

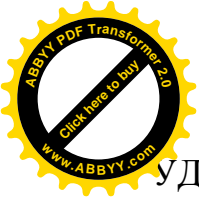


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Preface

Arranged and Completely Indexed For Ready Reference

In compiling this large collection of phonetic material, jokes and poems, brief humour and other forms the authors have a double purpose in mind. One is to present our heritage to the students and young teachers for their own pleasure and relaxation. The other is to make easily available to them the material to be used at the lessons of English for educational aims. The material can be used in exercises for developing pupils' habits and skills. Besides teachers and public speakers may need the funny stories and witty sayings to brighten their addresses and illustrate their arguments.

The book is divided into 5 principal parts containing different classifications. Some material has been taken from the book by Lewis and Faye Copeland, the USA, some from other reliable sources that came at hand during the years of work with the students. We do not mention any other names because every thing was written from memory. We made acknowledgment to the legion of story tellers and wits everywhere, the product of whose humour and originality has traveled from person to person, from one public print to another and – from one generation to another for the good joke is ageless.

It is not enough for today's graduate just to be well-versed on his or her subject. It is vital that a modern student is armed with a strong command and understanding of the teaching technology.

“English Teacher's Reference Companion” is intended to supply any graduate with a comprehensive knowledge of not only English grammar and usage but also English proverbs, poems, catch phrases, idioms, terms and useful words and classroom expressions.

The instructive volume is ideal for round general knowledge of the English language.

We all know that the appropriate introduction of a joke or anecdote in the course of a lesson can revive a pupil's flagging interest and can also contribute much to his understanding and retention of the subject matter. All the material selected in this collection is linguistically based and linguistic phenomena.



Professor S.A. Shvachko has been kind enough to read the collection and we are deeply indebted to her for her help.

This collection is arranged systematically according to the various types of phenomena. It enables the reader to find material relating to a given subject very simply. But the sheer diversity of material may make the arrangement arbitrary and in many cases it was completely up to the discretion of the authors.



ENGLISH SOUNDS

Table of the System of English Sounds

Vowels

<i>Phonetic symbol</i>	<i>Examples</i>
i:	me, tree, three, he, people, the
i	ship, it, ticket, this, king, shilling
e	bed, pen, egg, yes, men, well
æ	man, that, am, and, Paris, can, Spanish
a:	past, dark, arm, are, car, hard
o	not, lot, wash, song, from, rock, coffee
o:	all, small, ball, or, forty, morning
u	put, full, look, good, foot, book
u:	who, move, noon, blue, do, too
ʌ	up, cup, much, sun, some, but
ə:	her, Thursday, burn, third, thirteen, worth, work
ə	a, the, under, father, address, servant, Saturday

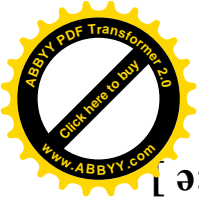
Diphthongs

ei	say, baby, train, waiter, Spain
ou	no, smoke, those, motor, only, Poland, hotel
ai	five, nine, ice, eye, my, side
au	how, count, flower, cloud, hour, now
oi	boy, noise, boil, voice
iə	dear, clear, beer, really, ear
ɛə	where, there, their, chair, hair, care
oə	four, door, your, more, floor
uə	sure, poor



Vowels

- [æ]
- 1) A black fat cat sat on a mat and ate a fat rat.
 - 2) That's the man who sat on my hat in the tram.
 - 3) Once there lived a lad who was always very sad.
For he hadn't any mother and he hadn't any dad.
- [e]
- 1) Better late than never, but better never late.
 - 2) All is well that ends well.
 - 3) Health is above wealth.
 - 4) East or West home is best.
 - 5) Get ten eggs ready for breakfast.
 - 6) Every day is every way.
 - 7) If men knew what many men know,
If many men went where many men go,
If many men did what many men do,
The world would be better. – I think so, don't you?
So many men so many minds.
- [i:]
- 1) Eve is Pete's niece. She is as busy as a bee.
 - 2) Please, believe me. Please, leave me in peace.
 - 3) Extremes meet.
 - 4) A friend in need is a friend indeed.
 - 5) A sailor went to sea
To see what he could see.
But all he could see
Was sea, sea, sea.
 - 6) If all the seas were one sea,
What a great sea that would be.
- [i]
- 1) It's a pity that little Kitty lives in a big city.
 - 2) Six little kittens lost their mittens,
It's a pity, they were so pretty.
 - 3) Little Bill, sit still.
Will you sit still, little Bill?
If you sit still, little Bill,
Jimmy Nil will bring you to a big hill.



[ə:]

- 1) Many words hurt more than swords.
- 2) A little girl with a pretty curl.
- 3) First come first served.
- 4) One good turn deserves another.
- 5) As the workman so is the work.
- 6) Her work grows worse and worse.
- 7) An early bird
 Catches the first worm.

[o:]

- 1) The hall is on the fourth floor.
- 2) New lords, new laws.
- 3) Her naughty daughter Maude is at fault.
- 4) Of all the saws I ever saw, I never saw a saw as that saw saws.

[o]

- 1) Honesty is the best policy.
- 2) Rod often got into hot water.
- 3) Molly's got a spot on her frock.
- 4) A watched pot never boils.
- 5) "What an old clock", said Tom.
- 6) Lots and lots of clocks and watches have gone wrong.

[u:]

- 1) Drue knew who is who.
- 2) Too good to be true.

[u]

- 1) The cook took a good look at the cookery book.
- 2) A good beginning makes a good ending.
- 3) It's good he could go on foot.

[a:]

- 1) Far from eyes, far from heart.
- 2) He laughs best who laughs last.
- 3) Half heart is no heart.
- 4) The highest art is artlessness.

[ʌ]

- 1) Such a fine day, you are lucky.
- 2) How much wood would a wood-chuck chuck
 If a wood-chuck would chuck wood.
- 3) As snug as a bug in a rug.
- 4) Every country has its customs.
- 5) She comes on Sundays once a month.

[ə:]

- 1) Peter is afraid of the doctor.
- 2) Better late than never.
- 3) The sooner the better.



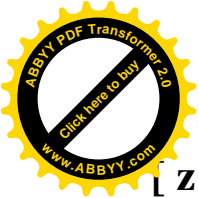
Diphthongs

- [ei] 1) Money spent on the brain
 Never spent in vain.
 2) While the cat is away, the mice will play.
- [ai] 1) Mike likes to ride a bike.
 2) Mind your eyes.
 3) Why do you cry, Willy? Why do you cry?
 Why Willy, why Willy? Why Willy, why?
- [oi] 1) The spoiled boy destroyed the toys.
 2) The boy enjoys his toy.
- [ou] 1) Oh, no, don't go home-alone,
 Nobody knows how lonely the road is.
 2) Soames never boasts of what he knows.
 But Rose never knows of what she boasts.
 3) As you sow you shall mow.
 4) Little strokes fell great oaks.
 5) Oh, no, don't open the window in October.
- [au] 1) Out of sight, out of mind.
 2) It's bound to be found out.
 3) What have you found out about it?
 4) Snow came in the night without a sound,
 Like a white cloud trembling down to the ground.
- [iə] 1) Come here, my dear.
 2) He lived near London for years.
- [eə] 1) Mary takes care of her hair.
 2) I dare swear.
- [uə] 1) Poor, tour, jury.
 2) The steward is sure to come.



Consonants

- [f]
- 1) Five fellows' went fishing on Friday.
 - 2) Five fat friendly frogs.
 - 3) As fit as a fiddle.
 - 4) That fish has a fat fin, this fish is a fish that has a thinner fin than that fish.
- [v]
- 1) The leafy violets filled the valley.
 - 2) A very fine voice came from veranda.
 - 3) We never know the value of the water
Till the well is dry.
- [w]
- 1) Everywhere we saw the white snow.
 - 2) Wind your watch when you get up.
 - 3) Where there is a will there is a way.
 - 4) No sweet without some sweat.
 - 5) All is well, that ends well.
 - 6) William was not very willing to wait.
 - 7) We never know
Whether the weather be windy
Or whether the weather be wet.
 - 8) What is worth doing is worth doing well.
- [θ]
- 1) The teacher thought and thought and thought and no one knew the thought he thought.
 - 2) Wealth is nothing without health.
 - 3) Thirty-three thousand three hundred and thirty-three.
 - 4) First think then speak.
- [ð]
- 1) My father and brother help each other.
 - 2) These are three brothers, these are their father and mother, this is their other brother.
- [s]
- 1) A sailor went to sea
To see what he could see;
What he could see
Was the bottom of the deep sea.
 - 2) One swallow doesn't make summer.
 - 3) Three things on this side and six things on that side.



[z]

- 1) The farmers raised a big crop of maize.
- 2) There are zebras in the zoo.

[p]

Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled pepper,
A peck of pickled pepper Peter Piper picked,
If Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled pepper
Where's a peck of pickled pepper Peter Piper picked?

[b]

Betty Bot bought some butter
But she says: "This butter's bitter.
If I put it in my batter
It will make my batter bitter.
But a bit of better butter
Will make my bitter batter better."

[k]

- 1) Ask Kate to take the cake.
- 2) A kitten in the kitchen.

[g]

- 1) He gives a big glass to the girl.
- 2) A goose playing the golden guitar.

[m]

- 1) Mike's mother is coming tomorrow.
- 2) You've made the same mistakes.

[n]

- 1) They haven't noticed many mistakes.
- 2) Never mind.

[j]

- 1) I shall buy the shirt in a shop.
- 2) She sells sea-shells on the sea-shore.

[ʒ]

The vision was a real pleasure.

[tʃ]

- 1) Most French children like cheese.
- 2) Why did the teacher ask such a question?
- 3) Don't touch those peaches in the kitchen.

[dʒ]

- 1) Just a joke.
- 2) Jake enjoyed the joke very much.
- 3) John, put the orange juice into the fridge.
- 4) A journalist made a journey over Japan.

[t]

Don't trouble a trouble
Until trouble troubles you.

[d]

Suddenly he darted down the road.

[ŋ]

- 1) To know everything is to know nothing.
- 2) A good beginning makes a good ending.
- 3) Better die standing than live kneeling.
- 4) The proof of the pudding is in the eating.
- 5) Spades for digging, pens for writing.
Ears for hearing, teeth for biting.
Eyes for seeing, legs for walking.
Tongues for tasting and for talking.
- 6) It's jolly to swing
In the morning spring weather.
It's jolly to sing
And we'll do it together.
We sing as we swing.
And swing as we sing.
There's nothing like singing
And swinging together.

[l]

- 1) Little Nell likes to tell tales.
- 2) All's well that ends well.

[r]

- 1) Two wrongs don't make right.
- 2) Robert reads books regularly.
- 3) The three will probably drive across the Brooklyn Bridge.
- 4) We gathered ripe raspberries along the river road.
- 5) Every cook praises his own broth.
- 6) Neither rhyme nor reason.
- 7) A foreign accent is a very great drawback.

[j]

Music is the universal language of mankind.

[h]

- 1) Healthful habits make healthy bodies.
- 2) He held her hand in his.
- 3) Helen's husband hates hot tea.
- 4) The horn of the hunter was heard on the hill.
- 5) He that has ears to hear let him hear.
- 6) My heart's in the Highlands.
My heart is not here.



ABC IN RHYMES

A was an apple-pie
B bit it
C cut it,
D dealt it
E ate it
F fought for it
G got it
H had it
I inspected it
J jumped for it
K kept it
L longed for it

M mourned for it,
N nodded at it,
O opened it,
P peeped in it,
Q quartered it,
R ran for it,
S stole it,
T took it,
U upset it,
V viewed it,
W wanted it,
X, Y, Z and ampersand (and)
All wished for a piece in hand.

Aa

An apple very red and sweet,
And it is so good to eat.

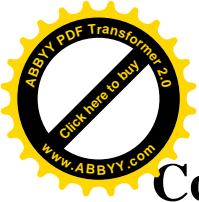
An apple a day
Keeps the doctor away.

What is this?
It is red and sweet.
And it is good to eat.
(An apple.)

Bb

A big black bug
hit a big black bear,
A big black bear
hit a big black bug.

When I ride
I am all right
When I stop, I flop.
(A bicycle).



Cc

Nickety, pickety, my red cat
Likes to sit in my blue hat.
Nickety, pickety, my red cat.

I can tell you all the day
Time to sleep
And time to play.
(A clock.)

Dd

My doll is so pretty,
Her eyes are so blue,
Her cheeks are so rosy,
Her dress is so new.

I have a dog
His name is Jack
His head is white
His ears are black.

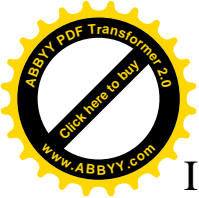
Ee

An elephant lives in the Zoo
In the Zoo, in the Zoo!
A zebra lives there too,
In the Zoo, in the Zoo.

Pussy cat, pussy cat
Can you catch
That big fat rat?

The duck has a duckling.
What does it say?
Quack, quack, quack-
Through the day.

My poor elephant
Is so fat,
He can not wear
His Sunday hat.



I can read,
I can write,
I can speak English, too.
I love learning English
And what about you?

Ff

Flowers here,
Flowers there,
Flowers growing
Everywhere.

Five fat cats
Found fat rats

Gg

Look at the girl,
She has a curl.

Hh

This is the little house,
We live in, I and you.
My dear Mummy, Daddy,
And Baby live there, too.

Here is my mother.
Here is my father.
Here is my sister.
Here is my brother.

Here is my left hand.
Here is my right.
I can clap them
With all my might.

Ii

I scream,
You scream,
We scream,
For ice-cream!



”Tell me, little bear,
What do you like to eat?”
„Well, I like ice-cream,
It is good and sweet”.

Jj

Jump the rope,
Jump the rope,
Jump, jump, jump.
Jump it high,
Jump it low,
Jump, jump, jump.

Teddy’s jeans are blue,
Teddy’s jacket’s yellow.
Oh, Teddy’s such a fine fellow.

Jam is very-very sweet
And it is so good to eat.

Kk

The sky is blue
The sky is grey
Let your kite
Fly away

When I was at the Zoo,
I watched the mother Kangaroo.
Inside her skin she has a pocket.
She puts her baby there to rock it.

Ll

Look to this side,
Look to that side.
The green says, “Go!”
The red says, “Stop!”

I love my father
I love my mother
I love my sister
And my little brother



I see a big yellow lion
A big yellow lion,
What a lion!
What a lion!

Mm

Little Mouse, little Mouse
Where is your house?
Little Cat, little Cat
I have no flat.

“Little Mouse, Little Mouse,
Will you come out of your house?”
“Thank you, Pussy!” says the Mouse,
“I won’t leave my little house”/

Nn

Numbers.
One, two, three, four, five
I caught a fish alive,
Six, seven, eight, nine, ten,
I let it go again

N is for 9
N is for 90
And 99
Children!
How much is 90 and 9?

Oo

The Wise Old Owl
Sat in an oak.
The more he heard,
The less he spoke.

Pp

I am black, and red,
And blue,
I draw a picture for you
What am I?(A pencil).



Pease porridge was very hot
Pease porridge was now cold,
Pease porridge in my little pot
Is already nine days old,

Qq

An old gentleman
Bent with age,
He is asking questions
On every page.
(A question-mark).

Q is for quilt
It is on the bed.
What colour is the quilt?
The quilt is red.

Rr

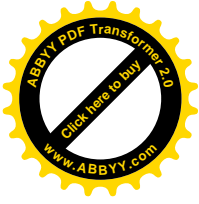
Rain, rain go away,
Come again another day
Little children
Want to play.

Rain, rain, no game
Rain, rain, go away,
Come again another day,
Tom and Mary want to play.

Ss

Spring is green
Summer is bright
Autumn is yellow
Winter is white.

She sells sea shells
On the sea-shore.
I am sure.



Tt

Trams and cars
In our town
Run up and down,
Run up and down.

Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear,
Turn around.
Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear,
Touch the ground.

Uu

In the streets
The buses run
Two by two,
Or one by one.

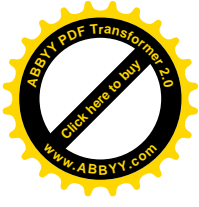
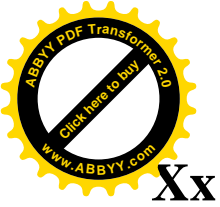
Up and down,
Up and down
Jump up high
And turn around.

Vv

V is in five
And also in seven
It is in twelve
And in eleven.

Ww

Why do you cry, Willie?
Why, do you cry?
Why, Willie?
Why, Willie?
Why, Willie?
Why?



Xx

Six, six, six
Two and four are six
Six, six, six
One and five are six
Six, six, six
Three and three are six.

Six red fox
Are sitting on the box.

Yy

Winter is the season
When children ski
And Father Frost
Brings the New Year Tree.

Zz

I like to go to the Zoo,
To the Zoo, to the Zoo!
Come with me to the Zoo,
To the Zoo, to the Zoo.

Tomorrow, on Sunday,
We'll go to the Zoo.
There is a monkey
And a zebra, too.



ABC Rhymes

Aa

Five rosy apples by the cottage door,
One tumbled off the twig,
and then there were four.

Four rosy apples hanging on the tree,
The farmer's wife took one,
and then there were three.

Three rosy apples, what shall I do?
I think I'll have one,
and then there'll be two.

Two rosy apples hanging in the sun,
You have the big one,
and that will leave one.

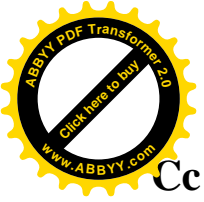
One rosy apple, soon it is gone,
The wind blew it off the branch,
and now there are none.

Bb

The wheels on the bus
Go round and round,
Round and round,
Round and round.
The wheels on the bus
Go round and round,
All day long.
The horn on the bus
Goes peep, peep, peep...etc.

The windscreen wiper on the bus
Goes swish, swish, swish...etc.

The people on the bus
Bounce up and down...etc.



I had a little cherry stone
And put it in the ground,
And when next year I went to look,
A tiny shoot I found.

The shoot grew upwards day by day,
And soon became a tree.
I picked the rosy cherries then,
And ate them for my tea.

Dd

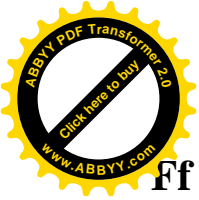
Miss Polly had a dolly
Who was sick, sick, sick.
So she 'phoned for the doctor
To be quick, quick, quick.

The doctor came
With his bag and his hat,
And he rapped at the door
With a rat-tat-tat.
He looked at the dolly
And he shook his head.
Then he said, " Miss Polly,
Put her straight to bed."

He wrote on a paper
For a pill, pill, pill;
"I'll be back in the morning
With my bill, bill, bill."

Ee

An elephant walks like this and that,
He's terribly tall and terribly fat.
He has no fingers,
He has no toes,
But goodness gracious, what a nose!



The farmer's in his den,
The farmer's in his den,
Eee -aye- eee -aye,
The farmer's in his den.
The farmer wants a wife ...etc.
The wife wants a child ...etc.
The child wants a nurse ...etc.
The nurse wants a dog ...etc.
The dog wants a bone ...etc.
We all clap the bone...etc.

Gg

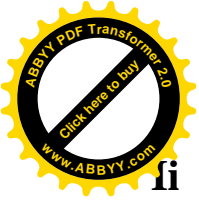
Here are Grandma's spectacles,
And here is Grandma's hat,
And here's the way
She folds her hands,
And puts them in her lap.

Here are Grandpa's spectacles,
And here is Grandpa's hat,
And here's the way
He folds his arms,
And takes a little nap.

Hh

Raise your hands above your head,
Clap them one, two, three;
Rest them now upon your hips,
Slowly bend your knees.

Up again and stand up tall,
Put your right foot out;
Shake your fingers, nod your head,
And twist yourself about.



fi
I like ice cream,
It's my favourite treat.
I like ice cream,
That's what I like to eat.
And I like ice cream any time I can.
Oh, I like ice cream,
Here's the ice cream man.

Jj

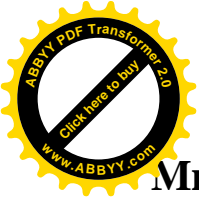
Jack- in - the - box...
Jumps up like this!
He makes me laugh
As he waggles his head.
I gently press him down again
Saying, "Jack-in-the-box,
You must go to bed".

Kk

Old King Cole
Was a merry old soul,
And a merry old soul was he;
He called for his pipe,
And he called for his bowl,
And he called for his fiddlers three.

Ll

Ladybird, ladybird,
Fly away home,
Your house is on fire
And your children all gone;
All except one
And that's little Ann
And she's crept under
The frying pan.



Mm

There's such a tiny little mouse,
Living safely in my house.
Out at night he'll softly creep,
When everyone is fast asleep,
But always in the light of day
He'll softly, softly creep away

Nn

I had a little nut tree,
Nothing would it bear
But a silver nutmeg
And a golden pear.

The King of Spain's daughter
Came to visit me,
And all for sake
Of my little nut tree.

Oo

"Oranges and lemons,"
Say the bells of St Clements.

"You owe me five farthings,"
Say the bells of St Martins.

"When will you pay me?"
Say the bells of Old Bailey.

"When I grow rich,"
Say the bells at Shoreditch.
"When will that be?"
Say the bells of Stepney.

"I'm sure I don't know,"
Says the great bell at Bow.
Here comes the candle
to light you to bed,



Here comes the chopper
to chop off your head.

Chip, chop, chip, chop
the last man's...head.

Pp

Five little peas
 in a peapod pressed,
One grew, two grew
 and so did all the rest.
They grew and grew
 and did not stop,
Until one day the peapod popped.

Qq

The Queen of Hearts
She made some tarts,
All on a summer's day.
The Knave of Hearts
He stole those tarts,
And took them clean away.

The King of Hearts
Called for the tarts,
And beat the knave full sore.
The Knave of Hearts
Brought back the tarts,
And vowed he'd steal no more.

Rr

Ring a ring o'roses,
A pocket full of posies,
A-tishoo, a-tishoo,
We all fall down.

The King has sent his daughter
To fetch a pail of water,
A-tishoo, a-tishoo,
We all fall down.



The robin on the steeple
Is singing to the people,
A- tishoo, a –tishoo,
We all fall down.

Ss

I saw a slippery, slithery snake
Slide through the grasses,
Making them shake.

He looked at me with his beady eye.
"Go away from my
Pretty green garden," said I.

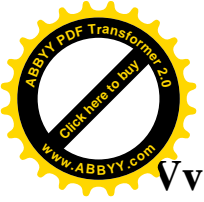
"Sss," said the slippery,
 slithery snake,
As he slid through the grasses,
Making them shake.

Tt

The tortoise can't go out to play
Or sell his house or rent it;
For when he moves,
His house moves too
And nothing can prevent it.

Uu

Please open your umbrella,
Please open your umbrella,
Please open your umbrella,
And shield me from the rain.
The shower is nearly over,
The shower is nearly over,
The shower is nearly over,
So shut it up again.



Vv
Roses are red,
Violets are blue,
Sugar is sweet,
And so are you!

Ww

There's a worm
At the bottom of the garden,
And his name is Wiggly Woo.
There's a worm
At the bottom of the garden,
And all that he can do,
Is to wiggle all night,
And wiggle all day.
Whatever else the folk may say,
There a worm
At the bottom of the garden,
And his name is Wiggly,
Wig, Wig, Wiggly,
Wig, Wig, Wiggly Woo, oo, oo.

Xx

Last year for my birthday
I got a xylophone.
Although I couldn't play it,
I learnt how on my own.
Now I know some music
And I love the bouncy tone.
So I play for hours each day
Upon my xylophone.

Yy

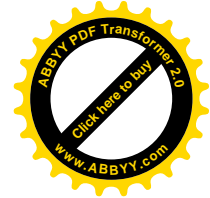
Yankee Doodle came to town,
Riding on a pony;
He stuck a feather in his cap
And called it Macaroni.



Zz

I'm going to the Zoo,
Going to the Zoo.
I'll see lions and tigers,
And a jumping kangaroo.
I'm going to the Zoo.
There'll be a gnu,
And lots of things to see and do.

When I go to the Zoo,
I'll watch the monkeys swinging by,
And tall giraffes
With their heads in the sky.
The sea lions playing in their pool,
And polar bears
Looking snowy white and cool.





Colors and Shapes in Rhymes

Peep through the windows
Of this friendly house
At a large tabby cat
And a little brown mouse.
They are busy at work
With lots to do
Finding colors and shapes
And matching them too .
Lines, corners and curves
All play their part,
And Chester and Max
Have fun with their art.
Blue for a circle,
Red for a square...
Let's join in the game
With our colorful pair!

Square

Here Chester and Max
Are starting their game.
This shape has four corners
And sides all the same.
Chester's painted some squares
With red paint and a brush,
But you'll see there are some
That he's missed in the rush!

Circle

Circles curve and are round,
Like this ball in dark blue.
When Chester frees Max
He'll find more for you.
Blue cushion, blue cotton,
Blue prints on the wall,
Balloons and blue bubbles,
They're round, one and all.



Star

Max carefully counts
Five points on the star.
Chester looks for the color;
It can't have gone far.
Their yellow star glows,
It's the brightest and best,
But Chester's still busy,
He's painting the rest.

Triangle

Chester's holding his brush
Near a pot of light green,
And looks with surprise
At a shape he has seen.
The shape has three corners,
Triangle, the name.
On book, toys and necklace
Find more of the same.

Four Shapes

Here are brown wooden shapes,
Chester's seen them before,
He'll choose the right colors,
Of that we are sure.
Let's start from the bottom,
Red, green, yellow, blue,
And now for the shapes,
Do you know their names too?

Diamond

A shape with four sides
And it isn't a square.
Now Chester and Max
What have you got there?
Orange paper and sticks
Tied up and fixed tight,
With a long trailing tail ...
It's a large diamond kite.



Hexagon

Chester puts down his pot
On a gleaming white floor.
Each tile has six sides-
No less and no more.
One hexagon's painted
In very bright green.
Trails of small pawprints
Show just where they've been.

Rectangle

Chester's cosy and snug
In this pretty doll's house,
With doors, windows and bed,
Just right for a mouse .
Now Max has decided
That he'll join in too;
This rectangle's painted
A bright shade of blue.

Oval

An oval is egg-shaped.
Now Chester's found two
Perfect ovals in pink,
He knows just what to do.
He's nimble and quick
With a needle and thread,
And two ovals turn into
A pink mouse instead.

Crescent

Here's the Man in the Moon
Though his color's not right;
His smooth crescent shape
Should be painted in white.
Chester's quite weary
With still more to do.
Here's a nice crescent slice
Of crisp apple to chew!



Octagon

Chester rolls on the quilt,
While Max goes off and hides.
There's a loose purple patch;
It's a shape with eight sides.
The torn purple patch
They mend neatly with thread,
Then Chester and Max
Fall asleep on the bed.

Ten Shapes

Max pulls out a board
And turns it around.
Its shapes fit the pieces
That Chester has found.
Square, crescent and circle,
Oval, octagon, star,
Do you know what the names
Of the other shapes are?

Arc

Can you find Chester?
He's quite hard to see,
Perched up on his ladders
As high as can be.
He's decided it's time
For the last shape of all,
A rainbow of colors
On a white wall.

Such colorful things
Max and Chester have gone-
Painting, and making,
And sewing- what fun!
Think of the shapes
They have shown you today
And discover your own
As you go on your way.
Try making a picture



Of shapes that you see:
A square for a window,
Triangle for tree;
An arc for a bridge,
A round for a ball,
There are plenty of colors,
Try using them all!

Brown and green, and blue, and white.
Blue and white,
Blue and white.
Brown and green, and blue, and white.
Red and black, and yellow.

Many colours: pink and red.
Grey and green, and violet.
White and brown, black and blue.
I like orange. What do you?
I like yellow.

My soap is green or red,
or white, or brown, or black as ink.
But when you wash
They all turn white
That is so strange I think.

The frog is green, green, green
And so is the tree - 1, 2, 3
The pears are yellow
And so are the chicks - 4, 5,6.

Red, red, red the rose,
Blue, blue, blue the dress,
Grey, grey, grey the rat,
And so is the cat.



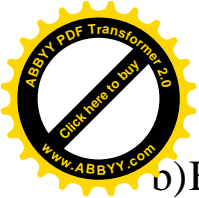
The bear is white,
The bird is blue,
The dog is black,
The puppy is, too.

I have many pencils:
Red, and green and blue,
I'll draw a picture
And give it to you.

Read the Poems and Guess the Colours

- 1) ... is the grass
And the leaves of trees.
... is the smell
Of a country breeze.
- 2) ...is the colour of the sky
Without a cloud,
Cool, distant, beautiful
And proud.
- 3) ...is the night,
When there isn't a star
And you can't tell by looking
Where you are.
- 4)... is a metal,
... is a ring,
... is a very
Beautiful thing.
- 5)... 's mimosa
And I guess
... is the colour of
Happiness.
- 6) Time is ...
just before night,
When most people
Turn on the light.
But if you don't,
It's a beautiful sight.

a) Purple



- b) Black
- c) Blue
- d) Yellow
- e) Green
- f) Gold



Children's Action Rhymes

If you are happy and you know it,
Clap your hands.
If you are happy and you really want to know,
Nod your head.
If you are happy and you know it
Stamp your feet.
If you are happy and you really want to know
Touch your shoulders.
If you are happy and you know it
Shout "We are".

Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear
Dance on your toes
Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear
Touch your nose.

Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear
Stand on your head.
Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear
Go to bed.

Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear
Wake up now.
Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear
Make your bow.

Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear,
Touch the Ground,
Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear
Turn right round.

Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear
Show your shoe.
Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear
That will do.



Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear
Run upstairs.
Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear
Say your prayers.

Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear
Turn off the light.
Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear
Say "Good night".

One, two, three, four, five
Once I caught a fish alive
Six, seven, eight, nine, ten
Then I let him go again.

Why did you let him go?
Because he bit my finger so.
Which finger did he bite?
This little finger on the right.

Here is a ball for a baby
Big and fat and round.
Here's a baby's hammer
See how it can pound.
Here is a big umbrella
To keep the baby dry.
Here is the baby's cradle
Rock-the-baby-bye.

Please, open your umbrella
To shield up from the rain.
The rain is nearly over
So, close it up again.

I can tie my shoe-lace
I can brush my hair.
I can wash my hand and face
And dry myself with care.



I can clean my teeth too
And fasten up my frock.
I can say "How do you do"
And pull up both socks.

The wheels on the bus
Go round and round
All day long.

The bell on the bus
Goes ding-ding-dong
All day long.

The wipers on the bus go
Swish-swish-swish
All day long.

The people on the bus
Bounce up and down,
Go up and down.
All day long.

Tall shops in the town,
Lifts moving up and down
Door swinging round about
People walking in and out.

My hands upon my head I place,
On my shoulders and my face
On my hips I place them so
Then bend down to touch my toe.
Now I raise them up so high
Make my fingers fairy fly.
I clap then - one, two, three
Then I fold them silently.

I have ten little fingers.
And they all belong to me.
I can make them do things
Would you like to see?



I can shut them up tight.
Or open them wide.
I can put them all together.
Or make them all high.

Tommy Thumb, where are you?
Here I am. How do you do?
Peter Pointer, where are you?
Here I am. How do you do?
Toby Tall, where are you?
Here I am. How do you do?
Ruby Ring, where are you?
Here I am. How do you do?
Baby Small, where are you?
Here I am. How do you do?
Fingers all! Where are you?
Here we are. How do you do?

Two little eyes- to look around.
Two little ears- to hear each sound.
One little nose- to smell what's sweet.
One little mouth that likes to eat.

Mix a pancake.
Stir a pancake.
Pour it in the pan.
Fry a pancake.
Toss a pancake.
Catch it if you can.

My little house
Won't stand up straight.
My little house
Has lost its gate.

My little house bends
Up and down
My little house is
The oldest in town.



Here comes the wind
It blows and blows again
Down falls my house.
Oh, what a shame!

Stretch up high
Like a big house
Curl up round
As small as a mouse.

Now pretend you have a trump
And beat like this...
Tum – tum - tum.

Shake your fingers, stamp your feet
Close your eyes tightly
And go to sleep.

Five little sparrows sitting in a row.
One said: " Cheep, cheep, cheep. I must go."
Four little sparrows sitting in a row.
One said: " Cheep, cheep, cheep. I must go."
Oh, three little sparrows sitting in a row.
One said: " Cheep, cheep, cheep. I must go."
Oh, two little sparrows sitting in a row
One said: " Cheep, cheep, cheep. I must go."
Oh, one little sparrow left in a row,
Said: " Oh, what must I do?
I'll fly away too."

Stand up.
Hands up,
Hands down,
Hands on hips,
Sit down.
Stand up.

Hands to the sides,
Bend left,
Bend right.



Hands on the hips,
One, two, three, hop,
One, two, three, stop.
Stand still!

Stand up and Look

Stand up and look around,
Shake your head and turn around;
Stamp your feet upon the ground,
Clap your hands and then sit down.

Do Everything Together

Clap, clap, clap your hands,
Clap your hands together,
Clap, clap, clap your hands,
Clap your hands together.
Stamp, stamp, stamp your feet,
Stamp your feet together
Stamp, stamp, stamp your feet
Stamp your feet together.
Hands on the head,
Hands on the hips,
Hands on the table,
Hands like this.
Hands on the shoulders,
Hands up and down,
Hands behind the head
And sit down.



PHONETIC MATERIAL FOR DRILLS

Poems

Seasons

There are four seasons in a year; spring, summer, autumn, winter.
There are twelve months in a year.

March, April and May are spring months.

June, July and August are summer months.

September, October and November are autumn months.

December, January and February are winter months.

The Four Seasons

F. D. Sherman

Spring is the morning of the year,
And summer is the noon so bright,
The autumn is the evening clear
That comes before the winter's night.

Seasons

Winter brings us snowflakes,
Spring - green buds and shoots
Summer brings us berries,
Autumn - golden fruits.

Spring is green.
Summer is bright.
Autumn is yellow.
Winter is white.

Spring is here,
Summer is near,
Grass is green
So nice and clean.
Winter, spring, summer, fall-
I like spring best of all.



Spring

Now it is spring. March, April and May are spring months. Spring is a warm season. Nature awakens in spring. The sky is blue. We see young green grass on the ground. Green leaves are young, too. The trees blossom in spring. We see many flowers in parks and gardens. The weather is warm. The sun shines brightly. Birds sing in spring and make their nests. Spring is a beautiful season. I like spring best of all.

1. What season is it now?
2. Is it warm in spring?
3. What spring months do you know?
4. What colour are the trees and the leaves?
5. Why is spring beautiful?
6. Does nature awaken in spring?
7. What is the weather like today?
8. Do you like such a weather?
9. What colour are the flowers?
10. Do you see brooks in the streets?

Spring

The sun is shining.
The flowers are blooming.
The sky is blue.
The rains are few.

In the spring,
In the spring,
Sweet and fresh is everything.
Winter winds are no more blowing,
In the fields all is growing,
In the spring,
In the spring.
Sweet and fresh is everything!



Summer

It is summer. June, July, August are summer months. At the end of the school year schoolchildren have their holidays. They have a long and good rest. Summer is a wonderful season. The weather is usually fine in summer. The sun shines brightly, the sky is blue and it is very warm. Sometimes it is hot. The grass, the trees are so green and beautiful. There are many flowers in the parks and gardens. Most of the children go to summer camps. They have a very good time there.

They get up early in the morning, do morning exercises in the open air and have their breakfast. After that they play games, go boating or fishing, bathe and swim in the rivers, lakes and seas.

In the evening they sometimes make a fire. They sing merry songs at the fire and tell one another interesting stories.

Summer

This is the season,
When the sun is bright,
And we have holidays
Each day and night.

Summer

The summer sun shines hot and high.
Baby birds now learn to fly
Green, green leaves and tasty fruit.
All the things are so good!
Winter, spring, summer, fall,
I like summer best of all.

Ring a ding,
Ring a ding.
Ding, ding, ding.
It comes summer after spring.
 Ring a ding.
 Ring a ding.
 Welcome, summer
 Good-bye, spring.



School Is Over

School is over,
Oh, what fun!
Lessons over.
Play begun.
Now's time
For fun and play.
No more lessons for today.

Autumn

It is autumn. September, October, November are autumn months. It is cool. Usually it rains.

The leaves are yellow, red and brown.

The sky is grey. There are many clouds in the sky. It is a dull season. But when the weather is good we like to go to the forest to pick up mushrooms.

There are a lot of fruit and vegetables in autumn: apples, plums, pears, grapes, carrots, cabbages, cucumbers, tomatoes, potatoes.

It is a tasty season!

In September the school year begins.

1. Is it autumn?
2. What autumn months do you know?
3. What is the weather like in autumn?
4. What colour is the sky?
5. Is it warm or cool in autumn?
6. What fruit do you like?
7. What vegetables do you like?
8. Why is it a tasty season?
9. Who likes autumn?

Autumn

Autumn, autumn, autumn
The summer is over
The trees are bare
There is mist in the garden
And frost in the air.



Autumn

This is the season
When fruit is sweet
This is the season
When school-friends meet.

Autumn

This is the season
When days are cool,
When we put on our raincoats
And go to school.

Autumn

This is the season
When days are cool,
When we eat apples
And go to school.

Fall

Put on your jacket and jeans for fall,
Now it is cold to play football,
Leaves turn orange, red and brown
And they all are falling down,
Winter, spring, summer, fall
I like fall best of all.

Autumn

Summer is over
September comes
October and November
Are also autumn months.

Autumn

The sky is grey
The sun doesn't shine brightly
The days are shorter
And the nights are longer
The leaves on the trees
Are yellow, red and brown
All fall to the ground.



Winter

It is winter. December, January and February are winter months. It is cold in winter.

The days are short, the nights are long. The ground is white with snow. Children like to skate, to ski and to sledge down the snowhills. Boys play hockey. Girls make snowmen. They like to play snowballs.

The weather is fine and frosty today. The sky is blue. The sun is shining but it is cold. The ground is covered with snow. There is much snow on the ground. The snow is white. The trees are grey and brown. But fir-trees and pine-trees are green. I like winter very much. I like to make a snowman. It has a carrot for its nose, coals for its eyes and a bucket for its hat. It is beautiful!

1. What season is it now?
2. Which season is cold?
3. Which season is beautiful?
4. Who likes winter?
5. Do you see much snow on the ground?
6. What are winter months?
7. What winter games can you play?
8. Can you skate well?
9. Do you like to ski?
10. Who likes to play snowballs?
11. What season do you like best?
12. Do you like winter?
13. Why do you like winter?
14. Is it a beautiful season?

Winter

Autumn is over,
December comes
January and February
Are also winter months.

Children are skiing,
Children are skating,
Sledging down the hills
Winter is charming
When it is coming
With snow, frost and winds.



Winter

This is the season
When mornings are dark,
And birds do not sing
In the forests and parks.

Winter

This is the season
With snow so white,
We ski and skate
With all our might.

Winter

This is the season
When children can ski,
Play snowballs,
And dance round
The New Year Tree.

Winter

Snow, snow all around,
On the trees and on the ground.
Who can stay at home today?
One and all, come to play.

New Year Party

New Year Party is a very happy holiday. On the thirty-first of December we celebrate the New Year Day. The New Year tree is very beautiful. It is decorated with many toys. There are a lot of toys and lights of all colours: blue, red, yellow, green and white. There are many sweets in the tree. Children like to dance and sing around the New Year tree. They are happy and gay. Father Frost says, "Happy New Year!"



New Year

Happy New Year to you!
Happy New Year to me!
Happy New Year to all my friends.

New Year Day

New Year Day,
A happy day,
We are all glad and very gay.
We all dance and sing,
And say,
''Welcome! Welcome!
New Year Day!''

New Year

New things to learn,
New friends to meet,
New songs to sing,
New books to read.
New things to see,
New things to hear,
New things to do
In this glad New Year!

The Night Before Christmas

A visit from St. Nicholas

by Clement C. Moore

„Twas the night before Christmas,
when all through the house
Not a creature was stirring,
Not even a mouse;

The stockings were hung
by the chimney with care,
In hopes that St. Nicholas
soon would be there.

The children were nestled
all snug in their beds,
While visions of sugarplums
danced in their heads;



And mamma in her kerchief,
and I in my cap,
Had just settled our brains
For a long winter nap;

When out on the lawn
there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from my bed
to see what was the matter.

Away to the window
I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters
and threw up the sash.

The moon, on the breast
of the new-fallen snow,
Gave a lustre of midday
to objects below,

When, what to my wondering
eyes should appear,
But a miniature sleigh
and eight tiny reindeer,

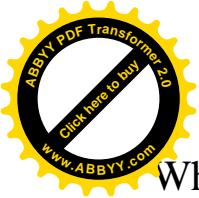
With a little old driver
so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment
it must be St. Nick.

More rapid than eagles,
his coursers they came,
And he whistled and shouted
and called them by name:

''Now, Dasher! now, Dancer!
now, Prancer and Vixen!

On Comet! On cupid!
on Donner and Blitzen!
To the top of the porch,
to the top of the wall,

Now, dash away! dash away!
dash away all!''
As dry leaves that before
the wild hurricane fly,



When they meet with an obstacle,
mount to the sky,

So up to the housetop
the coursers they flew,
With the sleigh full of toys,
and St. Nicholas, too.

And then, in a twinkling,
I heard on the roof
The prancing and pawing
of each little hoof.
As I drew in my head,
and was turning around,
Down the chimney St. Nicholas
came with a bound.

He was dressed all in fur
from his head to his foot,
And his clothes were all tarnished
with ashes and soot;

A bundle of toys
he had flung on his back,
And he looked like a pedlar
just opening his pack.

His eyes- how they twinkled!
His dimples- how merry!
His cheeks were like roses,
his nose like a cherry.

His droll little mouth
was drawn up like a bow,
And the beard on his chin
was as white as the snow.

He had a broad face
and a little round belly
That shook when he laughed
like a bowlful of jelly.

He was chubby and plump,
a right jolly old elf,
And I laughed when I saw him
in spite of myself.



A wink of his eye
and a twist of his head
Soon gave me to know
I had nothing to dread.

He spoke not a word,
but went straight to his work,
And filled all the stockings;
then turned with a jerk,

He sprang to his sleigh,
to his team gave a whistle
And away they all flew
like the down of a thistle.

But I heard him exclaim,
‘ere he drove out of sight,
” Happy Christmas to all,
and to all a good night!”

Christmas

We wish you a Merry Christmas,
We wish you a Merry Christmas,
We wish you a merry Christmas,
And a Happy New Year!

Poems about Toys

Toys

I have a hare,
I have a bear,
My toys are hear,
My toys are there.
I have a horse,
I have a fox,
I have a brown cow,
I have a hen,
I have a sheep
And I am playing now.



Ten Toys

1 dog is under the tree
2 geese are for you and me.
3 sheep are near the door
4 puppies are on the floor.
5 hens are in the box.
6 chickens and a horse.
7 cows are near the house
8 cats and a mouse
9 birds are in the nest
10 toys I love best

Toy Town

Toy Town you see-
So nice and neat-
Small houses stand
Each side Toy Street.
 A tall toy lamp-
 Toy knife and spoon-
 Toy cows and horses,
 A pale round moon.
Toy people, too,
Walk up and down.
What a pleasure to live
In beautiful Toy Town!

My Doll

My pretty doll
is very small.
I love my pretty little doll.

My Doll

My doll is so pretty
Her eyes are so blue,
Her cheeks are so rosy
Her dress is so new.



My Ball

Dance, dance
That's my ball.
It doesn't want to stop at all.
Blue and yellow, green and red
It dances higher than my head.

My Kite

My kite is white,
My kite is light,
My kite is in the sky
Now left, now right,
You see the kite
You see it
You and I.

Teddy Bear

Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear,
Touch the ground;
Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear,
Turn around.
Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear,
Show your shoe,
Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear,
That will do.

Teddy Bear

My Teddy's fur is soft and brown,
His legs are soft and fat,
He walks with me all round the town
And never wears the hat.

Months of the Year.

The Months

January. Here we go,
Fun is snow.
February. What a pace,
Pancake race.



March. The winds blow,
The hats go.
April. Showers come
With the sun.
May. First of May.
Merry day.
June. Roses bloom,
Sweet perfume.
July. Spend the day.
Making hay.
August. Watch my boat,
See it float.
September. Leaves are old-
Turning gold.
October. Leaves on ground,
Sweep around.
November. Frost in the air
The trees are bare.
December. New Year's here
Sing and cheer.

Days in the Month

30 days has November,
April, June and November,
All the rest have 31
Excepting February alone
Which has 28 days clear
And 29 in each leap year.

Days of the Week

We jump on Sunday
We play hockey on Monday
We ski on Tuesday
We skate on Wednesday
We speak Russian on Thursday
We speak English on Friday
We run on Saturday.



How many days has my baby to play?
Saturday, Sunday, Monday,
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday,
Saturday, Sunday, Monday.

Parts of the Day. Good Morning

Good morning!
Good morning!
Good morning to you!
Good morning, good morning
I am glad to see you!

Good Night
Good night, father.
Good night, mother.
Kiss your little son!
Good night, sister,
Good night, brother.
Good night, everyone!

Numerals in poems

One, two, three and four
We are dancing on the floor
We are dancing on the floor
Clap, clap, clap.

One potato,
Two potatoes,
Three potatoes,
Four.
Five potatoes,
Six potatoes,
Seven potatoes
More.

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
Who will help me look for Evan?
He's not here.
He's not there.
I have hunted everywhere.



The Little Indian boys

One little, two little,
Three little Indians,
Four little, five little,
Six little Indians,
Seven little, eight little,
Nine little Indians,
Ten little Indian boys.

How old?

How old is Ben?
He is 10.
How old is Kate?
She is eight.
How old is Nora?
With her friend Dora?
4 and 7 are 11.

Numbers

One is a number,
Two is a number,
Three is a number, 4!
Number 5 is before 6,
And number 7 is more.
8 is a number,
9 is a number
Now we come to 10.
And we are back at 1 again!

Now will you count to 2?
Count to 3.
Just like me: 1, 2, 3.
Count to 8
Don't be late!
Count to 9
That is fine!
And we then count to 10.



What time is it?

- 12.00- It is twelve o'clock
- 12.05-It is five minutes past twelve
- 12.10 -It is ten minutes past twelve
- 12.15- It is a quarter past twelve
- 12.20- It is twenty minutes past twelve
- 12.25- It is twenty-five minutes past twelve
- 12.30-It is half past twelve
- 12.35- It is twenty-five minutes to one
- 12.40- It is twenty minutes to one
- 12.45- It is a quarter to one
- 12.50- It is ten minutes to one
- 12.55- It is five minutes to one
- 13.00- It is one o'clock

My watch is five minutes fast.
My watch is five minutes slow.
Does your watch keep time?
My watch keeps good time.
It's ten o'clock a.m.
It's ten o'clock p.m.

a.m.-ante meridiem
p.m.-post meridiem



Rhymes about Nature

It's raining, it's pouring
The old man's snoring;
He got into bed
And bumped his head
And couldn't get up in the morning.

It's raining, it's raining,
There's pepper in the box,
And all the little ladies
Are picking up their frocks.

When the wind blows,
Then the mill goes;
When the wind drops,
Then the mill stops.

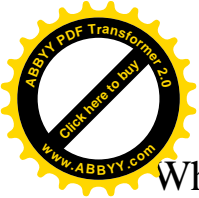
March winds and April showers
Bring forth May flowers.

When clouds appear
Like rocks and towers,
The earth's refreshed
By frequent showers.

Cut thistles in May,
They grow in a day;
Cut them in June,
That is too soon;
Cut them in July,
Then they will die.

A swarm of bees in May
Is worth a load of hay;
A swarm of bees in June
Is worth a silver spoon;
A swarm of bees in July
Is not worth a fly.

Mackerel sky,
Mackerel sky,
Not long wet
And not long dry.



When the dew is on the grass,
Rain will never come to pass.
A sunny shower
Won't last half an hour.

Red sky at night,
Shepherd's delight;
Red sky in the morning,
Shepherd's warning.

Evening red and morning grey,
Send the traveller on his way;
Evening grey and morning red,
Bring the rain upon his head.

Flowers

Queen of Flowers: My dear flowers! Spring is coming. When are you coming to the gardens and fields?

Flowers: We are coming, we are coming.

Queen: Who is coming first?

Snowdrop: I am first. I have a white dress. I am very pretty. I come when the snow is on the ground. My name is Snowdrop.

Violet: And I come next. I don't like snow. It is so cold. I like warm days. My dress is violet. I am a violet.

Lily-of-the-Valley: My name is Lily-of-the-Valley.

Daffodil: I come next. I am yellow like the sun. I like to dance in the wind. My name is Daffodil.

Queen: Then Summer comes. Who are Summer's flowers?

Bluebell: I am the flower of Summer. I am blue like the sky and my dress is like a bell. I am the Bluebell.

Cornflower: I am blue too. I grow in the corn and make the fields beautiful. My name is Cornflower.

Rose: And I have many dresses- red, yellow, pink, white. I come when the sun is hot. I am the Rose.

Good-bye, dear flowers. Go to the gardens and fields and make them beautiful.

Flowers: Good-bye, good-bye.



About Weather

If bees stay at home
Rain will soon come;
If they fly away,
Fine will be the day.

Rhymes about People

Go to bed, Tom,
Go to bed, Tom,
Tired or not, Tom,
Go to bed, Tom.

Robin Hood

Robin Hood
Has gone to the wood;
He'll come back again
If we are good.

Little fishes in a brook,
Father caught them on a hook,
Mother fried them in a pan,
Johnnie eats them like a man.

Tommy Tittlemouse

Little Tommy Tittlemouse
Lived in a little house;
He caught fish
In another man's ditch.

Betty Blue

Little Betty Blue
Lost her holiday shoe,
What can little Betty do?
Give her another
To match the other,
And then she may walk out in two.



Little Girl

Little girl, little girl
Where have you been?
I've been to see grandmother
Over the green.
What did she give you?
Milk in a can.
What did you say for it?
Thank you, Grandam.

What are little boys made of, made of
What are little boys made of?
Frogs and snails
And puppy-dogs' tails,
That's what little boys are made of.

What are little girls made of, made of?
What are little girls made of?
Sugar and spice
And all things nice,
That's what little girls are made of.

Elsie Marley

Elsie Marley is grown so fine,
She won't get up to feed the swine,
But lies in bed till eight or nine
Lazy Elsie Marley.

Good Counsel for Children

Go to beg late,
Stay very small;
Go to bed early,
Grow very tall.

One thing at a time
And that done well,
Is a very good rule,
As many can tell.



Good, better, best;
Never rest
Till 'good' be 'better',
And 'better' 'best'.

William McTrimbletoe

William McTrmbletoe,
He's a good fisherman,
Catches fish,
Puts them in dish,
Catches hens,
Puts them in pens;
Some lay eggs,
Some lay none,
William McTrimbletoe,
He doesn't eat one.

Gregory Griggs

Gregory Griggs, Gregory Griggs,
Had twenty-seven different wigs.
He wore them up, he wore them down,
To please the people of the town;
He wore them east, he wore them west,
But he never could tell
Which he loved the best.

Dob and Mob

There was a man,
And his name was Dob,
And he had a wife,
And her name was Mob.
And he had a dog,
And he called it Bob,
And she had a cat,
Called Chitterabob.
Bob, says Dob;
Chitterabob, says Mob.
Bob was Dob's dog,
Chitterabob Mob's cat.



Hector Protector

Hector Protector was dressed all in green;
Hector Protector was sent to the Queen.
The Queen did not like him,
No more did the King;
So Hector Protector was sent back again.

Dame Trot

Dame Trot and her cat
Sat down for a chat;
The Dame sat on this side
And puss sat on that.
Puss, says the Dame,
Can you catch a rat,
Or a mouse in the dark?
Purr, says the cat.

Robin and Richard

Robin and Richard
Were two pretty men,
They lay in bed
Till the clock struck ten;
Then up starts Robin
And looks at the sky,
Or, brother Richard,
The sun's very high.
You go before
With a bottle and bag,
And I will come after
On little Jack Nag.



The Dame of Dundee

There was an old woman
Who lived in Dundee,
And in her back garden
There grew a plum tree;
The plums they grew rotten
Before they grew ripe,
And she sold them
Three farthings a pint.
Abram Brown

Old Abram Brown is dead and gone,
You'll never see him more;
He used to wear a long brown coat
That buttoned down before.

The House That Jack Built

This is the house that Jack built.
This is the malt
That lay in the house that Jack built.
This is the rat
That ate the malt
That lay in the house that Jack built.

This is the cat,
That killed the rat,
That ate the malt
That lay in the house that Jack built.

This is the dog,
That worried the cat,
That killed the rat,
That ate the malt
That lay in the house that Jack built.

This is the cow with the crumpled horn,
That tossed the dog,
That worried the cat,
That killed the rat,
That ate the malt



That lay in the house that Jack built.

This is the maiden all forlorn,
That milked the cow with the crumpled horn,
That tossed the dog,
That worried the cat,
That killed the rat,
That ate the malt
That lay in the house that Jack built.

This is the man all tattered and torn,
That kissed the maiden all forlorn,
That milked the cow with the crumpled horn,
That tossed the dog,
That worried the cat,
That killed the rat,
That ate the malt
That lay in the house that Jack built.

This is the priest all shaven and shorn,
That married the man all tattered and torn,
That kissed the maiden all forlorn,
That milked the cow with the crumpled horn,
That tossed the dog,
That worried the cat,
That killed the rat,
That ate the malt
That lay in the house that Jack built.

This is the cock that crowed in the morn,
That waked the priest all shaven and shorn,
That married the man all tattered and torn,
That kissed the maiden all forlorn,
That milked the cow with the crumpled horn,
That tossed the dog,
That worried the cat,
That killed the rat,
That ate the malt
That lay in the house that Jack built.



Animals

Wild Animals

A tiger, a lion, a giraffe, a squirrel, an elephant, a hedgehog, a wolf, a fox, a bear, a hare, a snake, an owl, a polar bear, a kangaroo, a whale, a parrot, a camel, a deer, a worm, a monkey, a mouse, a frog, a crocodile, a zebra, a penguin, a chipmunk, a hamster, a tortoise.

Domestic Animals

A cow, a horse, a dog, a cat, a rabbit, a sheep, a goat, a chick, a goose, a duck, a hen, a cock.

Mothers and Babies

A cow- a calf

A horse- a foal

A cat- a kitten

A dog- a puppy

A bear- a cub

A fox- a cub

A goose- a gosling

A duck- a duckling

A lion- a cub

A hen- a chick

Poems About Animals and Birds

Bow-wow, says the dog,

Mew, mew, says the cat,

Grunt, grunt, goes the hog,

And squeak goes the rat.

Tu-whu, says the owl,

Caw, caw says the crow,

Quack, quack, says the duck,

And what cuckoos say you know.

To The Snail

Snail, snail, put out your horns,

And I'll give you bread and

barley-corns.



To the Lady-Bird

Lady-bird, lady-bird,
Fly away home,
Your house is on fire
And your children all gone;
All except one
And that's little Ann
And she has crept under
The warming pan.

There were two blackbirds,
Sitting on a hill,
The one named Jack,
The other named Jill;
Fly away, Jack!
Fly away, Jill!
Come again, Jack!
Come again, Jill!
Visitor

Little Robin Redbreast

Came to visit me;
This is what he whistled,
Thank you for my tea.

Catch

Little Robin Redbreast sat upon a tree,
Up went pussy-cat, and down went he;
Says little Robin Redbreast,
Catch me if you can.
Little Robin Redbreast jumped upon a wall,
Pussy-cat jumped after him, and almost got a fall;
Little Robin chirped and sang, and what did pussy say?
Pussy-cat said, Mew, and Robin jumped away.



To the Cuckoo

Cuckoo, cuckoo, what do you do?
In April I open my bill;
In May I sing all day;
In June I change my tune;
In July away I fly;
In August away I must.

The cuckoo comes in April,
He sings his song in May;
In the middle of June
He changes his tune,
And then he flies away.

The Cow

The friendly cow, all red and white,
I love with all my heart:
She gives me cream with all my might
To eat with apple tart

Billy Goat

There was a young goat named Billy
Who was more than a little bit silly.
They sent him to school
But he just played the fool
And ate satchels and books willy-nilly.

Lambs at play

On the grass banks
Lambkins at their pranks:
Woolly sisters, woolly brothers,
Jumping off their feet
While their woolly mothers.
Watch by them and bleat.

The Crow

Old Crow, upon the tall tree-top
I see you sitting at your ease,
You hang upon the highest bough
And balance in the breeze.



Bed-Time

Robin Friend has gone to bed,
Little wing to hide his head.
Mother's bird must slumber, too-
Just as baby robins do.
When the stars begin to rise
Birds and Babies close their eyes.

Mother Goose

Cackle, cackle, Mother Goose,
Have you any feathers loose?
Truly have I, pretty fellow.
Half enough to fill a pillow.
Here are quills, take one or two,
And down to make a bed for you.

The Swallow

Fly away, fly away, over the sea,
Sun-loving swallow, for summer is done.
Come again, come again, come back to me.
Bringing the summer and bringing the sun.

Ladybird

Ladybird, ladybird, fly away home;
Thy house is on fire, thy children all gone-
All but one, and her home is Ann.
And she crept under the pudding-pan.

The Queen Bee

When I was in the garden,
I saw a great Queen Bee;
She was the very largest one
That I did ever see.
She wore a shiny helmet
And a lovely velvet gown,
But I was rather sad, because
She didn't wear a crown.



Six Serving Men

Rudyard Kipling

I have six honest serving men
They taught me all I knew
Their names are What and Why and When
and How and Where and Who.

I send them over land and sea
I send them East and West
But after they have worked for me
I give them all a rest.

Tongue – Twisters

Even native speakers of English find very difficult to say tongue-twisters quickly. How quickly can you say?

A big blue bucket of blue blue-berries.

A cup of coffee from a copper coffee pot.

A very wary viper went up a western vine.

Betty Botter bought some butter,
But she said: The butter's bitter;
If I put it in my batter,
It will make my batter bitter.
But a bit of better butter
Will make my bitter batter better.

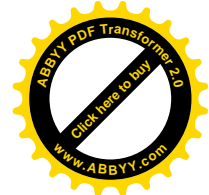
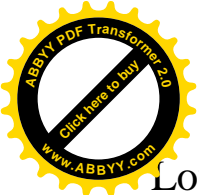
Birds of a feather flock together.

But he never wears it since winters are warm.

Critical cricket critic

Don't trouble trouble until trouble troubles you.

Little Lady Lilly lost her lovely locket.
Lucky little Lucy found the lovely locket,



Lovely little locket lay in Lucy's pocket -
Lazy little Lucy lost the lovely locket!

Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers.

Robert Rowley rolled a round roll round.

She sells sea-shells on the seashore.

Sister Suzie sits and sews sailors' shirts.

Six selfish shellfish.

Swan swam over the sea.

Swim, swan, swim:

Swan swam back again.

Well swam, swan!

Tall Tom took a tiny tool.

The good guest from the west weighed the wet wood.

The hammerman hammers the hammer on the hard highroad.

The Leith police dismisseth us.

The man in the west is wearing a vest.

They made a sweet-smiling snow-man.

Unique New York.



28 most popular English and American songs

Itsey Bitsey spider

The Itsey Bitsey spider
Went up the water spout;
Down Came the rain
And washed the spider out.

Out came the sun
And dried up all the rain;
And the Itsey Bitsey spider
Went up the spout again.

Hickory, dickory, dock

1. Hickory, dickory, dock
The mouse ran up the clock.
The clock struck one,
The mouse ran down,
Hickory, dickory, dock.
2. Dickery, dickery, dare.
The pig flew up in the air.
The man in brown
Soon brought him down,
Dickery, dickery, dare.
3. Higglety, pigglety, pop,
The dog has eaten the mop.
The pig's in a hurry,
The cat's in a flurry,
Higglety, pigglety, pop!

Cobbler, cobbler, mend my shoe

1. Cobbler, cobbler, mend my shoe;
Get it done by half-past two;
Stitch it up, and stitch it down,
Then I'll give you a half a crown.
2. Barber, barber, shave a pig,
How many hairs will make a wig?
Four and twenty, that's enough;
Give the barber a pinch of snuff.

Row, row, row your boat

Row, row, row your boat,
Gently down the stream;
Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily,
Life is like a dream.



Twinkle, twinkle, little star

1. Twinkle, twinkle, little star,
How I wonder what you are.
Up above the world so high,
Like a diamond in the sky.
Twinkle, twinkle, little star,
How I wonder what you are.
2. When the blazing sun has gone,
When he nothing shines upon,
Then you show your little light,
Twinkle, twinkle, all the night.
Twinkle, twinkle, little star,
How I wonder what you are.
3. Twinkle, twinkle, little star,
How I wonder what you are.
Up above the world so high,
Like a diamond in the sky.
Twinkle, twinkle, little star,
How I wonder what you are.
Twinkle, twinkle, little star,
How I wonder what you are.

Two fat gentlemen

1. Two fat gentleman met in a lane
Bowed most politely, bowed once again.
How do you do,
How do you do,
And how do you do again?
2. Two thin ladies met in a lane...
3. Two tall postmen met in a lane...
4. Two little schoolboys met in a lane...
5. Two little babies met in a lane,
Bowed most politely, bowed once again.
How do you do,
How do you do,
And how do you do again?



Mulberry bush

1. Here we go round the mulberry bush,
The mulberry bush, the mulberry bush;
Here we go round the mulberry bush,
On a cold and frosty morning.
2. This is the way we clap our hands,
Clap our hands, clap our hands;
This is the way we clap our hands,
On a cold and frosty morning.
3. This is the way we stamp our feet...
4. This is the way we wash our clothes...
5. This is the way we iron clothes...
6. This is the way we sweep the floor...
7. Here we go round the mulberry bush,
The mulberry bush, the mulberry bush;
Here we go round the mulberry bush,
On a cold and frosty morning.

Alouette, little Alouette

1. Alouette, little Alouette,
Alouette, play the game with me!
Put your finger on your head,(2)
On your head,(2)
Don't forget, Alouette. Oh!
2. Alouette, little Alouette,
Alouette, play the game with me!
Put your finger on your nose,(2)
On your nose,(2)
On your head,(2)
Don't forget, Alouette. Oh!
3. Alouette, little Alouette,
Alouette, play the game with me!
Put your finger on your mouth, (2)



On your mouth, (2)
On your nose,(2)
On your head,(2)
Don't forget, Alouette. Oh!

4. Alouette, little Alouette,
Alouette, play the game with me!
Put your finger on your chin,(2)
On your chin,(2)
On your mouth,(2)
On your nose,(2)
On your head,(2)
Don't forget, Alouette. Oh!

Jingle bells

Chorus:

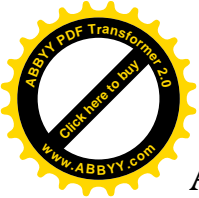
Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way.
Oh! What fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh!
Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way.
Oh! What fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh!

1. Dashing through the snow, in a one-horse open sleigh,
O'er the fields we go, laughing all the way.
Bells on bobtail ring, making spirits bright,
What fun it is to ride and sing a sleighing song tonight!

Chorus.

The brave old Duke of York

Oh, the brave old Duke of York,
He had ten thousand men;
He marched them up to the top of the hill,
And he marched them down again.



And when they were up, they were up,
And when they were down, they were down,
And when they were only half-way up,
They were neither up nor down.

A ring, a ring o'roses

1. A ring, a ring o'roses,
A pocket full of posies,
Up down, up down,
All sit down.
2. The king has sent his daughter
To fetch a pail of water,
Up down, up down,
All bow down.
3. The bird upon the steeple
Is singing to the people,
Up down, up down,
All kneel down.
4. The wedding bells are ringing,
The boys and girls are singing,
Up down, up down,
All fall down.

London bridge

1. London bridge is falling down,
Falling down, falling down,
London bridge is falling down,
My fair Lady.
2. Build it up with wood and clay,
Wood and clay, wood and clay,
Build it up with wood and clay,
My fair Lady.



3. Wood and clay will wash away,
Wash away, wash away,
Wood and clay will wash away,
My fair Lady.
4. Build it up with iron and steel...
5. Iron and steel will bend and bow...
6. Build it up with silver and gold...
7. Silver and gold will be stolen away...
8. Set a man to watch all night...
9. Suppose the man should fall asleep...
10. Give him a pipe to smoke all night...
11. London bridge is falling down...

My Bonny is over the ocean

1. My Bonny is over the ocean,
My bonny is over the sea,
My bonny is over the ocean,
Oh, bring back my bonny to me.

Chorus:
Bring back, bring back,
Oh, bring back my bonny to me, to me.
Bring back, bring back,
Oh, bring back my bonny to me.

2. Well wind you blow over the ocean,
Well wind you blow over the sea,
Well wind you blow over the ocean,
Oh, bring back my bonny to me.



Chorus:

Bring back, bring back,
Oh, bring back my bonny to me, to me.
Bring back, bring back,
Oh, bring back my bonny to me.

Five little bears

1. Five little bears
Dancing on the bed,
One fell off and bumped his head.
Mother called a doctor,
And the doctor said:
'' No more little bears dancing on the bed''.
2. Four little bears...
3. Three little bears...
4. Two little bears...
5. One little bear
Dancing on the bed,
He fell off and bumped his head.
Mother called a doctor,
And the doctor said:
'' No more little bears dancing on the bed''.

Once I caught a fish alive

One, two, three, four, five,
Once I caught a fish alive,
Six, seven, eight, nine, ten,
Then I let it go again.

Why did I let it go?
Because it bit my finger so.
Which finger did it bite?
This little finger on the right.



Old Mac Donald had a farm

1. Old Mac Donald had a farm, E-I-E-I-O,
And on this farm he had some chicks, E-I-E-I-O.
With a chick, chick here and a chick, chick there,
Here a chick, there a chick,
Everywhere a chick, chick.

Old Mac Donald had a farm, E-I-E-I-O,

2. Old Mac Donald had a farm, E-I-E-I-O,
And on this farm he had some dogs, E-I-E-I-O.
With a bow-wow here and a bow-wow there,
Here a bow, there a wow,
Everywhere a bow-wow;
Chick, chick here, and a chick, chick there,
Here a chick, there a chick,
Everywhere a chick, chick.

Old Mac Donald had a farm, E-I-E-I-O.

3. Old Mac Donald had a farm, E-I-E-I-O,
And on this farm he had some cows, E-I-E-I-O.
With a moo, moo here and a moo, moo there...

Old Mac Donald had a farm, E-I-E-I-O. (2)

She'll be coming

1. She'll be coming around the mountain when she comes.
She'll be coming around the mountain when she comes.
She'll be coming around the mountain,
She'll be coming around the mountain,
She'll be coming around the mountain when she comes.
2. She'll be driving six white horses when she comes...
3. Oh, we'll all go out meet her when she comes...
4. Then we'll all have chicken and dumplings when she comes...



The farmer in the dell

1. The farmer in the dell,
The farmer in the dell,
Heigh-ho the derry O,
The farmer in the dell.
2. The farmer takes a wife,
The farmer takes a wife,
Heigh-ho the derry O,
The farmer takes a wife.
3. The wife takes a child...
4. The child takes a nurse...
5. The nurse takes a dog...
6. The dog takes a cat...
7. The cat takes a rat...
8. The rat takes the cheese...
9. The cheese stands alone,
The cheese stands alone,
Heigh-ho the derry O,
The cheese stands alone.

Green grass

1. There was a tree (2)
In the middle of the woods, (2)
The prettiest tree (2)
That you ever did see, (2)
And the green grass grew all around and around,
And the green grass grew all around.



2. And on this tree, (2)
There was a branch, (2)
The prettiest branch (2)
That you ever did see. (2)
Well, the branch on the tree,
And the tree in the woods,
And the green grass grew all around and around,
And the green grass grew all around.

3. And on this branch, (2)
There was a twig, (2)
The prettiest twig (2)
That you ever did see.
Well, the twig on the branch,
And the branch on the tree,
And the tree in the woods,
And the green grass grew all around and around,
And the green grass grew all around.

4. And on this twig, (2)
There was a nest...

5. And in this nest, (2)
There was an egg...

6. And in this egg, (2)
There was a bird...

7. And on this bird, (2)
There was a wing, (2)
The prettiest wing (2)
That you ever did see. (2)
Well, the wing on the bird,
And the bird in the egg,
And the egg in the nest,
And the nest on the twig,
And the twig on the branch,
And the branch on the tree,
And the tree in the woods,
And the green grass grew all around and around,
And the green grass grew all around.



Little red caboose

1 Variant

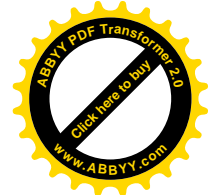
- 1. Little red caboose,
Little red caboose,
Little red caboose behind the train,
Smoke-stack on its back,
Coming down the track,
Little red caboose behind the train.

- 2. Little red caboose,
Little red caboose,
Little red caboose behind the train,
Coming round the bend,
Hanging on the end,
Little red caboose behind the train.

2 Variant

- 1a. Little red caboose, chug, chug, chug,
Little red caboose, chug, chug, chug,
Little red caboose behind the train, train, train, train,
Smoke-stack on its back, back, back, back,
Coming down the track, track, track, track,
Little red caboose behind the train, chug, chug.

- 2a. Little red caboose, chug, chug, chug, chug,
Little red caboose, chug, chug, chug,
Little red caboose, chug, chug, chug,
Little red caboose behind the train, train, train, train,
Coming round the bend, bend, bend, bend,
Hanging on the end, end, end, end,
Little red caboose behind the train, chug, chug.



She waded in the water

1. She waded in the water
And she got her feet all wet,
She waded in the water
And she got her feet all wet,
She waded in the water
And she got her feet all wet,
But she didn't get her
{clap,clap} wet {clap}yet.

Chorus: Glory, glory, Hallelujah,
Glory, glory, Hallelujah,
Glory, glory, Hallelujah,
Glory, glory, Hallelujah,
But she didn't get her
{clap, clap} wet {clap} yet.

3. She waded in the water
And she got her ankles wet...

Chorus.

4. She waded in the water
And she got her knees all wet...

Chorus.

5. She waded in the water
And she got her thighs all wet...

Chorus.

5. She waded in the water
And she finally got it wet,
She waded in the water
And she finally got it wet,
She waded in the water
And she finally got it wet,
She finally got her
Bathing suit wet!

Chorus.



Hush, little baby

Hush, little baby, don't say a word
Papa's gonna buy you a mockingbird.

If that mockingbird don't sing,
Papa's gonna buy you a diamond ring.
If that diamond ring turns brass,
Papa's gonna buy you a looking glass.

If that looking glass should crack,
Papa's gonna buy you a jumping jack.

If that jumping jack won't hop,
Papa's gonna buy you a lollipop.

When that lollipop is gone,
Papa's gonna buy you a real live pup.

If that real live pup won't bark,
Papa's gonna buy you a horse and cart.

If that horse and cart fall down,
You'll still be the sweetest baby in town.

There was an old lady

1. There was an old lady who swallowed a fly,
I don't know why she swallowed a fly,
Perhaps she'll die.
2. There was an old lady who swallowed a spider,
That wiggled and wiggled and jiggled inside her.
She swallowed the spider to catch the fly,
I don't know why she swallowed the fly,
Perhaps she'll die.
3. There was an old lady who swallowed a bird,
How absurd, to swallow a bird!
She swallowed the bird to catch the spider...



4. There was an old lady who swallowed a cat,
Imagine that, she swallowed a cat!
She swallowed the cat to catch the bird...

5. There was an old lady who swallowed a dog,
What a hog, to swallow a dog!
She swallowed the dog to catch the cat...

6. There was an old lady who swallowed a cow,
I don't know how she swallowed a cow.
She swallowed the cow to catch the dog...

7. There was an old lady who swallowed a horse,
She's dead, of course!

Billy boy

1. Oh, where have you been, Billy boy, Billy boy,
Oh, where have you been, charming Billy?
I have been to seek a wife, she's a joy of my life,
She's a young thing and cannot leave her mother.

2. Did she ask you to come in, Billy boy, Billy boy,
Did she ask you to come in, charming Billy?
Yes, she asked me to come in, there's a dimple in her chin,
She's a young thing and cannot leave her mother.

3. Can she make a cherry pie, Billy boy, Billy boy,
Can she make a cherry pie, charming Billy?
She can make a cherry pie, Quick as a cat wink an eye,
She's a young thing and cannot leave her mother.

4. Can she make a feather bed, Billy boy, Billy boy,
Can she make a feather bed, charming Billy?
She can make a feather bed, quick as you can nod a head,
She's a young thing and cannot leave her mother.

5. How old is she now, Billy boy, Billy boy,
How old is she now, charming Billy?
Three times six and four times seven, twenty-eight and eleven,
She's a young thing and cannot leave her mother.



There's a hole in my bucket

1. There's a hole in my bucket, dear Liza, dear Liza,
There's a hole in my bucket, dear Liza, a hole.
Well then, fix it, dear Henry, dear Henry, dear Henry,
Well then, fix it, dear Henry, dear Henry, fix it.

2. With what shall I fix it...
With a straw...

3. But the straw is too long...
Then cut it...

4. With what shall I cut it...
With a knife...

5. But the knife is too dull...
Then sharpen it...

6. With what shall I sharpen it...
With a stone...

7. But the stone is too dry...
Then wet it...

8. With what shall I wet it...
With water...

9. Well, how shall I carry it...
In a bucket...

10. But there's a hole in my bucket, dear Liza, dear Liza,
There's a hole in my bucket, dear Liza, a hole!



Clementine

1. In a cavern, in a canyon,
Excavating for a mine,
Dwelt a miner, forty-niner,
And his daughter Clementine.

Chorus:

Oh, my darling,
Oh, my darling,
Oh, my darling, Clementine.
You are lost and gone forever,
Dreadful sorry, Clementine.

2. Like she was and like a feather,
And her shoes were number nine,
Herring boxes, without topses,
Sandals were for Clementine.

Chorus.

3. Drove she ducklings to the water,
Ev'ry morning just at nine,
Hit her foot against a splinter,
Fell into the foaming brine.

Chorus.

4. Ruby lips above the water,
Blowing bubbles, soft and fine,
But alas, I was no swimmer,
So, I lost my Clementine.

Chorus.

5. How I missed her, how I missed her,
How I missed my Clementine,
But I kissed her little sister
And forgot my Clementine.



Jennie Jenkins

1. Will you wear white, oh my dear, oh my dear?
Will you wear white, Jennie Jenkins?
No, I won't wear white for the color's too bright,
I'll buy me a fol-de-rol-dy, til-de-tol-dy, seek-a-double,
Use-a-cause-a, roll-a-find-me, roll,
Jennie Jenkins, roll.

2. Will you wear blue, oh my dear, oh my dear?
Will you wear blue, Jennie Jenkins?
No, I won't wear blue 'cause blue won't do,
I'll buy me a fol-de-rol-dy, til-de-tol-dy, seek-a-double,
Use-a-cause-a, roll-a-find-me, roll,
Jennie Jenkins, roll.

3. Will you wear red...
No, I won't wear red, it's the color of my head...

4. Will you wear pink...
No, I won't wear pink, I'd rather drink ink...

5. Will you wear green...
No, I won't wear green, it's the color of a bean...

6. Will you wear rose, oh my dear, oh my dear?
Will you wear rose, Jennie Jenkins?
No, I won't wear rose, it's the color of my nose,
I'll buy me a fol-de-rol-dy, til-de-tol-dy, seek-a-double,
Use-a-cause-a, roll-a-find-me, roll,
Jennie Jenkins, roll.

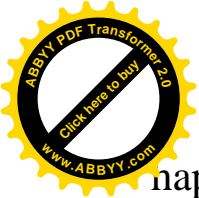


WORD POWER

Similes

A simile is a figure of speech in which a thing or person is, for the sake of comparison, said to be like another. The word *simile* is derived from *similis*, the Latin word for like. The words *like* or *as* usually appear in the simile, as in: *the rumour spread like wildfire, she was as slim as a wand*. Some similes are extremely common. A list of these is given below.

- agile as a monkey
- alike as (like) two peas in a pod
- bald as a coot
- black as ebony
- blind as a bat
- bold as brass
- brave as a lion
- brown as a berry
- calm as a millpond
- changeable as the moon
- cheerful as the day is long
- clear as daylight
- clear as mud (=not at all clear)
- common as muck
- cool as a cucumber
- cunning as a fox
- dead as a doornail
- deaf as a post
- drunk as a lord
- dry as a bone
- dry as dust (boring)
- dull as ditchwater
- easy as pie
- easy as falling off a log
- fit as a fiddle
- flat as a pancake
- frisky as a colt
- good as gold
- green as grass
- merry as a lark
- neat as a pin
- old as the hills/Methuselah
- patient as Job
- plain as a pikestaff
- playful as a kitten
- pleased as Punch
- poor as a church mouse
- pretty as a picture
- proud as a peacock
- quick as a flash
- quiet as a mouse
- rare as hen's teeth
- rich as Croesus
- safe as houses
- sharp as a razor
- sick as a dog
- sick as a parrot (disappointed)
- silent as the grave
- simple as ABC
- slow as a snail
- sly as a fox
- smart as paint
- smooth as silk
- sober as a judge
- straight as a die
- stubborn as a mule
- sure as death
- swift as an arrow



nappy as a pig in muck
happy as a sandboy
hard as nails
helpless as a babe in arms
hollow as a drum
hot as hell
innocent as a new-born babe
keen as mustard
light as a feather
lively as a cricket
mad as a hatter

tall as a steeple
thick as thieves (friendly)
thick as two short planks (stupid)
thin as a rake
tight as a drum
tough as old boots
uncertain as the weather
weak as water
white as snow/a ghost
wily as a fox
wise as Solomon

as daft as a brush

as strong as an ox

as mad as a hatter

as bold as brass

as cool as a cucumber

as white as a sheet

first and foremost

rough and ready

rest and recreation

sooner or later

here and there

slowly but surely

on and off

all or nothing

to and fro

up and down and sideways

up and down

odds and ends

down and out

give or take

back to front

sink or swim

as good as gold

as sweet as honey

as old as the hills/ the sea

as bright as silver

as busy as a bee

as brave as a lion

as cold as ice

as changeable as the weather

as soft as butter

as easy as ABC



Proverbs

Aa

A bad beginning makes a bad ending.

A bad workman always blames his tools.

A barking dog does not bite.

Actions speak louder than words.

A friend is easier lost than found.

A friend is never known till a man has need.

A friend is not so soon gotten as lost.

A friend to everybody is a friend to nobody.

A good beginning is half the battle.

A good beginning makes a good ending.

A good friend is as the sun in winter.

A good name is better than a good face.

A good name is better than riches.

A hard beginning makes a good ending.

All asses wag their ears.

All is well that ends well.

An Englishman's home is his castle.

A friend in need is a friend indeed.



A little bird told me.
As sure as eggs is eggs.

As you make your bed,
So must you sleep in it.

A new broom sweeps clean.

Art is long, life is short.

An apple a day,
keeps the doctor away.

Bb

Better late than never.

Business before pleasure.

Better to do well than to say well.

Bark at the moon.

Beauty will buy no beef.

Beat about the bush.

Better an egg today than a hen tomorrow.

Better die standing than live kneeling.

Cc

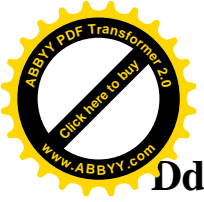
Call a spade a spade.

Can the leopard change his spots.

Clear as a day.

Cool as a cucumber.

Custom is a second nature.



Dd

Don't put all your eggs in one basket.

Don't teach fishes to swim.

Don't trouble trouble till trouble troubles you.

Ee

Early to bed and early to rise makes a man
Healthy, wealthy and wise.

East or West, home is best.

Easy as ABC.

Easy come, easy go.

Every cook praises his own broth.

Everything is good in its season.

Every country has its customs.

Everything has an end.
Eat with pleasure, drink with measure.

Experience is the best teacher.

Ff

First come, first served.

Four eyes see more than two.

Gg

Good beginning makes a good ending.

Good health is above wealth.



Handsome is as handsome does.

Happiness takes no account of time.

He laughs best who laughs last.

His foot is too large.

Honesty is the best policy.

Hour in the morning is worth in the evening.

Ii

It is never too late to learn.

In at one ear and out of the other.

It is good fishing in troubled waters.

Kk

Keep your mouth shut and your ears open

Know everything is to know nothing.

Ll

Let sleeping dogs lie.

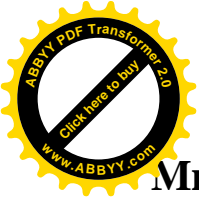
Little pot is soon hot.

Like water off a duck's back.

Lost time is never found again.

Like mother, like daughter.

Life is not a bed of roses.



Mm

Make hay while the sun shines.

Many men, many minds.

Money spent on the brain is never spent in vain.

Nn

Never do tomorrow what you can do today.

No news is good news.

No rose without a thorn.

Never say die.

No living man all things can.

Oo

One man's fault is another man's lesson.

One swallow does not make a summer.

Over shoes, over boots.

Pp

Poor as a church mouse.

Promise little, but do much.

Qq

Queen Anne is dead!

Rr

Red as a cherry

Rome was not built in a day.



Silly as a goose.

Sudden as an April shower.

Swim like a fish.

Swim like a stone.

Tt

Take counsel of your pillow.

Tastes differ.

That cock won't fight.

That's where the shoe pinches.

There is no fire without smoke.

There is no place like home.

To get out of bed on the wrong side.

To work with the left hand.

Too many cooks spoil the broth.

The fox may grow grey but never good.

Time is money.

Ww

Welcome as a day.

Welcome as flowers in May.

Welcome as a storm.

When pigs fly.



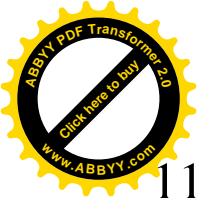
When two Fridays come together.

When the pinch comes we remember the old shoe.

Who chatters with you, will chatter of you.

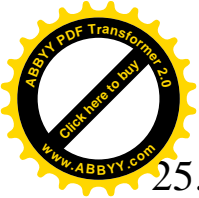
Puns and Riddles

1. A man went to the doctor's. The doctor asked:
 - What's wrong with you?
 - I feel like a pair of curtains.
 - Calm now...Draw yourself together.
2. - Why is a kiss like scandal?
 - Because it goes from mouth to mouth.
3. -Why are books your best friends?
 - Because, when they bore you, you can shut them up without giving offence.
4. -What must one do to have beautiful hands?
 - Nothing.
5. -Why does a donkey like thistles better than corn?
 - Because he is an ass.
6. When are the stockings like dead men?
 - when they are men-ded; when they are past heeling;
 - when they are no longer on their last legs.
- 7.- What is that a poor man has and a rich man wants?
 - Nothing.
- 8.- What shape is a kiss?
 - Elliptical (A-lip-tickle).
- 9.-How can you make a tall man short?
 - Borrow ten dollars of him.
- 10.-What is that which Adam never saw, never possessed, yet left two each of his children?
 - Parents.



11. -Why are some women like facts?
-They are stubborn things.
12. -What is the way to make a coat last?
-Make the vest and trousers first.
13. -Why should no man starve on the deserts of Arabia?
-Because of the sand which is there.
14. -What is the difference between man and butter?
-The older the man is the weaker he gets, but the butter is the stronger it is.
15. - Why was Adam a famous runner?
- Because in the human race he was first.
16. -What is the difference between a pretty girl and a soldier?
-The girl powders her face and the soldier faces powder.
17. -What word do women favor most?
- The last one.
18. - Why does the stork stand on one foot?
- If he'd lift the other foot, he'd fall down.
19. - What is the difference between a husband and a jilted suitor?
- One kisses the missus and the other misses the kisses.
20. Little Marvin found a button in his salad. He remarked: " I suppose it fell off while the salad was dressing."
21. What is it that looks like a cat.
Walks like a cat. Sleeps like a cat.
Eats like a cat and still is not a cat.

(a she cat)
22. - Why do we all go to bed?
- Because the bed can't come to us.
23. - Which runs quicker: heat or cold?
- Heat, because it is easy to catch cold.
24. - Why do we never write on an empty stomach?
- Because it is more convenient to write on paper.



- 25. - Why do birds fly South in autumn?
- Because it's too far to walk.
- 26. - What steps would you take if you met a tiger in the forest?
- The longest I could.
- 27. - What is the difference between a hill and a pill?
- The first is difficult to get up.
The second is difficult to get down.
- 28. - What is the difference between a bottle of medicine and a troublesome boy?
- The first is to be well-shaken before taken.
The second is first to be taken and then shaken.
- 29. - What is the longest word in the English language?
- Smiles.
- 30. - What would you do in my shoes?
- I'd polish them.
- 31. - Why is a kiss like scandal?
- Because it goes from mouth to mouth.

1. It is white and cold,
and sweet
All the children
like it.

5. I am black
My tail is long
I live in a house
I am a ...

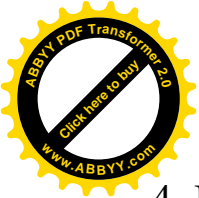
2. It gives us milk
And butter, too.
It is very kind
And likes
to moo.

6. I am big
I am grey
My tail is short
My nose is long
I live in the forest
I am an ...

3. It is blue, and
green and red,
It bounces higher
Than my head
It doesn't want
To stop at all
What is it?
It is my...

7. I am tall
I am yellow and brown
My neck is long
I am a ...

8. I am green
I am angry
I live in the river
I am a ...

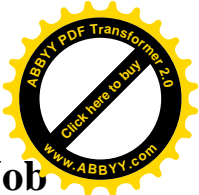
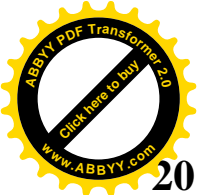


4. I have a face
I have a little hand
I have a big hand
My face is white
My hands are black
I have no feet
I can run.
What am I?

9. I am brown
My tail is long
I am funny
I am a ...
10. I am brown
and white
I am big
I live on a farm
I am a ...

Keys

1. An ice-cream
2. A cow.
3. A ball.
4. A clock.
5. A cat.
6. An elephant.
7. A giraffe.
8. A crocodile.
9. A monkey.
10. A cow.



20 Gentle, Wise And Humorous Insights Into The Most Important Job In The World

1. Train your child in the way in which you know you should have gone yourself

C.H. Spurgeon

2. When Mother Teresa received her Nobel Prize, she was asked, "What can we do to promote world peace?" she replied, "Go home and love your family."

3. Where parents do too much for their children, the children will not do much for themselves. Elbert Hubbard

4. Never, never be too proud to say, "I'm sorry", to your child when you've made a mistake.

5. If a child lives with approval, he learns to live with himself. Dorothy Law Nolte

6. Simply having children does not make mothers. John A. Shedd

7. Loving a child is a circular business...the more you give, the more you get, the more you get, the more you give. Penelope Leach.

8. A happy childhood is one of the best gifts that parents have it in their power to bestow. Mary Cholmondeley

9. The family tree is worth bragging about if it has consistently produced good timber, and not just nuts. Glen Wheeler

10. There is only one pretty child in the world, and every mother has it. English Proverb



11. A child is fed with milk and praise. Mary Lamb

12. Home is the place where the great are small and the small are great.
Glen Wheeler

13. The best things you can give children, next to good habits, are good memories.

Sydney J. Harris

14. You know children are growing up when they start asking questions that have
have answers. John J. Plomb

15. You may give without loving, but you cannot love without giving.
Glen Wheeler

16. A good laugh is sunshine in the house. Thackeray

17. Children often hold a marriage together- by keeping their parents too busy
to quarrel with each other. The Saturday Evening Post

18. The best way to keep children at home is to make home a pleasant atmosphere-
and to let the air out of the tyres. Dorothy Parker

19. A lot of parents pack up their troubles and send them off to summer camp.

Raymond Duncan

20. Adult education is something that will continue as long as kids have homework.

Unknown



METEMORPHOSIS

Lyrics to a Song by Linda Coons

The seasons come. The seasons go.
And if we watch we can see how we grow.
What lies ahead we don't always know.
But change takes place; sometimes fast, sometimes slow.
Some changes require a gamble. Others need a plan.
Some changes simply happen when a woman meets a man.
The changes hurt. We feel the pain.
Some things we lose. Some things we gain.
If we look from the inside out.
We'll see someday it's all worth the doubt.
Just like butterflies we go through phases.
It's all part of the strife.
Change occurs; some doubt it raises.
It's the mystery of life.
As time goes by and as we grow
We'll see the change and then we'll know.
As change takes place, we all run the race .
No one can tell where'll be the finishing place.
Change is part of life.
And so, dear friends, I'll tell you this:
That's how the story goes.
It's all part of the METAMORPHOSIS.

YOUTH

Anonymous

Youth is not a time of life – it is a state of mind. It is not a matter of ripe cheeks, red lips, and supple knees; it is a temper of the will, a quality of the imagination, a vigor of the emotions; it is a freshness of the deep springs of life.

Youth means a temperamental predominance of courage over timidity, of the appetite for adventure over love of ease. This often exists in a man of fifty more than a boy of twenty.



Nobody grows old merely living a number of years; people grow old only by deserting their ideas. Years wrinkle the skin, but to give up enthusiasm wrinkles the soul. Worry, doubt, self-distrust, fear, and despair – these are the long, long years that bow the head and turn the growing spirit back to dust.

Whether seventy or sixteen, there is in every being's heart the love of wonder, the sweet amazement at the stars and starlike things and thoughts, and undaunted challenge of events, the unfailing childlike appetite for what's next, and the joy and the game of like.

You are as young as your faith, as old as your doubt; as young as your self-confidence, as old as your fear; as young as your hope, as old as your despair.

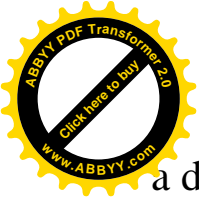
In the central place of your heart there is wireless station; so long as it receives messages of beauty, hope, cheer, courage, grandeur, and power from the earth, from men, and from the Infinite, so long are you young.

When the wires are all down and the central place of your heart is covered with the snows of pessimism and the ice of cynicism, then are you grown old indeed and may God have mercy on your soul.

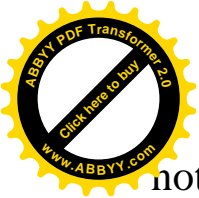


English Idioms and Catch Phrases

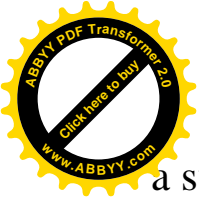
accidents will happen – things go wrong at some time in everyone's life
above (someone's) head – too difficult to understand
a chapter of accidents – a series of misfortunes
on no account – by no means
a golden age – a time of great achievements
put on airs – to behave superior to others
up in the air – uncertain, undecided
walk on air – to be very happy
alive and kicking – in a good and healthy condition
all ears – listening attentively
alma mater – one's old university, college or school
be up in arms – to protest angrily
with open arms – welcomingly
get away from it all – to escape from the problems of every day life
the back of beyond – a very remote place
bag of bones – a person who is extremely thin
bark up the wrong tree – to have a wrong idea about smth.
bed of roses – an easy, comfortable or happy situation
get out of bed on the wrong side – to start the day in a very bad-tempered mood
saved by the bell – rescued from an unpleasant situation
a little bird told me – a secret who told it to me
on the wrong side of the blanket – illegitimate
a wet blanket – a dull person who makes other people depressed
in cold blood – deliberately and calmly
know which side one's bread is buttered – to know what is to one's greatest advantage
take the bull by the horns – to tackle smth. boldly
sweep under the carpet – to hide or forget smth. unpleasant
let the cat out of a bag – to reveal smth. secret or confidential
rain cats and dogs – rain very heavily
keep one's chin (pecker) up – not to show feeling of worry or fear
make a clean breast of (smth) – to take a burden off one's shoulders
with flying colours – with great success
call it a day – to put an end to some work
do one's bit – do one's share of the work
do or die – do smth at the greatest risk



a dog's life – a miserable life
double Dutch – unintelligible words of language
down in the mouth – in low spirits
get down to work – to begin to work
a lame duck – a weak or inefficient person
Dutch treat - a meal where everyone pays for himself
go Dutch – to share expenses
grin from ear to ear – to have a wide smile on your face
at the end of one's tether – at the end of one's patience
make ends meet – to live a very poor life
a sight for sore eyes – a pleasant or welcome sight
to be all fingers and thumbs – clumsy, awkward
cross one's fingers – to wish good luck for smb.
not to lift a finger – not to do anything at all
in a fix – in a difficult situation
make a fuss of someone – to pay him a lot of attention
on the go – always active and busy
grass widow – a woman whose husband is often away from home
be all Greek to me – I don't understand any of it.
have green fingers – to be good at growing plants
cannot make head or tail of it – cannot understand anything at all
head over heels – completely
hold one's head up – not to feel ashamed or guilty
from the bottom of one's heart – most sincerely
learn something by heart – to memorize
bring something home to (someone) – I can't make him understand it.
by hook or by crook – by any means possible
sling one's hook – to go away
hope against hope – to continue to hope though there is little chance
a jack of all trades and master of none – someone who can do many things
but doesn't do any of them well.
in the know – to know facts that are known only to a small group of people
left, right and centre – everywhere
pull someone's leg – to try as a joke to make believe something
be the limit – can't bear someone any more
fall into line – to behave according to the rules
toe the line – to obey the rules
sleep like a log – to sleep very soundly
in the long run – in the end



not for love nor for money – not in any way at all
 be over the moon / on cloud 9 – extremely happy
 have a big mouth – to talk a lot
 make one’s mouth water – to smell smth delicious
 get on one’s nerves – to inform smth usually unpleasant news
 no news is good news – no information is likely to be well
 next to nothing – almost nothing
 go nuts – to become extremely angry
 against all the odds – in spite of all difficulties
 make no odds – to be of no importance
 odds and ends – small objects of different kinds
 old as the hills – extremely old
 mind one’s P’s and Q’s – to be very careful
 a pain in the neck – someone or something that constantly irritates you
 pick and choose – to choose very carefully
 it never rains but it pours – when something goes wrong it goes wrong
 very badly
 talk shop – to talk about one’s work
 small talk – light conversation about trivial matters
 the same old story – a situation that occurs frequently
 sure as eggs is eggs – very certain
 have a sweet tooth – to like sweet things
 in full swing – in progress
 be on tenterhooks – be very anxious or agitated waiting for smth to happen
 be on the tip of one’s tongue – to be about to be said
 think twice – to give careful consideration
 ups and downs – good and bad things, good and bad successful periods
 get into the way of doing way – to do more that is really necessary
 have a way with someone – to have a special knack with someone
 go west – to be ruined
 wet behind one’s ears – to be young and unexperienced
 at one’s wits’ end – worried and desperate to keep away bad luck
 not born yesterday – not easily fooled
 sweet
 swell | клево, круто, класс
 cool
 crazy – с ума сойти
 posh (time) – шикарно
 a swell girl – шикарная девушка



a swell guy – мировой парень
The guy is cute. – Крутой парень
sweet and twenty – молодая интересная
to have a sweet tooth – сластёна
rummy – алкоголик
to be on the racket – загулять
to cool one's copper – опохмелиться
mug – харя, морда
ugly mug – противная рожа
to mug up – зубрить
to pull up stakes – «сматывать удочки»
Snooks! – чёрта с два, фига с маслом
cool hand! – нахал
back off – отцепись
blow off – да пошёл ты
blow yourself – отвали
Go fuck your hoop.
Dash it. – Иди к чёрту.
He hasn't got much upstairs – Не все дома у него.
He is wrong in the garret – Чердак не варит.
loafer – бездельник
hooky-player – «сачок»
I'm not kidding. – Я не шучу.
Cut out the crap. – Не мели чушь.
Cut it out. – Да прекрати ты.
Stop pulling my leg. – Не вешай лапшу на уши.
Don't shoot the bull. – Не заливай.
suspension points – многоточие
without a hitch – без сучка, без задоринки
UR4 Me O.K. – you are for me O.K.
ICUR2 Y's 4 Me – I see you are too wise for me.
Let's consider the matter in all bearings. – Рассмотрим проблему со всех сторон.
I don't care a chip. – Мне наплевать.
in the chips – при деньгах
a blow-off – хвастун
I should like to see you at the other end of the world. – Глаза бы мои тебя не видели.
At the back of beyond.– У чёрта на куличках.



Give me a break. – Рассказывай сказки.

hob-nob – общаться по пьянке

Hob and Nob – за ваше здоровье

drink hob and nob – чокаться

a fiver – тот, кто работает до 5.

a do-gooder – добродетель

You are wet behind your ears. – У тебя молоко на губах не обсохло.

a wet blanket – зануда

a slow coach – медленно тянуть, тянуть резину

I am over the moon! On cloud 9. – На седьмом небе от счастья.

to be in high spirits – быть в прекрасном настроении

to be out of sorts – не в настроении

You are barking up the wrong tree. – вы ошибаетесь; не на того напали

rough and ready – косо-криво, лишь бы живо

Hold your tongue. – попридержи

Stop talking back. – не переговаривай

Hold your horses. – не горячись

give or take – туда-сюда, плюс-минус. Romny from Sumy is give or take 100 km.

down and out – очень устала

back to front – задом наперёд

a mean thing – подлая тварь

I'm a bit under the weather. – не здоровится

I feel stiff. – не могу ни согнуться, ни разогнуться

Keep your pecker up. – не падай духом

loose-footed guy – бабник

My back is up. – Я очень зла.

It's no skin off my back. – меня это не касается

salad days – зелёная юность

a good egg – молодец

It's not my cup of tea. – Это не по мне.

in a fix – в затруднительном положении

Get the cat out of the sack. – разболтать секрет

Your translation is a dog's breakfast. – очень плохой

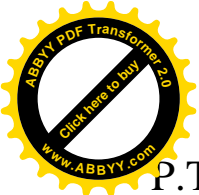
one-man show – только для мужчин

Put it in a nutshell. – Расскажи кратко.

Get it off your chest. – Расскажи всё, облегчи душу.

Do away with it! – Кончай!

Not for Toffee – ни за какие коврижки



P.T.O. – please turn over – смотри обратную сторону

NB! Please note – очень важно

RSVP – please reply as soon as possible – шлю с приветом, жду с ответом

ASAP – as soon as possible – как можно скорее

FBI – Federal Bureau of Investigation

CD – compact disk

WC – water closet – туалет

ESP – extraordinary, extrasensory perception knowledge which seems to have been gained without the use of 5 senses – каким-то шестым чувством

Palm Sunday – Вербное воскресенье

Lady Day (Annunciation Day) – Благовещение

Easter – Пасха

Easter Day – первый день Пасхи

Easter Eve – Страстная суббота

Good Friday – Великая (страстная) пятница

Holy Thursday – Чистый четверг

Good (Holy) Wednesday – среда на страстной неделе

Thanksgiving Day – День Благодарения, последний четверг ноября

All Fools' Day – День дураков

Strove Day – Масленица

Holy of Holies – святая святых

Christmas – Рождество

The 12th Day (Epiphany Day) – Крещение

Mothering Sunday – Mother's Day (в марте, но не 8-го)



LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE

STORIES AND JOKES

Bobby has Thought of Three

''Well, Mummy, I have thought of three good table manners.''

''What are they?''

''Don't throw food under the table if there is no dog there, because it's rot.''

''Don't use your shirt for a napkin when your mother is looking.''

''Don't put your food in other people's plates.''

Hopeless Thing

''Bobby, I have told you again and again not to speak when older persons are talking. You must wait until they stop.''

''I've tried that already, Mummy. They never do stop.''

At the Doctor's

''Now, little boy, stick out your tongue.''

''No, I shan't. My mother always punishes me when I stick out my tongue at home. ''

Bobby Looks in the Mirror

''Why are you standing in front of the mirror with your eyes closed?''

''I want to see what I look like when I'm sleeping.''

Bobby is Happy

''Dad, nobody says now that I'm the worst boy in our class!''

''So you are getting better?''

''No, I am not. We've got a new boy who's even worse than I!''

Why Do Men Wear Moustaches?

''Why do men wear moustaches?''

''I have no idea. And what do you think?''

''I think they wear moustaches so that they can tickle little boys and girls.''



Bobby Does Not Want to Get Older

''You must always eat a good breakfast, so you'll grow up quicker.''

''Not for me. If I grow up faster, I'll get older sooner, and then I'll have to die younger.''

Bobby Thinks a Tortoise is Happy

''When a small tortoise does something nice, his mother can thank him. But when he does a thing that is wrong, how can she spank him?''

Laugh Time

First Boy: Does your mother give you anything when you are good?

Second Boy: No, but she gives me something when I am bad.

''If the teacher does not take back what he said to me this morning, I am going to leave the school.''

''What did he say?''

''He told me to leave the school.''

Teacher: Tom, your homework in which you wrote about a cat is very much like your brother's story. How is that?

Tom: Nothing strange about that, we have only one cat at home.

Teacher: Bill, if Dave gives you a dog and Jane gives you a dog, how many dogs are you going to have?

Bill: Three.

Teacher: Now, Bill, think before you answer. How can it be three if Dave gives you one and Jane gives you one?

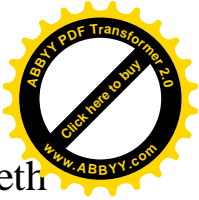
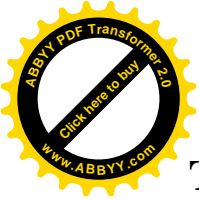
Bill: Because I already have one at home.

Nick: Ann, give me your pen, please.

Ann: And why don't you want to write with your pen? What's wrong with it?

Nick: It makes so many mistakes.

Johnny-'' What makes the new baby at your house cry so much, Tommy?''



Tommy-'' It don't cry so very much - and, anyway, if all your teeth were out , your hair off, and your legs so weak you couldn't stand on them, I guess you'd feel like crying yourself.''

''I hear there's a new baby over at your house, William,''

teacher.

'' I don't think it's new,''

replied William.''

The way he cries shows he's had lots of experience.''

The Visitor- '' Does your new baby brother cry much, Ethel?''

Little Ethel- '' He cries when you stick pins in him or make faces at him or bounce him up and down. But what can you expect? He's too little to swear.''

Teacher- '' Now, Johnny, what did Caesar exclaim when Brutus stabbed him?''

Johnny-'' Ouch!''

Teacher-'' Seven cows are walking along a path in a single file. Which one can turn around and say, ''I see six pairs of horns?''

Bobby-'' Why, the first cow.''

Teacher-'' Wrong, Bobby, cows cannot talk.''

Charles has just entered school.

'' What is your name?'' the teacher asked.

'' Charles,''

was the reply.

'' Charles what?'' the teacher questioned.

'' Oh, that's all right,''

the youngster said,''

just call me Charles.''

Teacher-'' Which is farther away, England or the moon?''

Johnny- '' England.''

Teacher-'' England? What makes you think that?''

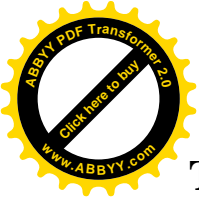
Johnny-'' 'Cause we can see the moon and can't see England.''

Teacher- '' What ancient ruler was it who played on the fiddle while Rome was burning?''

Jimmie-'' Hector, ma'am.''

Teacher- '' No, not Hector. Hector was no ruler, but a Trojan prince. Try again.

Jimmie-'' Then it was Duke.''



Teacher-'' Duke? What do you mean, Jimmie?''

Jimmie-'' Well, then it must have been Nero. I knew it was somebody with dog's name.''

Teacher-'' Why, Willie, what are you drawing?''

Willie-'' I'm drawing a picture of God.''

Teacher-'' But Willie, you mustn't do that; nobody knows how God looks.''

Willie-'' Well, they will when I get this done.''

A teacher was making a strenuous effort to get good attendance in her room. Looking over her class one morning, she saw that all except one were in their places.

'' This is fine,'' she exclaimed, '' all here except Jimmie Jones; and let us hope that it is something serious which keeps him away.''

Aunt-'' And how did Jimmy do his history examination?''

Mother-'' Oh, not at all well, but there, it wasn't his fault. Why, they asked him things that happened before the poor boy was born!''

Teacher-'' Well, how stupid you are, to be sure! Can't multiply eighty-eighty by twenty-five! I'll wager that Charles can do it in less than no time.''

Abused Pupil-'' I shouldn't be surprised. They say that fools multiply very rapidly these days.''

Teacher-'' I have went. That's wrong, isn't it?''

Johnny-'' Yes, ma'am.''

Teacher-'' Why is it wrong?''

Johnny-'' Because you ain't went yet.''

Teacher-'' Now, Johnny, tell me what kind of clothes pussy wears.''

Johnny-'' Clothes?''

Teacher-'' Yes- does she wear wool? Does she wear feathers?''

Johnny-'' You poor lady. Ain't you never seen a cat?''

Teacher-'' Johnny, if you had six apples and I asked you for three, how many would you have left?''

Johnny-'' Six.''



At a school-board examination the inspector asked a boy if he could forgive those who had wronged him. "Could you," said the inspector, "forgive a boy, for example, who had insulted or struck you?"

"Y-e-s, sir," replied the lad, very slowly, "I- think-I-could; but," he added, in a much more rapid manner, "I could if he was bigger than I am."

Teacher-" Tommy, name five things that contain milk."

Tommy-" Butter an' cheese, ice cream, an' two cows!"

A teacher entered the classroom and noticed a girl student sitting with her feet in the aisle and chewing gum.

"Ethel," exclaimed the teacher, "take that gum out of your mouth and put your feet in."

Teacher-" Johnny, how old is a person who was born in 1902?"

Johnny-" Man or woman?"

Teacher- "What happened to Lot's wife when she looked back?"

Pupil-" She was turned into a pillar of salt."

Teacher-" And what did Lot do?"

Pupil-" Looked around for a fresh wife."

It was the first day of a new term, and the teacher asked a small girl in her class- a new pupil- what her father's name was.

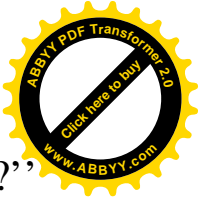
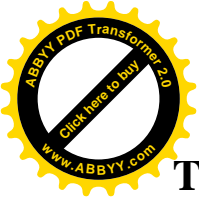
"Daddy," replied the child.

"Yes, I know," said the teacher. "But what does your mother call him?"

"She doesn't call him anything," was the quick answer. "She likes him."

The father was reading the school-report which had just been handed to him by his hopeful son. His brow was wrathful as he read: "English, poor; French, weak; mathematics, fair", and he gave a glance of disgust at the quaking lad.

"Well, dad," said the son, "it is not as good as it might be, but have you seen that?" And he pointed to the next line, which read: "Health, excellent."



Teacher- "Who can tell me what the former ruler of Russia was called?"

Class (in unison)- "Tsar."

Teacher- "Correct; and what was his wife called?"

Class- "Tsarina."

Teacher- "What were the Tsar's children called?"

There was a pause, and then a timid voice in the rear piped up:
"Tsardines!"

Teacher- "Didn't Jimmy Green help you do this sum?"

Willie- "No'm."

Teacher- "Are you sure he didn't help you?"

Willie- "No'm, he didn't help me; he did it all."

Little Tommy had spent his first day at school.

"What happened?" he was asked on his return home.

"Nothin'. A woman wanted to know how to spell cat, and I told her.

Teacher was giving a lesson on the weather idiosyncrasies of March.

"What is it," she asked, "that comes in like a lamb?"

And little Julia, in the back row, replied: "Father".

"Now, boys," said the teacher, "tell me the signs of the zodiac. You first, Thomas."

"Taurus, the Bull."

"Right! Now, you, Harold, another one."

"Cancer, the Crab."

"Right again. And now it's your turn, Albert."

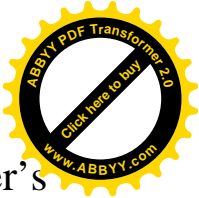
The boy looked puzzled, hesitated a moment and then blurted out:

"Mickey, the Mouse."

The teacher was telling the class about the discovery of the law of gravity. She said:

"Sir Isaac Newton was sitting on the ground looking at a tree. An apple fell on his head and from that he discovered gravitation. Just think, wasn't that wonderful?"

"Yes'm, an' if he had been settin' in school lookin' at his books, he wouldn't have discovered nothin'," piped a small boy in the last row.



Robert returned from school with his report card for his mother's inspection. "But, dear," she said, "what's the trouble? Why have you such poor grades this month?"

"There's no trouble, mom", was the quick reply. "You know yourself things are always marked down after the holidays".

Little Tommy was asked by his teacher to illustrate the difference between prose and poetry. He pondered awhile and then said,

"There was a young man named Rees who went into the sea up to his ankles.

"That's prose," he said, "but if the water had been a few inches higher, it would have been poetry."

In school a boy was asked this question in physics: "What is the difference between lightning and electricity?"

And he answered: "Well, you don't have to pay for lightning".

Teacher- "What are the products of the West Indies?"

Boy- "I don't know."

"Come, come! Where do you get sugar from?"

"We borrow it from the nextdoor neighbor".

During History class the teacher asked, "What happened in 1483?"

"Luther was born", answered a student promptly.

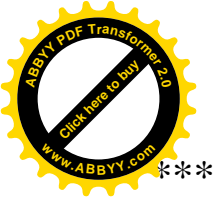
"Correct! What happened in 1487?"

After a long pause, "Luther was four years old".

A school-teacher had found her class of boys reluctant in their writing of English compositions. At last she conceived a great idea to stimulate their interest- to write an account of a ball game.

It seemed that she was successful. With one exception, the boys threw themselves at the task and evolved youthful masterpieces. The backward one chewed reluctantly at his pen and was then struck by a burst of genius. When the teacher opened his paper, it read:

"Rain, no game".



The teacher: "We are all descended from Adam and Eve".

Peter: "But my Dad says that we are descended from the apes".

The teacher: "The class isn't interested in your family affairs".

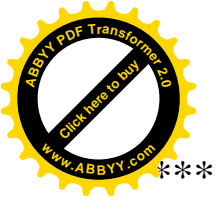
- Don't bother me. I'm writing a letter to my girl-friend.
- But why are you writing so slowly.
- She can't read very fast.

- Waiter! Come over here for a minute.
- Yes, what do you want me for?
- What is this – tea or coffee?
- Can't you tell it by the taste.
- No ...
- Then what difference does it make!

- Waiter! Come over here for a minute.
- Yes ... what do you want me for?
- What's this?
- It's bean soup.
- I don't ask you what it's been. I ask you what it is now.

A student sent a telegram to his father. In it he wrote, "No mon., no fun, your son." In some days he got a telegram in return "Too bad, very said, your dad."

The dean came into the classroom. No one paid attention to him. They were talking, smiling, laughing ... He came up to the blackboard and wrote, "Prof. Smith can't meet his classes". When he was about to leave the room he heard a roar of laughter behind. He looked back and saw that one of the students came up to the blackboard and wiped the first letter in the word "classes". Then the dean returned and wiped one more letter in it. "Asses". Nobody laughed.



Little Bill, aged six, was walking in the Zoo with his father. Suddenly he noticed a zebra. “Daddy”, he cried, “are zebras yellow animals with black stripes or black animals with yellow stripes?”

Little Bill came home in a sad state. He had a black eye and numerous scratches and contusions, and his clothes were a sight. His mother was horrified at the spectacle presented by her darling. There were tears in her eyes as she addressed him: “Oh, Billy, Billy, silly Billy! How often have I told you not to play with that naughty Peter boy!” Little Bill regarded his mother with an expression of deepest disgust. “Say, ma,” he objected, “do I look as if I had been playing with anybody?”

At a college examination a professor asked: “Does the question embarrass you?” “Not at all, sir,” replied the student, “not at all. It’s quite clear. It is the answer that bothers me!”

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Billy – “I’d be too polite to mention it”.

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Class – “Tsar”.

Teacher – “Correct; and what was his wife called?”

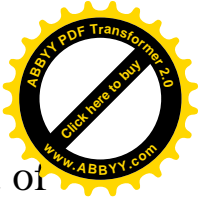
Class – “Tsarina”.

Teacher – “What were the tsar’s children called?”

There was a pause, and then a timid voice in the rear piped up: “Tsardines”.

“Mamma, I’ve got stomach ache”, said the 6-year old Nelly.

“That’s because your stomach is empty. You would feel better if you had something in it. You have been without your lunch.”



That afternoon Uncle John called, and in conversation complained of a severe headache.

“That’s because it’s empty”, said Nelly. “You would feel better if you had something in it.”

What is it that is black and white and yet red all over?

- A newspaper: paper is white, the words are black and it is read all over.

What is the difference between an engine-driver and a school master?

– One minds the train and the other trains the mind.

“Mama”, said little Linda, “do all fairy tales begin with “once upon a time”?”

“No, darling”, said Mama grimly. “Sometimes they begin “My love, I will be detained at the office pretty late tonight”.

“What is your age?” asked the judge. “Remember you are under oath”.

“Twenty one years and some months”, the woman answered.

“How many months?” the judge persisted.

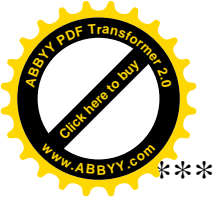
“One hundred and eight”.

Jones was always trying to borrow money, and his friends began to avoid him.

One morning he tackled an acquaintance in the street before the latter had a chance to escape.

“I say, old man,” began Jones, “I’m in a terrible fix. I want some money badly, and I haven’t the slightest idea where on earth I’m going to get it from”.

“Glad to hear it, my boy,” returned the other promptly. “I was afraid that you might have an idea you could borrow it from me”.



Jones asked his friend to borrow him 100 roubles and promised to give it back after he got his salary. He even told his friend that he would make a note of it in his note-book. The friend gave him the money. A month passed but the friend was not as good as his word. When his friend reminded John of the deal, John said that he didn't remember the fact. His friend said that he had written about it in his note-book. John looked into the note-book and found the lines of the promise. "Oh, yes, now I believe it." And again he promised to give the money back in a month. Time flew but John didn't give the money back. And when once again his friend reminded of it John looked into his note-book and said, "Look here if once again you remind me of the money I will cross your name out of my note-book".

Teacher – "Name two pronouns".

Pupil – "Who? Me?"

Maid – "I'm sorry, but she said to tell you that she is not at home".

Mr. Jones – "Oh, that's all right, just tell her that I'm glad I didn't come".

Which is correct – seven and five is eleven, or seven and five are eleven".

Neither – seven and five are twelve.

Teacher – "How many fingers have you?"

Peter – "Ten".

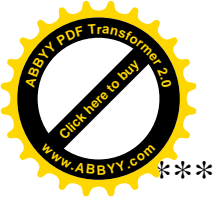
Teacher – "Well if 4 were missing, what would you have then?"

Peter – "No music lesson."

"If the Dean doesn't take back what he said to me this morning, I am going to leave college".

"What did he say?"

"He told me to leave college".



Prof – “You can’t sleep in my class”.

Student – “If you didn’t talk so loud I could”.

“Look here, now Peter,” said a father to his little son, who was naughty,” if you don’t say your prayers you won’t go to heaven”.

“I don’t want to go to heaven”, sobbed the boy, “I want to go with you and mother”.

Papa (severely) – “Did you ask Mamma if you could have that apple?”

“Yes, I did”.

“Be careful now; I’ll ask Mamma, and if she says you didn’t ask her, I’ll whip you telling a lie. Did you ask Mamma?”

“Trully, Papa, I did.”

“What did she say?”

“She said I couldn’t have it.”

When a little boy arrived home from school his mother asked him if he had been a good boy.

He replied: “Sure I was good in school today. How much trouble can you get into standing in a corner?”

Teacher – “Didn’t Thomas Brown help you do this sum?”

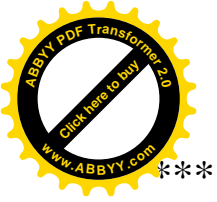
Peter – “No’m”

Teacher – “Are you sure he didn’t help you?”

Peter – “No’m, he didn’t help me; he did it all”.

What is the difference between a cat and a comma?

- A cat has its clause at the end of its paws a comma – its pause at the end of a clause.



Diner – “Waiter, this soup is spoiled”.

Waiter – “Who told you?”

Diner – “A little swallow” (ласточка, глоток)

Why is a book like a king?
(because it has many pages)

A teacher called for sentences using the word “beans”.
“My father grows beans”, - said the bright boy of the class.
“My mother cooks beans”, said another pupil.
Then a third popped up: “We are all human beings”.

What is the difference between a young girl and a soldier?
(One powders (пудрит) the face and the other faces the powder
(порох))

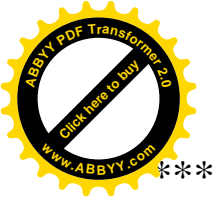
What is the strongest day of the week?
Sunday because the others are week (weak) days.

Why do we call our language the mother tongue?
Because father never gets a chance to use it.

What is that which you can keep after giving it to someone else?
(Your word).

The proverb “Where there’s a will there’s a way”.
It’s now revised to “When there’s a bill we are away”.

- What would you do if you were in my shoes.
- Polish them.



- Don't you hate people who talk behind your backs?
- Yes, especially at the movies.

- What did your father say when he saw his broken pipe?
- Shall I leave out the naughty words, Mum?
- Certainly, my dear.
- Then I don't think he said anything.

- Billy, if you promise not to say "hang it!" again, I'll give you sixpence.
- All right, Ma. But I know another word that's worth ten pence.

In order to discourage the use of naughty words the father had made a system of fines:

Hang it – one cent.

Darn it – two cents.

Gosh it – three cents.

Gosh darn it – five cents.

His little son said "I guess I know some words that would cost a dollar".

Teacher – Let me hear how far you can count.

Billy – One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, Jack (валет), Queen (дама), King (король) (карты).

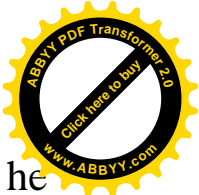
Teacher – What is the plural of man?

Billy – Men.

Teacher – And the plural of "child"?

Billy – Twins.

When a beautiful girl got on the bus she saw that all the seats were occupied. At that moment a young man got up and gave her the seat. The



girl fainted. When she came to herself she thanked the man. Now he fainted.

Two tourists got on the double-decker. The first ran quickly upstairs. Very soon he ran back downstairs and said to his friend, “Don’t go upstairs. There is no driver there.”

A professor was going along the country road enjoying the weather and nature. Suddenly the weather changed for the worse and the Professor headed to the nearest village. When he entered the street it began raining and a strong wind started blowing. Near one of the houses a farmer was having supper. The Professor was surprised and wondered why the man was having his supper outside in such weather. “My chimney smokes,” answered the farmer. “Let’s get in and I’ll see what’s the matter”, and he hurried to the door. When he opened it a broom fell onto his head and a sharp woman’s voice shouted, “You, rascal, get out of here”. The Professor looked at the farmer. The latter was very sorry. “Don’t worry,” said the Professor, “My chimney sometimes smokes too”.

A Test of Bravery.

Once there lived a lady who was so beautiful that all men who saw her immediately fell in love with her. But the lady was cruel and heartless. She refused to marry any of them. She let the men entertain her, she let them give her presents, she let them love her.

Once the lady and her lovers went to the Palace Gardens where there was a show of lions. When they came there were a lot of people standing and looking at those beautiful but terrible animals. The company joined them. All of a sudden the lady took a small note-book out of her bag and threw it over the fence onto the lions. Then she turned to the men and asked to bring back her note-book. “I’ll see who really loves me”, she said smiling. But there was no smile on the faces of her lovers. All the people around were silent too. Then a young captain of the army stepped forward and went slowly to the fence. He lightly jumped over it and quietly went to the lions. They didn’t move as they were surprised at the courage of the man. He picked up the note-book and calmly returned to the lady. The lady looked proudly and said: “Now I see that you really love me”. But the captain said: “I have brought back your note-book. But I take back my love because I can’t love or respect any woman who risks some man’s life in vain.”



Poems to Enjoy

My Sweetheart's a Sailor.
He sails on the sea.
When he comes home
He brings presents for me.

Coral from China,
Silks from Siam.
Parrots and Pearls
From Singapotam.
Isn't it lucky
For someone like me
To marry a sailor,
Who sails on the sea.

Team Work

There were 4 people named
Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody.
There was an important job to be done.
And Everybody was asked to do it.
Everybody was sure Somebody would do it.
Anybody could have done it but Nobody did.
Somebody got angry about that
Because it was everybody's job.
Everybody thought that Anybody could do it.
But Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it.
It ended up
That Everybody blamed Somebody
When Nobody did
What anybody could have done.

A Poem

They walked in the lane together.
The sky was covered with stars.
They reached the gate in silence.
He lifted down the bars.
She neither smiled nor thanked him.
Because she knew not how.
For he was just a farmer's boy.
And she the farmer's ... cow.



Irish Philosophy

There are only two things to worry about:

Either you are ill or well.

If you are well

There is nothing to worry about.

If you are ill

There are only two things to worry about:

Either you'll get well or die.

If you get well

There is nothing to worry about.

If you die

There are only two things to worry about:

Either you'll go to heaven

Or you'll go to hell.

If you go to heaven there is nothing to worry about.

If you go to hell

You'll be so busy shaking hands with your friends

You'll have no time to worry about.

A Bear and a Bunny

Had plenty of money

They went to the store

For carrots and honey.

When the bear and the bunny

Asked: carrots and honey.

The man in the store cried:

“Where is your money?”

How strange and how funny

They really had money.

And that's how they bought

Their carrots and honey.

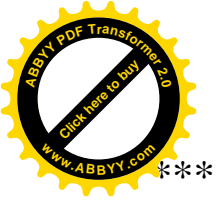
They call me little sleepy-head.

I yawn at work, I yawn at play.

I yawn and yawn and yawn all day.

Then take my sleepy yawns to bed.

That's why they call me sleepy-head.



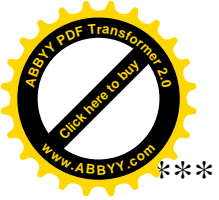
There was a little girl
And she had a little curl.
Right in the middle of her forehead.
When she was good
She was very, very good.
But when she was bad, she was horrid.

There was a student at Ealing
Who had a very delicate feeling.
When he saw on the door
“Don’t spit on the floor”.
He immediately spat to the ceiling.

There was a student at Bessar
Whose knowledge grew lesser and lesser.
And at last it grew so small
That he knew nothing at all
And now – he is a college professor.

When the weather is wet
We mustn’t fret.
When the weather is cold
We mustn’t scold.
When the weather is warm
We mustn’t storm.
But be thankful together
Whatever the weather.

Man is a fool.
When it’s hot he wants it cool.
When it’s cool he wants it hot.
He always wants what he has not.



Where are you going, my little cat?
I'm going to town, to buy a hat.
What? A hat for a cat?
A cat in a hat?!
Who ever saw a cat in a hat?

If you, Andy, have two candies,
Give one candy to Sandy, Andy.
If you, Sandy, have two candies,
Give one candy to Andy, Sandy.

There was one lady of Niger
Who smiled when she rode on a tiger.
But they returned from the ride
With the lady inside
And a smile on the face of a tiger.

Shoes have tongue but cannot talk.
Tables have legs but cannot walk.
Needles have eyes but cannot see,
Chairs have arms but can't hug me.

Rain, rain, go away,
Come again another day,
Little Tommy wants to play.

As I was going along, along, along
I was singing a comical song, song, song
And the song that I sang was long, long, long
And so I went singing along.



APPENDIX

Games

Фонетичні ігри **Who Has the Best Hearing**

Учитель: “ Зараз я буду вимовляти українські й англійські звуки. Ваше завдання – підняти руку, коли почуєте англійський звук, а коли український - руку опустити”.

Учні, що помилилися вибувають з гри. Виграє та команда, в якій до кінця гри залишиться більше учасників.

Who Knows the Symbols for the Sounds Best?

1. Учитель вимовляє англійські звуки , а учні показують відповідні їм знаки транскрипції.
2. Учитель показує знаки транскрипції, а учні називають відповідний їм голосний чи приголосний звук або слово , в якому є цей звук.

За кожну правильну відповідь учень одержує бал. Виграє той, хто набере більшу кількість балів.

Let Us Work on Intonation

Клас ділять на дві команди. На дошці написані речення. Представники обох команд повинні поставити наголос, стрілочками відмітити підвищення голосу або його пониження і правильно прочитати ці речення.

Who Knows the Symbols for the Sounds?

На дошці написані слова у транскрипції. Завдання учнів – правильно їх прочитати.

Who Has the Best Pronunciation?

Учитель вимовляє декілька слів чи речень, кидаючи м'яч одному з учасників гри. Останній повинен відтворити слова або речення у тому самому порядку, повторюючи вимову та інтонацію вчителя. Кожен учень відповідає двічі. Виграє той, у кого краща англійська вимова.



Alphabet Race

Divide the group of players onto two teams. Each player has a card with one letter of the English alphabet on it. Each team has the same letters, one team in one colour, the other team in another colour.

The teams face each other on opposite sides of a room or a hall. The leader calls out a word such as 'coat'. The players of each team who have these letters run to the end of the hall opposite the leader and form the word.

The first team to spell the word wins.

Blackboard Relay

It is good to play this game in a classroom with a blackboard.

Divide a group of players into two or three teams. Then divide the blackboard into two or three parts. Give the first player in each team a piece of chalk.

At a signal the first player of each team runs to the blackboard, writes down a word, returns to his team, and gives a piece of chalk to the second player.

The second player runs to the blackboard and writes down another word, either in front of or after the first word. Then the third player does the same thing and so on, till the last player.

Remember that in order to win your team must end with a complete sentence. And you can't write words in between.

Rumour

Divide the players into two equal teams. The first players of each team make up a message for their teams. It may be a proverb or a line from a song, or a sentence.

Then they go to their teams. At a signal the first player of each team whispers the message to the next player. This player whispers the message to the third player. So the message is passed from player to player until the last player gets a message.

When both teams finish passing the message, the last player of each team says the message that he heard. These messages sometimes differ very much from the messages the players made up.

The team that gets the correct message, or more correct than the other team, wins.



Face to Face

Each player must have a partner. Then the pairs stand in a large circle and face each other. One player who has no partner is "It" and stands in the middle of the circle. He says, "Face to face," or "Side by side," or "Black to black," and so on. All the players must do what he says.

Suddenly "It" commands, "All change." This means that each player must get a new partner. "It" tries to get a partner, too. If he gets a partner, the player who has no partner must go in the middle and be "It".

Write your name

Fasten a piece of paper to the wall. Each player in turn takes a pencil and stands in front of the paper. Then he begins to swing his left leg clockwise. At the same time he must write his name on the paper.

It is not so easy, as you may think, to control the pencil and to write down the letters.

Feel It

You can play the game while you are sitting round the table.

Everybody needs a pencil and a piece of paper. The leader must have a bag with different small objects. He passes each object around under the table. No one must see it.

Each player feels it and passes it under the table to the next player, and so on. The leader takes it from the last player, but does not let anybody see it.

After each player has taken and felt each object, he writes down in English what he thinks the object is. The player who has the largest number of correct answers wins.

This Is My Nose

Do you remember the words for the parts of the body? Play this game and it will help you to memorize them better.

All the players line up and face the leader. The leader points to a part of his body, but calls it by some other name. For example, the leader points to his foot and at the same time he turns to one of the players and says, "This is my nose." This player must immediately point to his own nose and say, "this is my foot." If the player does not answer correctly he drops out of the game.

The last player left in the game is the winner.

Play the game very quickly.



Who Is Quicker?

Divide the group of players into two equal teams, and line up the teams at a starting line.

At a signal the first player and the second player of each team join hands and run to the goal line. The first player remains there, but the second player runs back to his team and takes the hand of the third player. Now these two run to the goal line. The second player remains there too and the third player returns to his team for fourth player.

The team which can first take all of its members from a starting line to the goal line wins.

Catch a Ball

All players stand in a circle. They throw a small ball to one another. They have to do it as quickly as possible. If a player cannot catch the ball and drops it, he may use only his right hand when he is trying to catch it again.

After he catches the ball with his right hand three times he may again use his both hands. But if he drops the ball before he catches it three times, he may use only his left hand.

If he catches the ball three times with his left hand, he may again use his right hand. But if he drops the ball again before he catches it three times he must go down on one knee, then on both knees.

If he drops the ball while he is on both knees, he drops out of the game.

The last player of the game is the winner.

Don't Say It

The players sit in a circle. One player is the leader and tries to make the other players say one of these words: "Black".

"White", "Yes" or "No". If any of the players says one of these words, he drops out of the game.

The leader may quickly call a boy's name and ask, "Is it your name?" Or he may say, "What colour is snow?" The players must answer the leader's questions quickly, but they must not use the four words.

You can see that there are very many questions which the leader ask.

The game continues until only one player is left.



Role Play

We will have two teams. One will be called Saturn, the second – Mars. Our class will be divided into two teams. Ten pupils will be in the first team, ten – in the second. Each team will get the 1 point for the 1 task. The team which has more points will win the game.

1. The first task is for the team Saturn:

You have to count

1. Five little dogs
Playing by the doors;
One runs away
And now there are ...

The answer is (four)

2. Six divided by one –
... Books for my son.

Six divided by two –
... Cakes for little Sue.

Six divided by three –
... Red apples for me.

(six, three, two)

3. Count boys!
Eleven little boys
Playing ball with Ben,
Two boys go away,
And then there are ...

(ten)

4. How many pupils?
Our class has two Bellas,
Two Jims and two Stellas,
Tree Anns and tree Dicks,
Five Kates and three Nicks,
Eight Sams and four Bills,
Five Nells and two Jills,
But we have only one Paul,
Can you count them all?

(forty pupils)



5. How much?
“How much is eight and eleven?”
Asks little Evan.
“How much is eleven plus eight?”
Asks little Kate.
“How much is eight from eleven?”
Wants to know little Evan.
“How much is eleven minus eight?”
Wants to know little Kate.

(nineteen, three)

6. Counting.
How much is one from eight?
- ... children playing with Kate.
How much is two from eight?
- going to skate.
How much is three from eight?
- ... children getting up late.

(seven, six, five)

The first task for the team Mars is:

You have to count

1. How many cakes?
There are nine cakes
On a little plate;
I eat one of them
And now there are ...

(eight)

2. I see nine apples
On the apple-tree;
Six of them fall
And now they are ...

(three)

3. Nine and one -
Fun in the bright sun.
Nine and two -
Fun for Nick and you.
Nine and three -
Fun by the green tree.

(ten, eleven, twelve)



4. How many flowers?
How many flowers do you see?
How many flowers do you see?
Eight in Bobby's hands,
Eight in Nelly's hands.
How many flowers do you see?

(sixteen)

5. One little apple on the trees,
Two apples for you and me,
Tree apples by the door,
And four apples on the floor,
The apples are good and sweet,
Can you count them all, Pete?

(ten apples)

6. How many are there?
How much is one plus one?
- ... apples growing on the sun.
How much is two plus two?
- ... apples for the little Sue.
How much is three plus three?
- ... apples on the apple-tree.
How much is four plus four?
- ... red apples and no more.

(two, four, six, eight)

2. The second task is for Saturn:

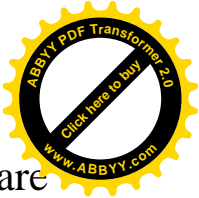
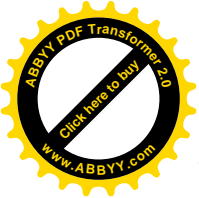
- a) You have to read the sentence from this book shelf.
- b) You have to read the letter.

The second task is for Mars:

- a) You have to read the letter.
- b) You have to read the question.

3. The third task is for Saturn:

- a) You have to read the rebus and put near "are a brother and a sister".
And you get a sentence.



- b) You have to read the rebus and you will know what color are balloons.
- c) You have to read the sentence.
- d) You have to solve crossword with the help of rebus.

The third task is for Mars:

- a) You have to read the rebus. And you get a proverb.
- b) You have to read the rebus and you will know what is in the bag.
- c) You have to read the rebuses by the pointer.
- d) You have to solve crossword with the help of pictures.

4. The fourth task is for Saturn:

- a) You have to fill the “Flower” crossword.
 - 1. I go to school on ...
 - 2. There is a ... on the desk.
 - 3. ... your books, please.
 - 4. ... do you get up? At seven.
 - 5. We see with our
 - 6. A ... is a fine flower.
- b) You have to fill the crossword.
 - 1. Twenty divided by four is ...
 - 2. Ten minus two is ...
 - 3. Six times two are ...
 - 4. Five from sixteen is ...
 - 5. Seven times one are ...
 - 6. Twelve plus seven is ...
- c) You have to fill the crossword.
 - 1. Fifty-four and six are ...
 - 2. Is four from ten six? ..., it is.
 - 3. Ten plus six is ...
 - 4. Sixteen minus seven is ...
 - 5. Sixteen divided by two is ...



6. ... is six and that is sixteen.
7. Six times one is ...

The fourth task is for Mars:

- a) You have to fill the “Flower” crossword.
 1. I come home at ... past two.
 2. All boys like to play ...
 3. Pete comes ... the room and comes up to me.
 4. There is much ... in winter.
 5. Do you ... flowers. Yes, I do.
 6. Eight divided by two is ...

- b) You have to fill the crossword.
 1. May I open the ... ? Yes, please.
 2. ... do you get up? At six o'clock.
 3. Do you like my ... dress? Yes, I do.
 4. ... is your name? My name is Ann.
 5. How much is eight from ten? It's ...
 6. How ... are you? I am ten.
 7. May I sit ... on the sofa? Yes, please.
 8. What time is it ...? It's four o'clock.

- c) You have to fill the crossword.
 1. How much are nine times one?
 2. How much is nine minus one?
 3. How much is nine plus one?
 4. How much are nine and ten?
 5. How much are nine times ten?

So, the game is over. The team becomes the winner if it gets the more points. Each team gets the prizes, but the winner also gets the medal.



THE WORLD OF DISNEY

Cinderella

Once upon a time, in a faraway land, there lived a rich, widowed gentleman and his beautiful daughter, Cinderella.

Cinderella's father was kind and loving. He married for a second time so that his daughter had a mother to care for her.

Cinderella's stepmother had two mean and ugly daughters called Anastasia and Drizella.

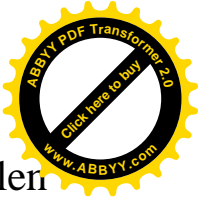
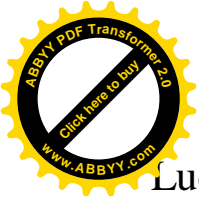
When Cinderella's father died, her stepmother stopped pretending to like her. She was jealous of Cinderella's charm and beauty so she forced the young girl to become a servant in her own home.

Cinderella was given a tiny bedroom in the attic. Her only friends were the birds and mice. They listened as she sang about her dreams of a life filled with love and happiness.

One morning, Cinderella found a tubby little mouse caught in a trap. "We'll call you Gus," she said. Then she gently set him free and put him with the other mice for safety. "Don't forget to warn him about Lucifer!" Cinderella reminded them. And off she went to begin the day's chores. Lucifer was her stepmother's cat. He was sly and lazy, and all the animals hated him, especially Bruno the dog.

After Cinderella had given Lucifer his milk, she walked out into the yard. "Breakfast time!" she called, scattering corn for the chickens.

The mice came running for some breakfast too. But Lucifer was blocking the way to the corn. One of the mice, Jaq, kept bravely up to



Lucifer and kicked him. There was a loud –SPLASH! The cat had fallen into his milk bowl. This made Lucifer very angry. When he saw Gus busily gathering up some of the corn, he pounced on him...

Luckily, Gus managed to escape to the kitchen. He scampered up onto a table top where he rested against a teacup. Suddenly, the cup flipped over, trapping Gus underneath. Just then, a voice shrieked from upstairs. "Cinderella!"

"I'm coming," Cinderella sighed. She picked up the breakfast trays and made her way upstairs. Under the teacup, Gus was safe at last.

Not far away, in the royal palace, the King and the Grand Duke were talking about the Prince.

"It's time he married," grumbled the King. Suddenly, he had an idea. "We'll have a ball- tonight!" he cried. "And invite every young maiden in the kingdom. The Prince will surely fall in love with one of them!"

So, invitations were sent out that very day.

When the royal messenger delivered the invitation to Cinderella's house, Cinderella went to find her stepmother. She was upstairs in the music room listening to Anastasia and Drizella singing.

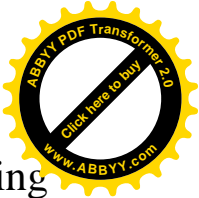
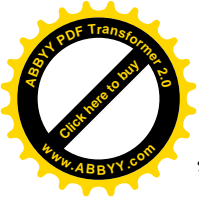
"There's going to be a ball at the palace!" exclaimed the stepmother as she read the invitation. "Every young maiden is to attend!"

"Why, that means I can go too!" said Cinderella, hopefully.

Anastasia and Drizella shrieked with laughter at the idea, but Cinderella was determined. "Well, why not? she asked.

Her stepmother thought for a moment, then a sly look crossed her face.

"I see no reason why you can't go, if you get all your work done."



” I’m sure I can!” cried Cinderella, rushing upstairs to find something to wear.

She opened her wardrobe and took out one of her mother’s old gowns. ”It’s a little old-fashioned, but I’ll fix that,” she said.

”Cinderella!” shrieked her stepmother. ”I’m coming,” Cinderella sighed.

The mice knew that poor Cinderella would never have time to finish the dress. So they decided to work on it themselves.

They sang merrily as they cut and sewed the material. At last, the pretty dress was finished. It was trimmed with an old sash and beads which Anastasia and Drizella had thrown away.

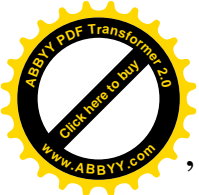
Later that evening, Cinderella sadly returned to her attic room. She had been so busy that she hadn’t had time to get ready. Out of the window, she watched a carriage arrive to take her stepmother and stepsisters to the ball.

As Cinderella turned away she suddenly saw the dress. ”Surprise!” her friends cried.

”Oh, it’s wonderful!” Cinderella exclaimed, hardly able to believe her eyes. In no time at all, she had slipped the dress on and was rushing downstairs to the carriage.

But when Anastasia and Drizella saw their stepsister looking so beautiful, they were filled with jealousy.

”Why, you little thief!” Drizella screamed, spotting her old beads round Cinderella’s neck. Then, Anastasia looked at the sash. ” That’s mine!” she cried, grabbing the sash and ripping Cinderella’s dress.



” Please stop!” cried Cinderella. But it was too late, her dress was ruined. She ran into the garden and flung herself down by a bench. She sobbed as if her heart would break.

Cinderella was so upset that at first she didn’t see a magical swirl of little gather around her. When she looked up, an old lady was sitting on the bench.

” I’m your fairy godmother,” the lady said, kindly. ” Dry your tears. You can’t go to the ball looking like that! Now, fetch me a pumpkin and hurry, even miracles take time!”

Minutes later, the fairy godmother waved her magic wand over the pumpkin.

” Bibbidi- bobbidi-boo!” she sang. The pumpkin changed into a sparkling carriage!

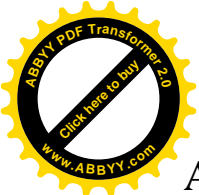
” Now ,” said the fairy godmother, ” with an elegant carriage like that, you simply have to have-mice!”

With that, she waved her wand over Gus, Jaq and their friends and changed them into proud, white horses. Another wave of the wand and Cinderella’s horse was changed into a coachman and Bruno the dog was changed into a footman .

Then, with a final wave of the wand, Cinderella was dressed in a magnificent ballgown and delicate glass slippers.

” Oh, thank you!” cried Cinderella, stepping into the carriage. ” It’s like a dream come true!”

“ I know, dear, but I remember you only have until midnight,” the fairy godmother warned . ” On the last stroke of twelve the spell will be broken.”



At the palace, Cinderella entered the glittering ballroom excitedly.

Glancing up, the Prince saw her and thought she was the most beautiful girl he had ever seen. He took Cinderella's hand and led her to the dance floor. The Prince knew that he had finally fallen in love.

Dancing in the Prince's arms, Cinderella felt as though she was floating on air.

Suddenly, she heard a clock chime. It was the first stroke of midnight...

“ I must go!” Cinderella gasped as she fled through the ballroom and down the palace steps.

“ Wait! You can't go now!” cried the Prince. But Cinderella didn't stop – even when she lost one of her glass slippers on the steps. She leapt into the carriage which raced away.

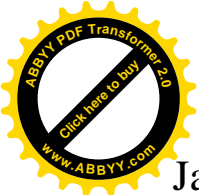
As the last stroke of midnight was heard , the carriage turned back into a pumpkin and Cinderella found herself dressed in rags once more. But she was still wearing a single, glass slipper.

Back at the palace, the Prince was heartbroken. He declared he would only marry the girl whose foot fitted the glass slipper he had found.

The next day, the Grand duke began his search. Every maiden in the land would have to try on the glass slipper until he found the Prince's true love.

Meanwhile, Cinderella's stepmother had become suspicious when she heard her stepdaughter humming the music from the ball. She was determined that Cinderella would not try on the slipper. When Cinderella went up to her room, she followed her and locked the door!

At last, the Grand Duke arrived. Anastasia and Drizella were very excited. Taking their turn, they tried to s-q-u-e-e-z-e their feet into the tiny, glass slipper. But their feet were much too big!



Jag and Gus were desperate to help Cinderella. They took the attic key from the stepmother's pocket and slowly pushed it up the stairs to Cinderella's room.

Hot and tired, they finally managed to open the door and free their friend.

Just as the grand Duke was about to leave, Cinderella appeared. "Please wait," she called. "May I try on the slipper?"

The Grand Duke led Cinderella to a chair and called for the footman. As the footman stepped forward, the wicked stepmother tripped him up. The slipper flew through the air. There was a loud crash as it hit the floor and shattered into a thousand tiny pieces.

"Oh, no!" gasped the Duke.

"Perhaps this would help..." said Cinderella, reaching into her pocket and bringing out the other glass slipper. Her stepsisters shrieked as the delighted Duke fitted the slipper onto Cinderella's foot.

Soon afterwards, Cinderella and the Prince were married. Her friends, the mice, looked on and smiled. They knew Cinderella's dreams had finally come true!



TARZAN

Deep in the jungle, a baby was crying. Not long ago, he and his parents had survived a shipwreck. They then lived safely in a tree house until Sabor the leopard found them.

When Sabor strode away from the house, only the baby was left alive.

A gorilla named Kala heard the baby crying. A few days ago, Kala's own baby had been taken by Sabor, and she was still sad. Now another baby was in trouble. So Kala followed the sound.

Kala gently lifted the human baby from its cradle, and the little boy stopped crying. Kala felt her heart leap with love.

Kala named the baby Tarzan, and he grew into a happy, lively little boy. He loved hanging from vines and scaring his mother.

Tarzan made many friends in the jungle, but his favourite was a young gorilla named Terk. One day, Terk dared Tarzan to go and get an elephant hair and Tarzan said he'd do it.

Tarzan didn't mean to startle the elephants, but he did and they stampeded. The other gorillas were almost trampled by the terrified herd.

When Kerchak, the gorillas' leader, found out what had happened, he was furious. "Someone could have been killed because of you!" he told Tarzan.

"He is only a child," said Kala. "He'll learn."

"He will never learn!" shouted Kerchak.

"He will never be one of us!"

Later, Kala found Tarzan smearing mud on his face. He was trying to make himself look more like an ape.

"Why am I so different?" he asked.

In reply, Kala put Tarzan's hand on his chest, so he could feel his heart beating. Then she pressed his ear to her heart.

"See?" she said. "Our heartbeats are exactly the same."

Tarzan understood. As he hugged Kala, he decided he would try to make Kerchak proud of him, too.

Years passed, and Tarzan grew strong. He learnt to survive in the jungle.

One day, Terk and Terzan were wrestling playfully near the gorillas' nest, when suddenly, Sabor leapt out.

Kerchak grabbed the leopard. And they struggled, Sabor wounded Kerchak with her razor-sharp claws, then moved in for the kill.



Swinging from a vine, Tarzan kicked Sabor and threw him off balance. Tarzan lured Sabor away from the wounded Kerchak, into some bushes. The gorillas held their breath until Tarzan emerged, holding Sabor's body above him. A moment later, a loud bang sent everyone rushing for cover. But Tarzan was curious and went to investigate.

Hiding in the bushes, Tarzan saw there strange creatures approaching. They were humans- and one was carrying a rifle.

One of the humans, a young woman, began to draw a baby baboon. But the little baboon became upset, and all the other baboons attacked the woman . Tarzan came to her rescue.

When the baboons had gone, Tarzan took the woman's hand and held it against his. They were alike! He gazed into her eyes. Could it be- was she a creature like him?

'' Tar-zan,'' he said, pointing to himself.

'' Jane,'' she said, pointing to himself.

Jane and her father, professor Porter, had come from England to study gorillas. Their guide, a hunter called Clayton, was the one who had fired the rifle shot. Jane eagerly told them both about Tarzan, the amazing ''ape man'' who had saved her from the baboons.

Meanwhile, Tarzan had rejoined his family. Kerchak ordered everyone to stay away from the strangers.

'' They mean us no harm,'' Tarzan protested.

'' I don't know that, '' Kerchak replied. '' Protect your family and stay away from them,'' he told Tarzan.

'' Why didn't you tell me there were creatures like me?'' Tarzan asked Kala.

The next day, Tarzan found his way to the humans' camp. Jane happily showed him pictures of the outside world and began teaching him English. Tarzan learned quickly.

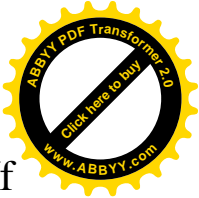
Tarzan showed Jane his world, too- the leafy jungle plants, and the beautiful , brightly coloured birds. Professor Porter could see that a special friendship was forming between Tarzan and his daughter.

The professor himself was eager to learn all he could. from Tarzan, but Clayton only wanted Tarzan to lead them to the gorillas.

At first, Tarzan refused. He knew Kerchak would be angry.

All too soon, Jane told Tarzan that she and her father were preparing to go home. ''Please come with us,'' she said.

''Jane must stay with Tarzan,'' he told her. Fighting back tears, Jane said that she couldn't.



” Only one thing will keep her here,” Clayton told Tarzan. ” If she could see the gorillas...”

Desperate not to lose Jane, Tarzan led the humans to the gorillas. The Porters were enchanted. As Jane played with some babies, Clayton made a map showing the gorillas’ location.

When Kerchak saw the humans, he charged towards Clayton.

”Go!” Tarzan shouted to the humans, as he held Kerchak back.

When the humans had gone, Kerchak glared at Tarzan. ”I-I’m sorry,” said Tarzan.

Kala knew it was time to show Tarzan the tree house. ”I should have done this long ago,” she said. There he found a picture of himself as a baby with his human parents.

”Now you know, Tarzan ,” said Kala, and she left him alone.

The following morning, Terk and her friend Tantor watched sadly from the edge of the jungle as Tarzan, Clayton and the Porters rowed out to their ship.

Tarzan followed the Porters aboard, only to find that the deck was filled with cages. At Clayton’s orders, some rough- looking men grabbed the three of them and began forcing them below deck.

” Clayton!” cried Tarzan. ”Help!”.

Meanwhile, Clayton and his men made their way to the gorillas’ home, and started to capture the apes.

Suddenly Tarzan’s yell pierced the air. He arrived with an army of animals, including Tantor carrying Terk and the Porters on his back. They quickly freed the gorillas.

Angrily, Clayton fired at Tarzan, wounding him. As Clayton raised his rifle again, Kerchak charged- and took the bullet meant for Tarzan.

Clayton chased Tarzan up into the trees. Tarzan grabbed Clayton’s rifle and broke it against a branch. Clayton hit out wildly with his knife, but he fell from the tree. He would never trouble the gorillas again.

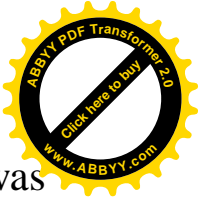
Tarzan ran to Kerchak.

”Forgive me, ” Tarzan begged.

” No!” gasped Kerchak. ”You forgive me...for not understanding that you have always been one of us. Take care of our family...my son.”

The next morning, Tarzan and Jane stood on the beach, saying goodbye.

” I will miss you, Jane,” said Tarzan softly. He took her hand and held it against his, just as he had done when they first met.



Weeping, Jane broke away and ran to the boat where her father was waiting.

” You should stay, dear,” said Professor Porter to Jane.” You love him.”

Jane knew that her father was right. She jumped out of the boat and ran into Tarzan’s arms. All the gorillas cheered and welcomed Jane’s return. Then Professor Porter decided to stay, too.

Tarzan was with the family he loved, in his jungle home. Now, with Jane by his side, he knew that he would always be where he belonged.

The Ugly Duckling

Once upon a time Mother Duck hatched seven eggs. Out popped six ordinary little ducklings and one who was much bigger than the others. She was very proud of all seven and took them to the farmyard to show them to the hens and the other ducks and all the animals.

Everybody laughed at the odd duckling and thought him ugly. The other ducklings pecked him and he was very miserable. Wherever he went on the farm he was teased. The roosters crowed at him, the dog barked at him and even the donkey brayed at him.

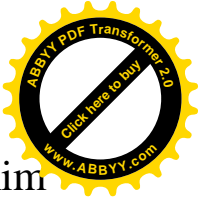
He wandered away feeling lonely. After crossing several fields he saw an old woman near a cottage with a cat and a hen at her feet. She called to him and said he could stay with her, but the cat hissed at him and the hen pecked him so he ran away.

While he was walking back across the grass to the farm the Ugly Duckling looked up and saw some beautiful white birds flying in the sunshine.

” Oh, how I wish I could be like them,” he sighed to himself rubbing his beak through his grey-brown feathers.

The Ugly Duckling decided he would find himself a new pond and live on his own so he flew away and found a little pond where he could hide in the reeds and watch the frogs and the dragonflies playing in the sunshine.

He spent the summer there but the weather grew colder and he had to swim fast to keep warm. One morning he woke up and found the pond had frozen over and his legs were trapped in the ice. Luckily for him a man came along, broke the ice with an axe and rescued him.



The man took him home, warmed him up by the stove and gave him something to eat. When he could walk across the floor again the man's children wanted to play with him but he was frightened and hid from them behind a chair. Then he managed to fly out through the open window.

Sadly, the Ugly Duckling made his way along the path back to his pond and found a warm place in the cattails to spend the rest of the winter. A tear ran down from his eye when he thought about how lonely he was.

When spring came he went to the river and saw a group of the beautiful birds he had seen in the autumn. He was very shy but they called out to him to join them. When he bent his head and looked at his reflection in the water he saw that he had become a swan.

The Steadfast Tin Soldier.

Once upon a time there was a tin soldier with only one leg. He lived with his twenty-four comrades in a box in a little boy's nursery with lots of other toys. The tin soldier was in love with beautiful tin ballerina who balanced on one leg in front of a toy castle with a lake.

The tin soldier hoped the ballerina could see how brave he was in all the pretend battles the little boy played. At night when all the toys came alive the tin soldier and the ballerina looked at each other but were too shy to speak of their love.

One day he was standing on the windowsill when a gust of wind blew the curtain which knocked him into the street on to the stones. The boy and his nurse looked for the soldier but could not find him. They had to go back in the house when it began to rain.

Two boys found him and decided to make him a boat of paper. They put the tin soldier in this and it sailed down the gutter with the soldier staring steadfastly ahead and thinking of the ballerina. The water flowed quickly into a big drain and down went the soldier in the paper boat.

The drain was dark and frightening and the water rushed along at great speed. The walls of the drain were dirty. A rat called to the soldier to stop but he sailed on looking neither to left or right and thinking of the lonely ballerina. The boat with the soldier in was washed into the river.

The boat turned over and sank and the tin soldier thought his last moment had come and how sad the ballerina would be. The seaweed waved in his face as he sank to the rocks on the river bed. Suddenly there



was a swirl in the water and the soldier was swallowed by a big fish.

Still the tin soldier stood to attention and thought of the ballerina. The fish shook and twisted and turned and then was still. Suddenly light burst in upon the tin soldier and there was the cook with a knife in her hand. The fish was on a plate in the kitchen of the house from which he had come.

The cook took the tin soldier back up the stairs to the nursery and put him on the mantel where someone had also put the ballerina. They gazed at each other until a sudden draft from the window blew the ballerina off the mantel into the hearth below.

He knew the fire would melt her so he rocked on his base until he overbalanced and fell into the grate with her. The boy ran and moved them from the flames with the poker. When he held them in his hand he found that the two bases had melted together in the shape of a heart and so the tin soldier and the ballerina were never separated again.

Snow White and The Seven Dwarfs.

Once upon a time there was a wicked Queen who had a magic mirror. When she asked it, "Who is the fairest in the land?" it always said, "You are the fairest of them all." The Queen had a beautiful step-daughter called Snow White who had black hair, white skin and cherry-red lips.

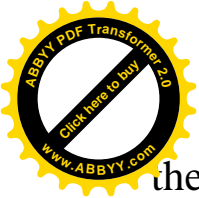
One day when the Queen asked the mirror the question, it replied, "Snow White is the fairest in the land."

The Queen was furious with jealousy and immediately ordered her forester to take the girl into the woods and kill her but he left snow White by a big tree.

Snow White wandered for a long time before she came across a tiny cottage deep in the woods. When she went in she found seven chairs round a table bearing seven sets of dishes and cutlery. There were seven pegs on the wall for coats.

The cottage was very untidy and there were cobwebs in the corners so Snow White spent a long time sweeping the floor and washing the dishes. When she went up the stairs there were seven little beds. She was so tired that she lay down on one and went to sleep.

When she awoke there were Seven Dwarfs looking at her. They were so pleased that she had cleaned the dishes and polished the chairs that they asked if she would stay and look after them. She agreed and lived



where happily cooking on the stove and mending the Dwarfs' clothes.

The magic mirror told the Queen that Snow White was still the fairest in the land so she disguised herself as an old peddler woman and searched for snow White in the forest. When she found the Dwarfs' cottage she gave snow White a poisoned apple from her basket. Snow White took one bite and fell on the cold stone floor.

The Dwarfs came home from the mine with their picks and shovels and found Snow White on the floor by the table. They were very sad when they saw her and placed her carefully in a glass coffin so that all the birds and animals whom she had loved so much could come and see how beautiful she was.

They placed the glass coffin in a clearing in the forest and the blackbirds and the wrens and the deer and the rabbits came to watch over Snow White, for she had been kind to them while she was living at the cottage and fed them all.

One day a Prince came by on a white horse and, seeing the animals and birds, rode over to where Snow White lay in the glass coffin. She was so beautiful that he immediately fell in love with her. He took her hand in his, kissed her and she awoke. They rode away to his castle where they were married and lived happily ever after.

Little Red Riding Hood

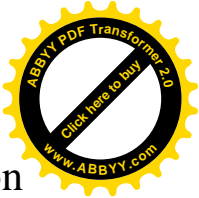
Once upon a time there was a little girl who lived with her mother at the edge of a deep, dark forest. Everyone called the girl ' Little Red Riding Hood', because she always wore a bright red cloak with a bright red hood.

One sunny morning her mother said, " Granny isn't feeling very well. Please will you take this basket of goodies to her, to make her feel better?"

" I will," replied little Red Riding Hood.

" Remember," said her mother," stay on the path, and don't stop to talk to any strangers on the way."

Little Red riding Hood hopped and skipped along the path to Granny's house. She had only gone a short way into the deep, dark forest, when a sly, nasty wolf with big shiny teeth and long sharp claws jumped out onto the path, right in front of her.



” Hello, my pretty one,” said the wolf. ” Where are you going on this fine morning?”

” Good morning,” said Little Red Riding Hood politely.” I’m going to see my granny, who isn’t feeling very well. She lives all the way on the other side of the forest. But please excuse me, I am not allowed to talk to strangers.”

” Of course little girl,” sneered the crafty wolf. ” You must be in hurry. Why not take a moment to pick a big bunch of these lovely wildflowers to cheer your granny up?”

” Thank you Mr. Wolf, that sound like a very good idea,” said Little Red Riding Hood, putting her basket down on the ground. ” I’m sure that Granny would love them.”

So, while Little Red Riding Hood picked a bunch of sweet-smelling flowers, the wicked wolf raced ahead through the deep, dark forest and soon arrived at Granny’s pretty cottage.

The wolf lifted the knocker and banged hard at the door.

Sweet old Granny sat up in bed.

” Who is it? She called.

” It’s me, Little Riding Hood,” replied the wolf in a voice just like Little Red Riding Hood’s.

” Hello, my dear,” called Granny. ” The door is not locked - lift up the latch and come in.”

So the wolf opened the door and, quick as a flash, he gobbled Granny up. Then he put on her nightie and nightcap, and crawled under the bedcovers to lie in wait for Little Red Riding Hood.

A short time later, Little Red Riding Hood arrived at the cottage and knocked on Granny’s door.

”Who is it?” called the wolf, in a high voice just like Granny’s.

” It’s me, Granny,” came the reply,” Little Red Riding Hood.”

” Hello, my dear,” called the wolf. ”The door is not locked – lift up the latch and come in.”

So Little Red Riding Hood lifted the latch, opened the door and went into Granny’s cottage.

Little Red Riding Hood couldn’t believe her eyes. ” Oh, Granny,” she said, ”it is so nice to see you, but what big ears you have!”

”All the better to hear you with,” said the wolf. ” Come closer, my dear.”

Little Red Riding Hood took a step closer to the bed.

” Oh, Granny,” she said, ” what big eyes you have!”



” All the better to see you with,” said the wolf. ” Come closer, my dear.”

So Little Red Riding Hood took another step closer. Now she was right beside Granny’s bed.

” Oh, Granny!” she cried. ”What big teeth you have!”

” All the better to eat you with, my dear!” snarled the wolf, and he jumped up and swallowed Little Red Riding Hood in one BIG gulp!

Now it just so happened that a woodcutter was passing Granny’s cottage that sunny morning. He was going to work on the other side of the forest. He knew that Granny had not been feeling very well, so he decided to look in on her.

What a surprise he had when he saw the hairy wolf fast asleep in Granny’s bed!

When he saw the wolf’s big, fat tummy, he knew just what happened.

Quick as a flash, he took out his shiny sharp axe and sliced the wolf open!

Out popped Granny and Little Red Riding Hood, surprised and shaken, but safe and well.

The woodcutter dragged the wolf outside and threw him down a deep, dark well so he would never trouble anyone ever again. Then he, Granny and Little Red Riding sat down to tea and ate all of the yummy goodies from Little Red Riding Hood’s basket.

After tea, little Red Riding Hood waved goodbye to her Granny and the woodcutter and ran all the way home to her mother, without straying once from the path or talking to any strangers. What an eventful day!



Time for Reading

Three Little Pigs

1. Once upon a time there lived three little pigs: a rosy one, a black one and a white one.

Rosy Pig: Good morning, boys and girls! I am Rosy Pig.

Children: Good morning, Rosy Pig! We are glad to see you.

Black Pig: Good morning, boys and girls! I am Black Pig!

Children: Good morning, Black Pig! We are glad to see you too.

White Pig: Good morning, boys and girls! I am White Pig.

Children: Good morning, White Pig! We are glad to see you too.

2. Three Pigs: We are merry little pigs. We are glad to see you!

Who's afraid of Big Bad Wolf?

Big Bad Wolf? Big Bad Wolf?

Who's afraid of Big Bad Wolf?

Tra-la-la-la-la!

3. White Pig: Now stop dancing and listen to me. Winter is coming. It is cold in winter. Animals are very hungry. Big Bad Wolf is very hungry too. We must make a warm house and live there together.

4. Black Pig: Oh, no. Winter is far. We have time to play and sing. I don't want to make a house.

5. Rosy Pig: I agree with Black Pig. We have time to play and sing.

6. White Pig: I shall go and make a house of bricks.

7. Black Pig: I shall go and make a house of sticks.

8. Rosy Pig: I shall go and make a house of grass.

Rosy Pig is making a house of grass.

9. Black Pig is making a house of sticks.

10. White pig is making a house of bricks.

11. Rosy Pig: I have made my house of grass. House of grass, house of grass. I have made my house of grass. Tra-la-la-la-la!



12. Black Pig: I have made my house of sticks. House of sticks, house of sticks. I have made my house of sticks. Tra-la-la-la-la.

13. White Pig: I have made my house of bricks. House of bricks, house of bricks. I have made my house of bricks. Tra-la-la-la-la!

14. Rosy Pig and Black Pig: We aren't afraid of Big Bad Wolf, Big Bad Wolf. We aren't afraid of Big Bad Wolf. Tra-la-la-la-la!

15. Wolf: My name is Wolf. I am hungry.

16. Wolf: Here is the house made of grass. Made of grass, made of grass. Here is the house made of grass. Tra-la-la-la-la!

I shall puff and puff and blow the house down.

Rosy Pig: Oh, brothers, save me!

17. Wolf: Here is the house made of sticks. Made of sticks, made of sticks. Here is the house made of sticks. Tra-la-la-la-la!

I shall puff and puff and blow the house down.

18. Black Pig and Rosy Pig: Brother, save us!

19. Wolf: Here is the house made of bricks. Made of bricks, made of bricks. Here is the house made of bricks. Tra-la-la-la-la!

I shall puff and puff and blow the house down.

20. Three Pigs: We aren't afraid of Big Bad Wolf. Big Bad Wolf, Big Bad Wolf. We aren't afraid of Big Bad Wolf. Tra-la-la-la-la!

21. Children: Go away, Big Bad Wolf!(The Wolf runs away.)

22. Three Little pigs and the children:

We aren't afraid of Big Bad Wolf. Big Bad Wolf,
Big Bad Wolf. We aren't afraid of Big Bad Wolf.
Tra-la-la-la-la!



A House in the Wood

Here is a house in the wood, wood, wood,
A mouse is running through the wood, wood, wood.
She stops at the door, door, door.
She knocks at the door, door, door.

The Mouse : Who lives in the house, house, house?

The Frog: I do. I am a frog. And who are you?

The Mouse: I am a mouse. May I live in your house?

The Frog: Yes, you may. Come in, please!

Here is the house in the wood, wood, wood.

A cock is running through the wood, wood, wood.

He stops at the door, door, door.

He knocks at the door, door, door.

The Cock: Who lives in this house, house, house?

The Frog and the Mouse: We do, a frog and a mouse. And who are you?

The Cock: I am a cock. May I live in your house?

The Frog and the Mouse: Yes, you may. Come in, please.

Here is the house in the wood, wood, wood.

A hen is running through the wood, wood, wood.

She stops at the door, door, door.

She knocks at the door, door, door.

The Hen: Who lives in this house, house, house?

The Frog, the Cock and the Mouse: We do, a frog, a mouse and a cock.
And who are you?

The Hen: I am a hen. May I live in your house?

The Frog, The Mouse and the Cock: Yes, you may.

Come in, please!

Here the house in the wood, wood, wood.

A fox is running through the wood, wood, wood.

She stops at the door, door, door.

She knocks at the door, door, door.

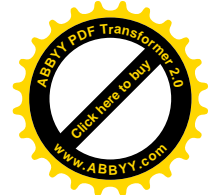
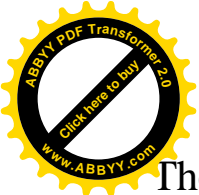
The Fox: Who lives in this house, house, house?

The Frog, the Cock, the Hen and the Mouse: We do, a frog, a cock, a hen
and a mouse.

The Fox: Dear frog and cock, dear hen and mouse, may I live in your
house?

The Frog, the Cock, the Hen and the Mouse: But who are you?

The Fox: I am a fox.



The Frog, the Cock, the Hen and the Mouse: Oh, you are a bad fox! Go away!

Little Chick-Chick

One day Little Chick-Chick found a dry acorn.

Mother Hen said to her, " Chick-Chick, you must not eat that dry acorn. It will make you choke, choke, in your little throat, throat."

Little chick- Chick said," Oh, Mother, I am so big that I can eat an acorn."

But the little acorn did make her choke, choke, in her little throat, throat. So Mother Hen ran to the pond. And Mother Hen said, " Oh, Pond, give me some water, for Little Chick- Chick is Choking."

But the pond said to her, " You must get the old oak tree to give you a cup.

Then I can give you some water for Little Chick- Chick."

Mother Hen ran to the oak tree. And Mother Hen said, "Tree, Tree, do give me a cup , so that Pond can give me water, for Little Chick- Chick is choking."

The old oak tree said to her, " You must get Man to shake me. Then I can give you a cup."

Mother Hen ran to the man. And Mother Hen said to him, " Man, Man, shake Oak Tree.

Then Oak Tree will give me a cup, and I will take it to Pond, so that Pond can give me water, for Little Chick- Chick is choking."

But the man said to her, " You must get the cobber to make me some new boots.

Then I will shake the oak tree."

Mother Hen ran as fast as she could to the cobbler. And Mother Hen said to him, " Oh, Cobbler. Cobbler, please make me some boots .

Then Man will shake Oak Tree. And Oak Tree will give me a cup, so that Pond can give me water, for Little Chick- Chick is choking."

But the cobbler said to her, " You must first get the cow, to give me some leather.

Then I can make you the boots. "

Mother Hen ran to the cow. And Mother Hen said, " Oh, Cow, will you ,please, give me some leather?

Then Cobbler will make me some boots.



And Man will shake Oak Tree.

Oak Tree will give me a cup, so that Pond can give me water, for Little Chick - Chick is choking.”

But the cow said to her, ” You must first get the farmer to give me some grain.

Then I will give you leather for new boots.”

Mother Hen ran to the farmer. And Mother Hen said, ” Farmer, give me some grain. Then the cow will give me some leather.

And Cobbler will make some boots. And will shake Oak Tree.

Then the oak tree will give me a cup, so that Pond can give me water, for Little Chick-Chick is choking.”

The good farmer said to her, ” Yes, I will give you some of grain.”

Then Mother Hen ran to give the grain to the cow.

The cow gave her some leathe.

Mother Hen gave the leather to the cobbler.

Then the cobbler made for her a fine new pair of boots.

Mother Hen gave the new boots to the man. He gave Oak tree a shake.

Then Oak Tree gave Mother Hen a clean little cup.

The pond gave her some water. Mother Hen gave the cup of water to Little Chick-Chick.

So the acorn did not choke Little Chick-Chick after all.



Clichés

Clichés are an established feature of the English language, being particularly common in English language and in informal written contexts. Some of them are hundreds of year old; others have taken only a short time to become popular.

People tend to use them unconsciously and most of us are unaware of quite how often we use *them*. There are many who claim to dislike clichés and regard them as somehow spoiling the language, but even they would find that they use quite a lot of them, if they stopped to analyse what they say and write.

People dislike clichés because they are overused. Many clichés start out as a particularly imaginative or neat way of saying something, but they become used so often by so many people that they lose their freshness and originality.

It would be almost impossible to rid our speech and writing entirely of clichés and, in any use, they often add a bit of colour to the language. Since they are such an established feature of English, it is important for learners of English to learn how to use them correctly. However, particularly in fairly formal speech or writing, it is essential to try to avoid using them too frequently

Some clichés are used in contexts in which they are virtually meaningless and act simply as conversational fillers. For example, there are people who use the expression **at this moment in time** regularly when the word 'now' would be more appropriate. Likewise, many people use clichés such as **the thing is**, **at the end of the day** or **you know what I mean** in this way.

Below is a selection of common clichés which are particularly overused and so should be used sparingly. Some of these are more thoroughly explained in the English Idioms section



to add insult to injury
an accident waiting to happen
as a matter of fact
at death's door

bag and baggage
bag of tricks

batten down the hatches
be that as it may
better late than never

bite the bullet

a blessing in disguise

by the same token

call it a day
the calm before the storm

Catch 22

categorical denial

chalk and cheese
champing at the bit
chapter and verse
cheek by jowl
chop and change
a close shave

to coin a phrase

come full circle

to make matters worse
a dangerous situation
the following statement is true
an exaggeration to say someone is ill

all your possessions
the equipment necessary to do
something

there's going to be trouble
that may be so
an ironic way of saying something or
someone is late

to get on with something despite
unpleasantness

a bad situation from which may come
good

using the same reasoning, or on the other
side of the argument

give up and stop a venture
a time before an unpleasant situation
where everything seems fine
a situation in which one can never win
or from which one can never escape

strong denial

opposites
enthusiastic to get started at something
every detail
very close together
alternate
an escape which was very nearly
disastrous

ironically, this is said when one is using
a cliché

to return to the beginning of something



cool, calm and collected
at crack of dawn
cross that bridge when you
come to it

to cut a long story short
cut and dried
the cutting edge

a dark horse

day in, day out

doom and gloom

draw a blank

Dutch courage

easier said than done

enough is enough

every cloud has a silver lining

every dog has his day

every man jack
everything but the kitchen sink
face the music

fair and square

fall on deaf ears

emphasis of calm
very early

deal with matters in hand and think of
other problems when they arise
to summarise
settled and definite
the latest technology

someone with a secret, usually an
exciting
every day

pessimism

no result

to get drunk to have the confidence to do
something

more difficult than it appears to be

no more can be tolerated

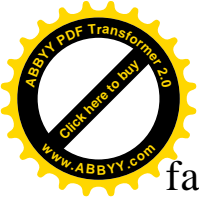
bad situations can sometimes have
consolations

everyone has their individual triumphs

everyone
almost all your belongings
face up to difficulties

honestly

an explanation given to someone who
doesn't want to listen



far and wide

a great area

few and far between

very rare

the finishing touches

in the final stages

first and foremost

first and most importantly
most important things first

a forlorn hope

no hope

from the word go

from the start

from time immemorial

since a long time ago

gainful employment

in work

generous to a fault

extremely generous

a gentleman's agreement

an agreement in word alone

the gift of the gab

the ability to talk readily and easily

it goes without saying

you should know what I'm talking about
a great and unexpected opportunity that
should be grasped

a golden opportunity

good as gold

perfectly behaved

green with envy

very jealous

grin and bear it

to suffer a bad situation without
complaint

hale and hearty

healthy

half the battle

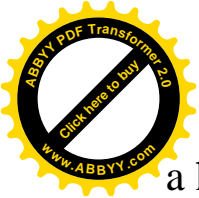
the most difficult part of a situation is
over with

hand over fist

in large amounts; very rapidly

the happy couple

newly married people



a helping hand

help

high and dry

left in a helpless state

hit the nail on the head

to be extremely accurate in one's description

How time flies

time passes very quickly

if you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen

if you can't cope with the job in hand then leave

in a nutshell

briefly; to sum up

in any shape or form

in any way at all

in less than no time

in a very short time

in no uncertain terms

in a very direct way

in splendid isolation

standing out in a unique way

in the cold light of day

when one looks at something rationally and calmly

in the dim and distant past

something happened a long time ago (and should be forgotten)

in the fullness of time

when the proper time has elapsed

in the nick of time

just in time

in the pipeline

in preparation

in the present climate

in the present situation

in this day and age

in these times

it'll all come out in the wash

things will turn out for the best in the end

it's a long story

it is complicated

it's a small world

said when coincidental meetings occur

for early days

it's too early to come to a conclusion

jack of all trades

someone who knows a little about a lot of things

jam tomorrow

the (possibly false) promise of better things in the future



just between you and me
(and the gatepost)

this is a secret

just for the record

so that it will be noted

kill two birds with one stone

to complete two tasks at once

know all the answers
know for a fact
know where one stands

to have all the information
emphasizing that ones knows something
to know the nature of one's position

know which side one's bread
is buttered on

to know when one is in a fortunate
position

last but not least

although someone or something is last, it
is not the least important thing
an event which makes a situation
impossible

the last straw

leave in the lurch

to abandon

let bygones be bygones

forget about past grievances

let's face it

face the truth

make ends meet

to survive on little money

the man in the street

ordinary person

man to man

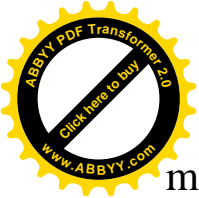
as equals, regardless of background etc.

mark my words

take note of what I'm saying

a matter of life or death

a very grave situation



my lips are sealed
nearest and dearest

nothing to write home about
no news is good news

no smoke without fire
odds and ends

older and wiser
once bitten, twice shy

once in a blue moon
one in a million
only time will tell

an open secret

out of sight, out of mind

over and done with
over my dead body
over the hill

the picture of health
pie in the sky
plain sailing
pleased as Punch

pride and joy
pull out all the stops
put two and two together
quite the reverse
rain or shine

it's a secret and I won't tell
close family and close friends

not very interesting
if you haven't heard anything then it's
possible that nothing bad has happened

there's always some basis to a rumour
objects of different kinds, perhaps that
are left over and don't match

to have got more wise with age
to have experienced an unfortunate
situation and have learned from it
very rarely
very rare
you'll just have to wait and see what
happens

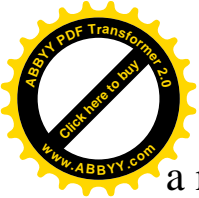
information not publicly discussed but
which is not a secret

that which you don't see you are less
likely to think about

finished
I'll die before I let that happen
too old

very healthy
unrealistic expectations
easy
very pleased

something that makes one very proud
to do everything possible
to come to a conclusion about something
the opposite
whatever the weather



a rainy day

read my lips
red tape

a reliable source
a rose between two thorns

Rome wasn't built in a day

safe and sound
a safe haven

the salt of the earth
saved by the bell

to say the least

search high and low
second to none
slowly but surely
smell a rat

spick and span
a storm in a teacup
swings and roundabouts
tender loving care (TLC)
through thick and thin
too good to be true

under a cloud
under the sun
under the weather
the university of life

an unspecified time in the future

listen carefully to what I'm saying
the rules and regulations of government
office

a trustworthy basis for something
a beautiful or good person who has to
decide between two unattractive choices

a difficult task cannot be finished
quickly

totally unharmed
a place of safety

a down to earth reliable person
saved from a bad situation by another
event coming along

relates that the reaction or emotion
which is being described is being
understated

to look everywhere
the best

to work in a slow but careful way
to suspect something is wrong

very tidy
a fuss over nothing
the same outcome
to be looked after
through good times and bad
so good that you can't believe it to be so

depressed
in the whole world
feeling run down
learning from real life experience



Shortenings

P.T.O.- please Turn Over

NB - please note

RSVP - please reply as soon as possible

asp - as soon as possible

FBI - Federal Bureau of Investigation

PIN - Personal Identification Number

UNESCO - United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural
Organization

OAP – Old Age Pensioner

WC - water closet

Gents - gentlemen (only) - a pub

RN - Royal Navy

VIP - very important Person

ESP – extrasensory perception knowledge
which seems to have been gained
without the use of 5 senses



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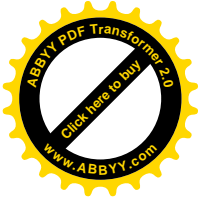


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