolds Go Wild – Chapter 1

## Reading

**On page 3:**

1. What did the Bolds love about rainy days?
2. How do we know the Bolds aren't humans?

**On page 4:**

1. Disguised is closest in meaning to:  
a) hidden   b) open   c) afraid   d) funny
2. What two hyena traits can they get away with?

**On page 7:**

1. What is surprising about how Mrs Bold reacts?

## Writing

Imagine you are walking past the park on that rainy day. Describe what The Bolds are doing.

Start your story with,

*I saw the most unusual sight in the park today.*



## Week 2: Grammar and Spelling prompts

### Grammar

**Insert a comma to complete this list.**

*The Bolds loved puddles mud and getting wet.*

**Circle the two verbs in the sentence.**

*Uncle Tony grabbed hold of the tin and scooped up some dirty water.*

**Insert the missing inverted commas.**

*Let's play said Betty*

**Complete this sentence with the correct coordinating conjunction.**

*Mrs Bold opened the window \_\_\_\_\_ she let the bird in.*

**Which sentence needs a question mark?**

*Why do hyenas get wet*

*Hyenas like rain because its good for their skin and keeps mosquitos away*

### Spelling

**Practise each word. Choose two and write their definitions.**

**Choose two to write in sentences.**

*natural*

*naughty*

*notice*

*occasion/occasionally*

*often*

*opposite*

*ordinary*

*particular*

*peculiar*

*perhaps*



## Week 3: Reading and writing prompts

## The Bolds Go Wild – Chapter 1

## Reading

**On page 8:**

1. What does Mr Bold love:  
a) lemonade b) cakes c) jokes
2. What is Mr Bolds job?

**On page 9:**

1. Which word is closest in meaning to retaliating:  
a) hiding something b) getting revenge c) fighting

On page 10:

2. Uncle Tony was angry with Miranda. True or False. Find evidence to support your answer.

**On page 11:**

1. Which two words are closest in meaning to pandemonium:  
a) calm b) chaos c) quiet d) mayhem
2. How long did the pandemonium last for?

## Writing

Choose an animal you like. Think about its behaviour and what it might do if it had to live like a human.

Write a story about a day in the life of your animal in a world of humans.



## Week 3: Grammar and Spelling prompts

### Grammar

**Circle the three words that need capital letters.**

*they took uncle tony, miranda and mr McNumpty to the park.*

**Insert the missing inverted commas.**

*We'd better stop said Mrs Bold breathlessly.*

**Circle all the verbs in this sentence.**

*The Bolds were laughing and shrieking as they hopped over puddles.*

**Which sentence needs an exclamation mark?**

*How funny they were*  
*It was a wet day*

**Circle the adjectives in this sentence.**

*The deep puddles*

### Spelling

**Practise each word. Choose two and write their definitions.  
Choose two to write in sentences.**

*popular*  
*position*  
*possess/possession*  
*possible*  
*potatoes*

*pressure*  
*probably*  
*promise*  
*purpose*  
*quarter*



## Week 4: Reading and writing prompts

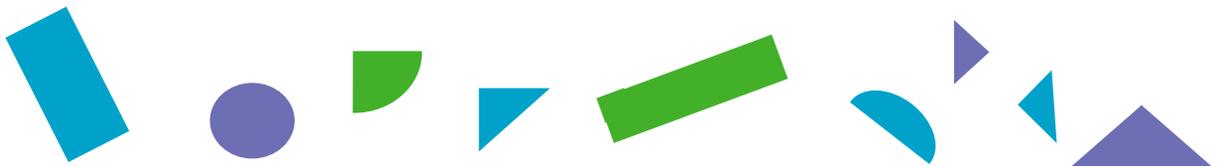
### Non-fiction – Plastic

#### Reading

*Answer the multiple choice questions at the end of the extract. Use this space to write a multiple choice question of your own.*

#### Writing

*Write a persuasive letter to a supermarket asking them to reduce the use of plastic on their products.*



## Week 4: Grammar and Spelling prompts

### Grammar

**Circle the correct verb in each sentence.**

*The Bolds was/were all enjoying the wet weather.  
Mr Bold's jokes was/were funny.*

**Which sentence is a command?**

*Jump in that puddle.  
The Bolds jumped in the puddle.*

**Circle the adverb in the sentence.**

*The bird tapped on the window urgently.*

**Write the following verbs in the simple past tense.**

*throw >                  laugh >*

**Complete this sentence.**

*The hyenas couldn't play because*

### Spelling

**Practise each word. Choose two and write their definitions.  
Choose two to write in sentences.**

*question  
recent  
regular  
reign  
remember*

*sentence  
separate  
special  
straight  
strange*



# Extracts

## Weeks 1, 2 and 3

*The Bolds Go Wild – Chapter 1*

*Extract from [lovereading4kids](http://lovereading4kids.com): find out more about the book and the author*



## Week 4

*Try to make 2019 the year you and your family use less plastic*



Look out for other books

by Julian Clary & David Roberts:

**The Bolds**

**The Bolds to the Rescue**

**The Bolds on Holiday**

**The Bolds in Trouble**

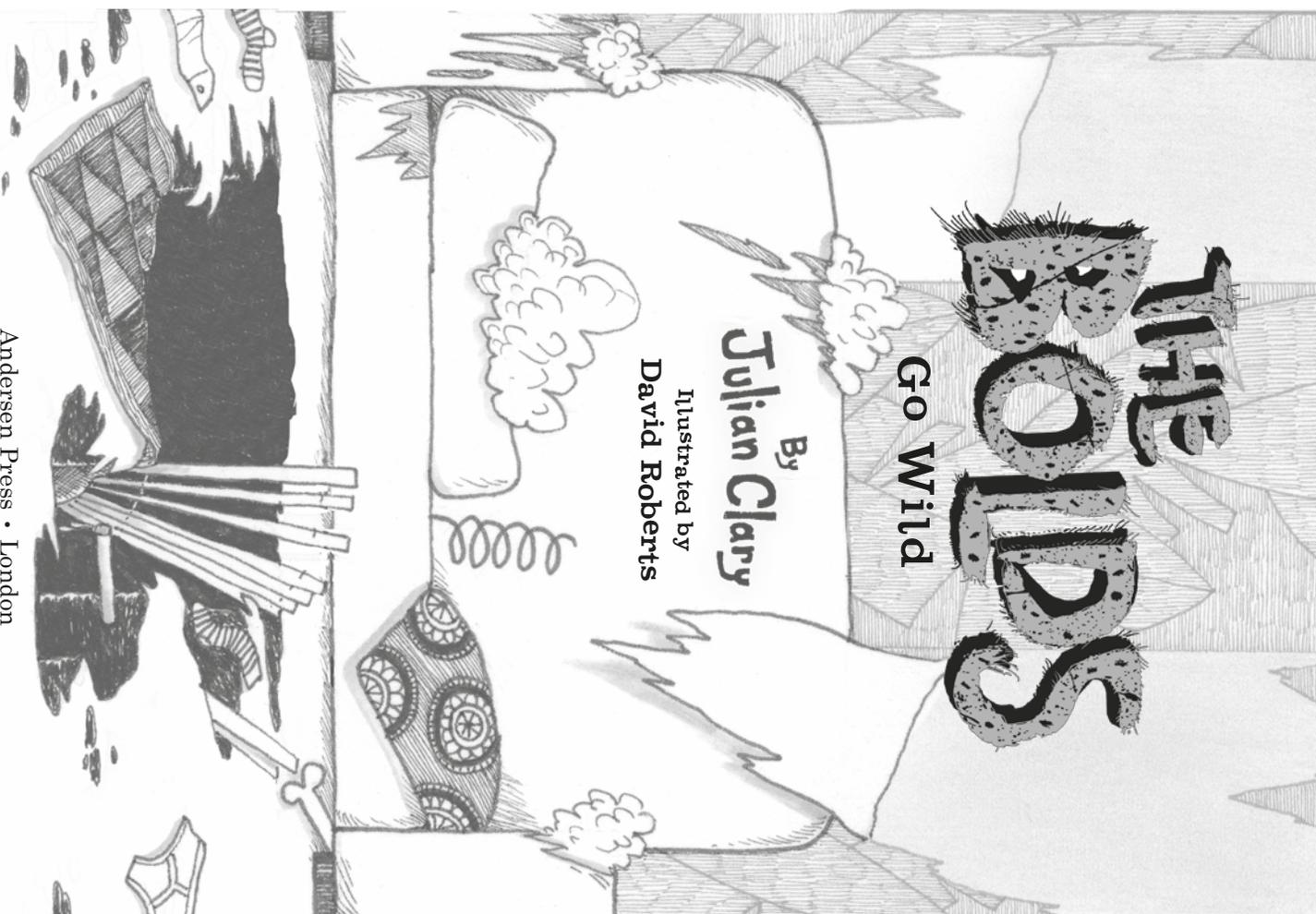
**The Bolds' Great Adventure**  
(a World Book Day book)

# THE BOLDS

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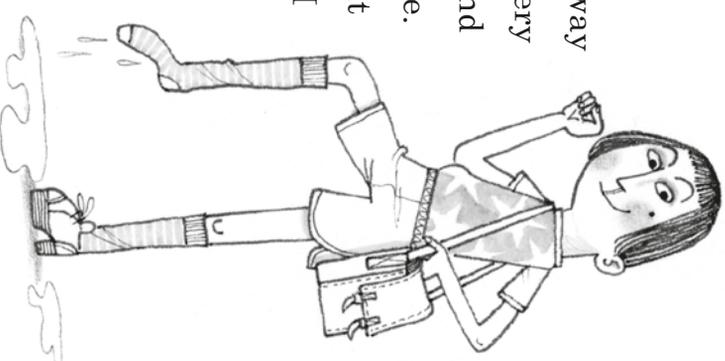


# Chapter

# 1

Some people think that everything happens for a reason. This makes perfect sense to me. Although sometimes it can take a while for the reason to become clear. You just have to be patient, that's all.

Why did I lose a shoe on the way to school? It was certainly very annoying; my foot got wet and my mother was cross with me. BUT . . . losing the shoe meant I was late for class and so I missed a maths exam. Result! It happened for a reason.

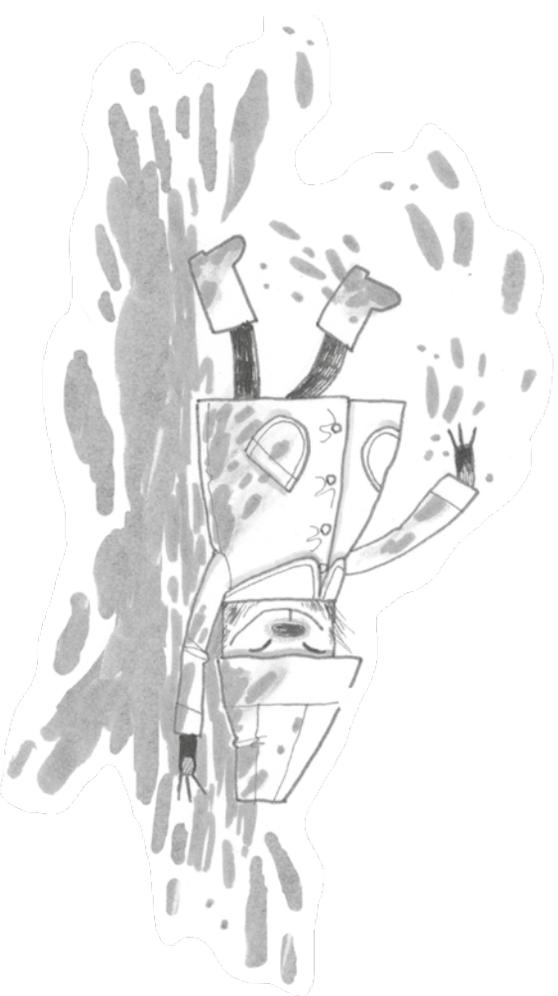


And I once told my best friend that I still slept with a teddy called Mr Pilchard. My friend told the whole class and they all laughed at me. But then I realised the reason for all this upset: it was time to dump my best friend and get myself one who *could* be trusted. So I did.

Now what about the things that happen to the Bolds?

Perhaps you are new to stories about them. I hope not, because that would mean you've been missing out on lots of fun. The Bolds, you see, are a family that strange things happen to – some things good, some not so good – but always for a reason. The good things are wonderful and the not-so-good always make the stories about them very interesting – though I say so myself.

Our story this time begins on a rainy day. Most people on days like that want to stay indoors and avoid getting wet. This isn't the case with the Bolds, though. Dear me, no. They love the rain. Rain means puddles and mud, both of which they are very keen on. Stamping in puddles and making a mess, getting mud in their fur, down their trousers or anywhere else you can think of, is their idea of fun. This is probably because the Bolds family, as you may already know, aren't actually people.



No. They're hyenas. Hyenas living disguised as human beings in a lovely little house in Teddington. In order to keep this unusual fact a secret, they are careful not to do anything too hyena-ish in public: no running around on all fours, no chasing things and eating them, no rubbing their bottoms on bushes.

But laughing wildly and messing about in the rain and mud are hyena traits they can get away with. And they do. People might think them a little odd, but those same people never jump to the conclusion that the family running around and laughing in the rain are hyenas. And for the Bolds it is a little taste of their old life. It satisfies their Hyena Instincts, so carefully covered up most of the time.

So on this particular day in early April, during a heavy shower, the Bold family (Mr and Mrs Bold, and their twins, Bobby and



Betty) spent a glorious couple of hours in a rather wet Bushy Park. They took with them their fellow hyena Uncle Tony, and Miranda the marmoset monkey, as

well as their next-door neighbour Mr McNumpy (who is a grizzly bear, not a hyena, but rather partial to a frolic in the mud nevertheless).

To begin with they just

hopped over puddles, laughing and shrieking. But then Bobby landed in a large one (perhaps by mistake, perhaps not) and splashed water all over Betty's skirt.

'Right! Game on!' said a laughing Betty, before jumping in the air and landing with a *splatt* right in the middle of an even larger,

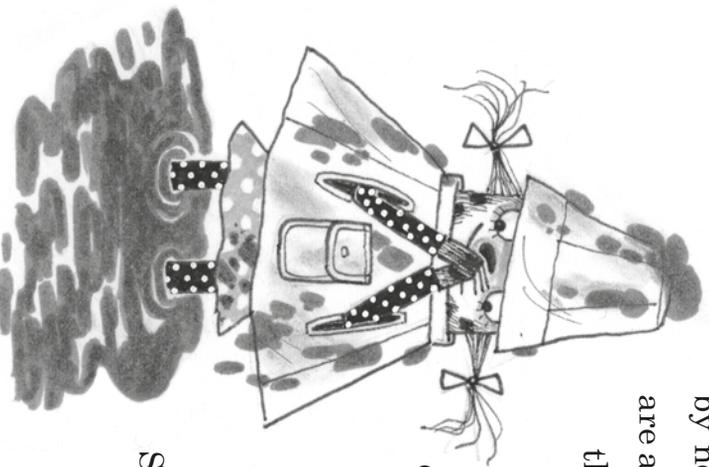


ominously dark puddle. It turned out this puddle was much deeper than expected. Betty suddenly found herself knee-deep in filthy muddy water. And not only was Bobby drenched from head to foot in thick gravy-like mud, but Mrs Bold was too, as she happened to have been walking just behind Bobby.

Now I don't know about *your* family, but in mine Betty and Bobby would be in big trouble by now. However things are a little different with the Bolds.

'Eek!' said Betty, covering her mouth with her paws in surprise.

You've had it now, Sis!' laughed Bobby,



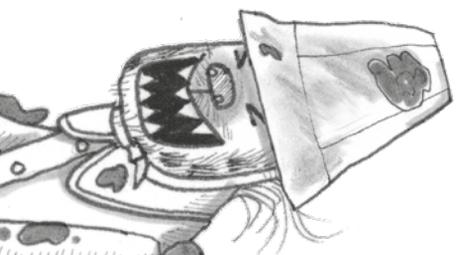
jumping in beside his sister, creating a new wave that curled right up and engulfed a squealing Betty's neck.

Mrs Bold, meanwhile, simply inhaled the earthy scent and her nostrils twitched with delight. She gave Mr Bold a sly glance. 'Mmmm!' she said. 'This so reminds me of life in Africa during the rainy season. Have a sniff, Fred!' She scooped up a handful of mud and rubbed it over Mr Bold's face.

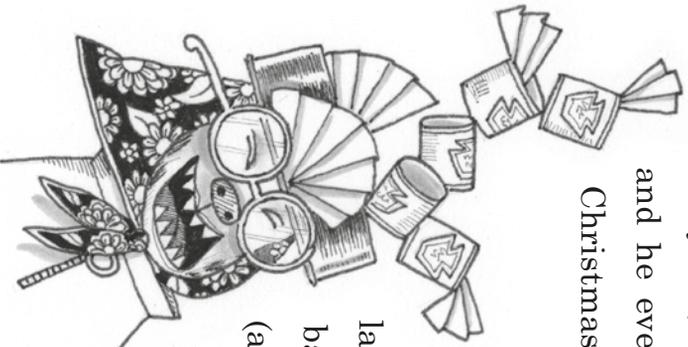
'Ahhh!' said her husband. 'I know what you mean, Amelia.'

What did one raindrop say to the other?

My plop is bigger than your plop!



Now, in case you are unaware, Mr Bold loves jokes. Many dads do. But unlike lots of dads' jokes, Mr Bold's are actually funny and he even has a job writing them for Christmas crackers. A pretty cool job, don't you think?

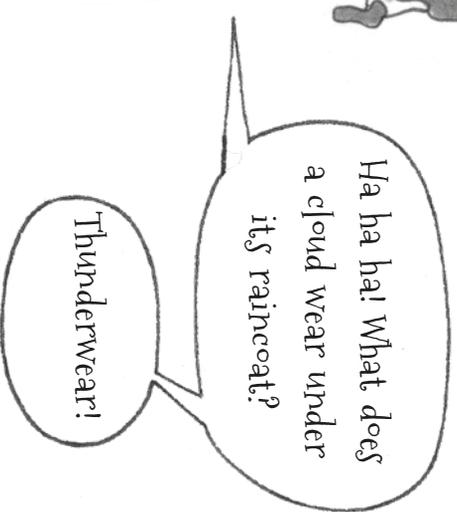


When his wife heard his latest joke she threw her head back with laughter, and her hat (a home-made bonnet made from a round cake tin decorated with several empty tomato soup tins and some cleverly folded napkins) fell into the mud. But before she could pick it up, Uncle Tony (who was bent over on account of his arthritis) grabbed hold of the tin, scooped up some dirty water and, with a hyena howl of mischievous laughter, flung it over his best friend Mr McNumpy.

Nigel McNumpy wasted no time before retaliating: he reached into the depths of the deep puddle, smothering his designer-suit sleeves with muck in the process, and flung a heavy lump of smelly mud at his friend. The mud ball hit Uncle Tony a glancing blow on the shoulder but somehow landed on Mr Bold's face where it slid slowly down to his chest, leaving a gleaming brown trail behind.



Momentarily shocked, Mr Bold then let out a distinctly animal-like cackle.



Mrs Bold was so busy laughing at her husband's joke that she didn't notice Uncle Tony now creeping up behind her with Miranda perched on his shoulder, and the cake tin, full of water, in her little monkey paws. When they were directly behind her, Miranda tipped the tin all over Mrs Bold, and Uncle Tony stood there shaking with laughter.

'Bullseye! Me wetty Missy Boldy!' laughed Miranda.

Well, it was sheer mayhem after that, I can tell you. Luckily no one was out in the park that day, so no humans were there to see the extraordinary sight of a family rolling about in cold muddy puddles, hooting with delight.

After an hour or more of this pandemonium – like a snowball fight with mud that got way out of control – the Bolds pulled themselves together again.



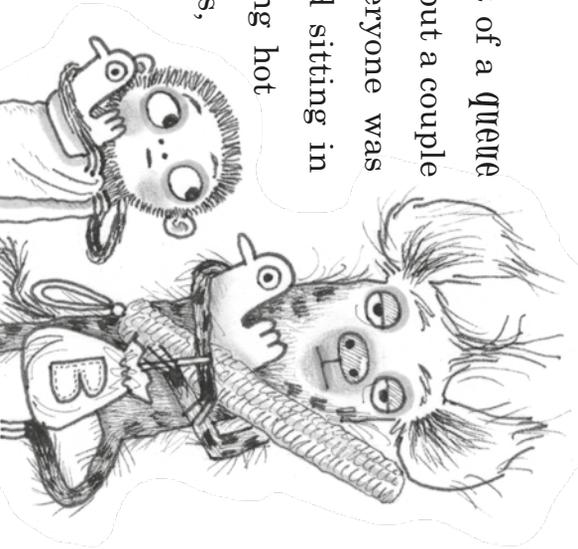


'We'd better stop,' said Mrs Bold breathlessly. 'Before we are seen. Please, Bobby, don't do that in the ferns – it's not at all human-like.'

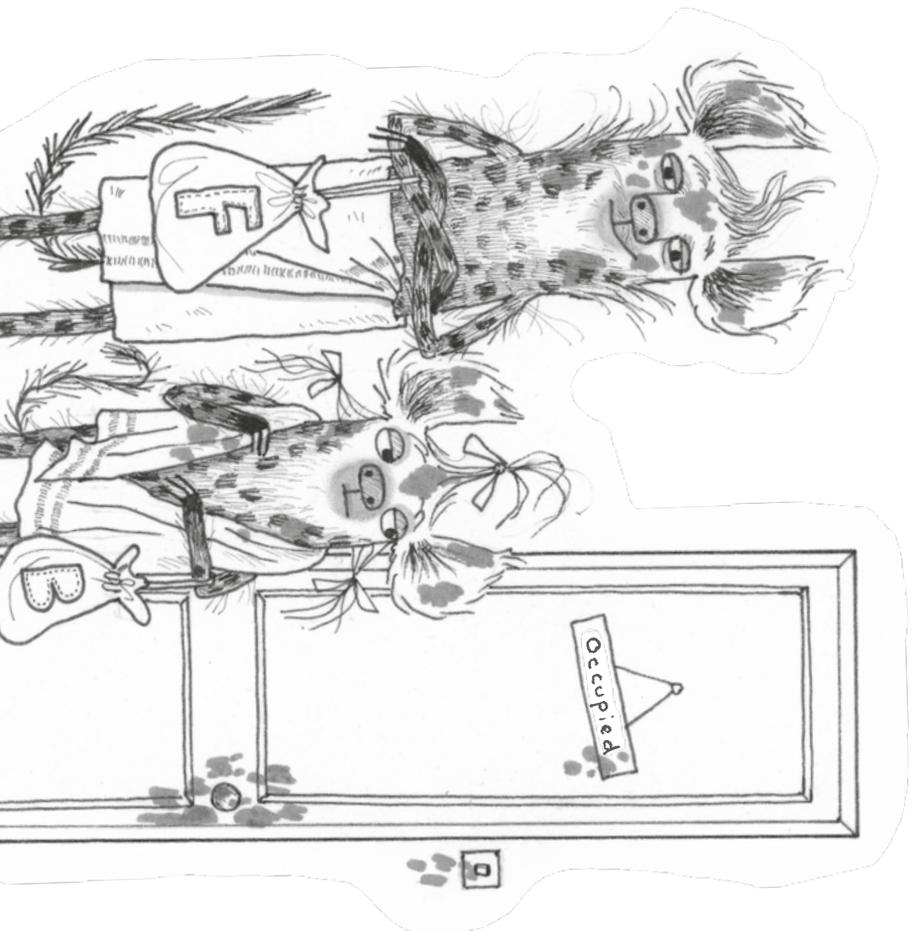
Exhausted, but exhilarated and very, very happy (hyena happy), they made their way home to 41 Fairfield Road.

'Right,' said Mr Bold with a sigh when they were safely inside the house. 'We'd better all get changed into some clean, dry clothes.'

There was a bit of a queue for the bathroom, but a couple of hours later everyone was clean and dry and sitting in the lounge enjoying hot buttered crumpets,



slices of fruit cake and milky tea. The twins' best friend Minnie, the only human who knew the Bolds' secret, had come round. But being a human she wasn't so keen on wet weather and couldn't understand why her friends had got themselves so muddy like that.



‘What goes up when rain comes down?’ Mr Bold asked her.

‘I know the answer to that,’ said Minnie. ‘An umbrella!’

‘Yes!’ Mr Bold said. ‘Although we don’t own one in this house. Can’t think of anything more silly than avoiding the rain. In the Serengeti it only ever rains in the rainy season. So when it does, we animals get very excited. We all get as wet as possible. I remember my mother teaching me and my brothers and sisters how to roll around in the mud. It’s good for our skin and keeps mosquitos away.’ Mr Bold stared into the distance. ‘Ah, yes,’ he sighed. ‘Happy days.’

But his thoughts of home were suddenly interrupted by an urgent tapping sound.

‘What’s that?’ asked Bobby.

‘It’s coming from the window!’ declared Mrs Bold, pulling back the net curtains to get a closer look. There, on the other side of the window, sat a fairly large, sleek grey bird, his beady eyes staring in through the glass. He gave three quick, impatient taps with his small beak and then sat there expectantly.

‘He wants to come in out of the rain,’ said Mrs Bold. ‘All right, Mr Bird! One moment.’

And she opened the window to let him in.



# Try to make 2019 the year you and your family use less plastic

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A beach in Naples, Italy, is covered with plastic waste and debris. What can you do to fight plastic pollution in 2019? Photo by Salvatore Laporta/Getty Images

Making a list of New Year's resolutions is popular with many people. It is a set of goals people make. The hope is to do some things better in the new year.

Usually, these resolutions are about improving themselves. Some people want to exercise more. Others want to save money. Some want to learn new skills.

This year, ask your family or friends to try a group resolution. Consider reducing your waste of plastic products you only use once. This might mean using fewer plastic bags. It might mean thinking twice before getting foods packed in plastic.

Much plastic is used just once and quickly becomes trash. Some plastic goes into the ocean. Scientists estimate that 18 billion pounds of plastic trash flows into the oceans every year.

Here are two ways to use less plastic in 2019 as a family.

## **Decorate With Paper**

Planning a birthday party or holiday celebration? Pledge to have a plastic-free party.

Get creative when decorating. Try not to use balloons. Undersea animals can mistake balloons for food.

Replace balloons with cut-out paper decorations. This could include banners or confetti.

Maybe you were planning to celebrate with glitter. Most glitter is actually just tiny pieces of plastic. Instead, consider buying a natural kind. This will be less wasteful.

### **Bring A Reusable Bag To The Store**

Promise to shop smarter. It is healthier for you and the planet.

Try to avoid snacks that come wrapped in individual plastic. Instead, go to the bulk section of the store. You can usually grab popcorn kernels and banana chips here. Shop with reusable bags for whole fruits and vegetables. Grab some canned beans. Fill a bring-your-own container with grains from the bulk section. Brown rice is an example.

Families can cook a meal free from single-use plastic. Maybe fish is on the menu. If so, read an online guide like Seafood Watch. It shows the practices used to catch that type of fish. Often, fishers leave behind their gear. It falls in the ocean. Knowing the kind of gear used to catch fish can help cut down on harm.

We all want to spend less money. Plastic is a great place to start. Instead of buying new toys, host a toy trade. Swap with your friends.

Do not forget about the plastic packaging. It covers almost all items that you buy online. Consider your plastic resolution when shopping anywhere.

Get creative! Think of ways to give old pieces of plastic a new job. Avoid buying a new item. Use newspaper sleeves to pick up pet poo, for example.

## Quiz

- 1 What does the section "Decorate With Paper" show the reader?
- (A) the kinds of snacks to buy when shopping in a store
  - (B) some ways to spend less money by buying fewer new toys
  - (C) some ways to have a party without using plastic decorations
  - (D) the number of pounds of plastic trash that flows into the oceans
- 2 What information will the reader find in the section "Bring a Reusable Bag To The Store"?
- (A) Most glitter is made of tiny pieces of plastic.
  - (B) Undersea animals sometimes think balloons are food.
  - (C) New Year's resolutions are goals that people make.
  - (D) Seafood Watch gives information about how fish are caught.
- 3 The author thinks that people should bring reusable bags to the store when shopping. Why does the author think this?
- (A) because using reusable bags is a lot of fun to do
  - (B) because using reusable bags is good for the planet
  - (C) because reusable bags can hold foods wrapped in plastic
  - (D) because reusable bags can be thrown away in the trash
- 4 The author writes that "we all want to spend less money. Plastic is a great place to start. Instead of buying new toys, host a toy trade. Swap with your friends."
- How does the author feel about buying new plastic toys?
- (A) It is great to buy new plastic toys for friends.
  - (B) Buying new plastic toys is good if you give them to your friends.
  - (C) Trading toys with friends is better than buying new plastic toys.
  - (D) It is great to buy new plastic toys for a toy trade.