

The king of beasts

Most lions live in Africa. They like to live where it is hot. Their golden coat matches the sandy desert. This helps them to hide. They sleep in the daytime and hunt at night. The male lion has a big mane round its head and down its back. He has a claw hidden in the tuft of hair at the tip of his tail. Lions have a loud roar. They can make big leaps when they are chasing. Lions belong to the cat family, but they can't climb trees.



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Tick the right answer.

1. What colour is the lion's coat?

It is dark brown. It is a yellow colour.

Complete the sentences.

2. The colour of the lion's coat makes it _____.

hard to see in the desert easy to see in the desert

3. The lion belongs to the _____.

dog family cat family

4. The lion can't _____.

climb trees run fast

5. The lion hunts _____.

when it is light when it is dark

6. The lion likes to live where it is _____.

hot and sunny cold and wet

7. What does a male lion have?

Put a tick for all the sentences that are right.

A male lion has spots. A male lion has strong legs.

A male lion has a little roar. A male lion has a big mane.

A male lion has a tuft at the end of his tail.

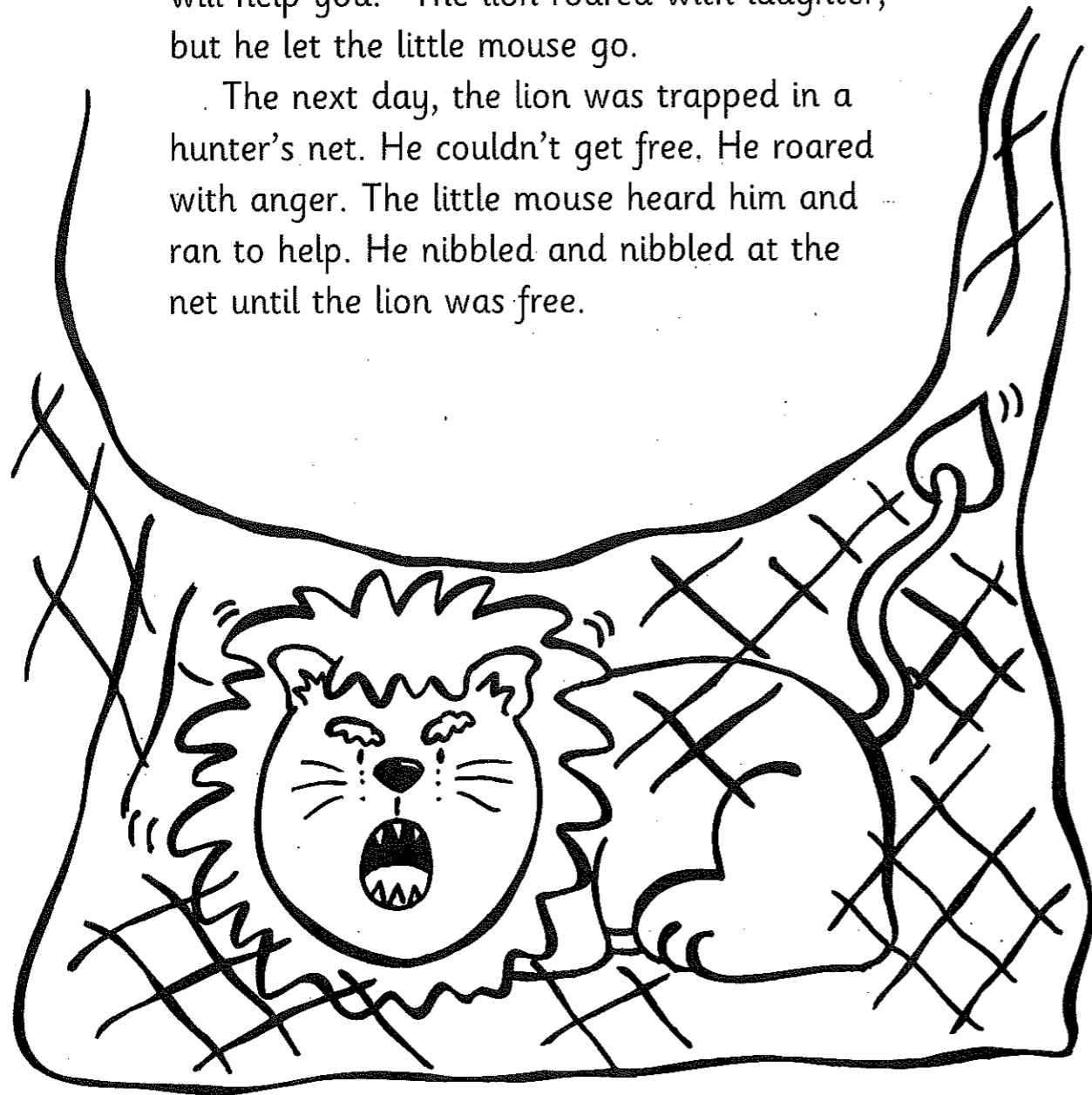
The lion and the mouse

One day, a lion was asleep in the sun. A mouse ran by. His tail tickled the lion's nose and woke him up.

"Hey!" shouted the lion. He grabbed the mouse in his huge paw.

"Help!" squeaked the mouse. "Please don't harm me. If you let me go, one day I will help you." The lion roared with laughter, but he let the little mouse go.

The next day, the lion was trapped in a hunter's net. He couldn't get free. He roared with anger. The little mouse heard him and ran to help. He nibbled and nibbled at the net until the lion was free.



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Tick the right answers.

1. The story is about

- a mouse and a dog a lion and a mouse
 a lion and a cat

2. Who was asleep in the sun?

- a mouse a lion a boy

Complete the sentences.

3. The mouse _____ the lion and woke him up.

- pinched tickled bit

4. The lion was going to _____ the mouse.

- play with harm

Tick the right answers.

5. The lion roared with laughter because the mouse

- was too small to help a big lion had tickled him

6. The mouse nibbled a hole in the net

- to get in to set the lion free to get out

7. **Harm** means the same as

- grab hurt trap

8. Put these sentences in the right order.

- The lion was trapped. The lion caught the mouse.
 The lion woke up. The lion was free.

The visit to the dentist

It was time for Bobby to visit the dentist. First, the dentist gave him a ride up and down in the chair. Then she looked at his teeth.

"I can see a little hole in your tooth," said the dentist. "I need to mend it for you."

Bobby kept very still while the dentist mended his tooth.

"You have been good," she said. She gave Bobby a smiley badge to wear and a crunchy apple to eat.

"Remember to clean your teeth every night before you go to bed," she said. "It will stop you getting holes in your teeth."



The visit to the dentist

Tick the right answers.

1. Who went to the dentist?

Bobby Dad Mum

2. What would stop Bobby getting holes in his teeth?

a ride in the chair cleaning his teeth
 having a badge

3. When should Bobby clean his teeth?

after eating an apple when he is at school
 when he is getting ready for bed

Complete the sentences.

4. A dentist looks after your _____.

● eyes ● teeth

5. The dentist thought Bobby had been good because _____.

● he had cleaned his teeth ● he had kept still

6. Put these sentences in the right order.

Next the dentist mended his tooth.
 Then she gave Bobby a badge and an apple.
 First the dentist gave Bobby a ride in the chair.

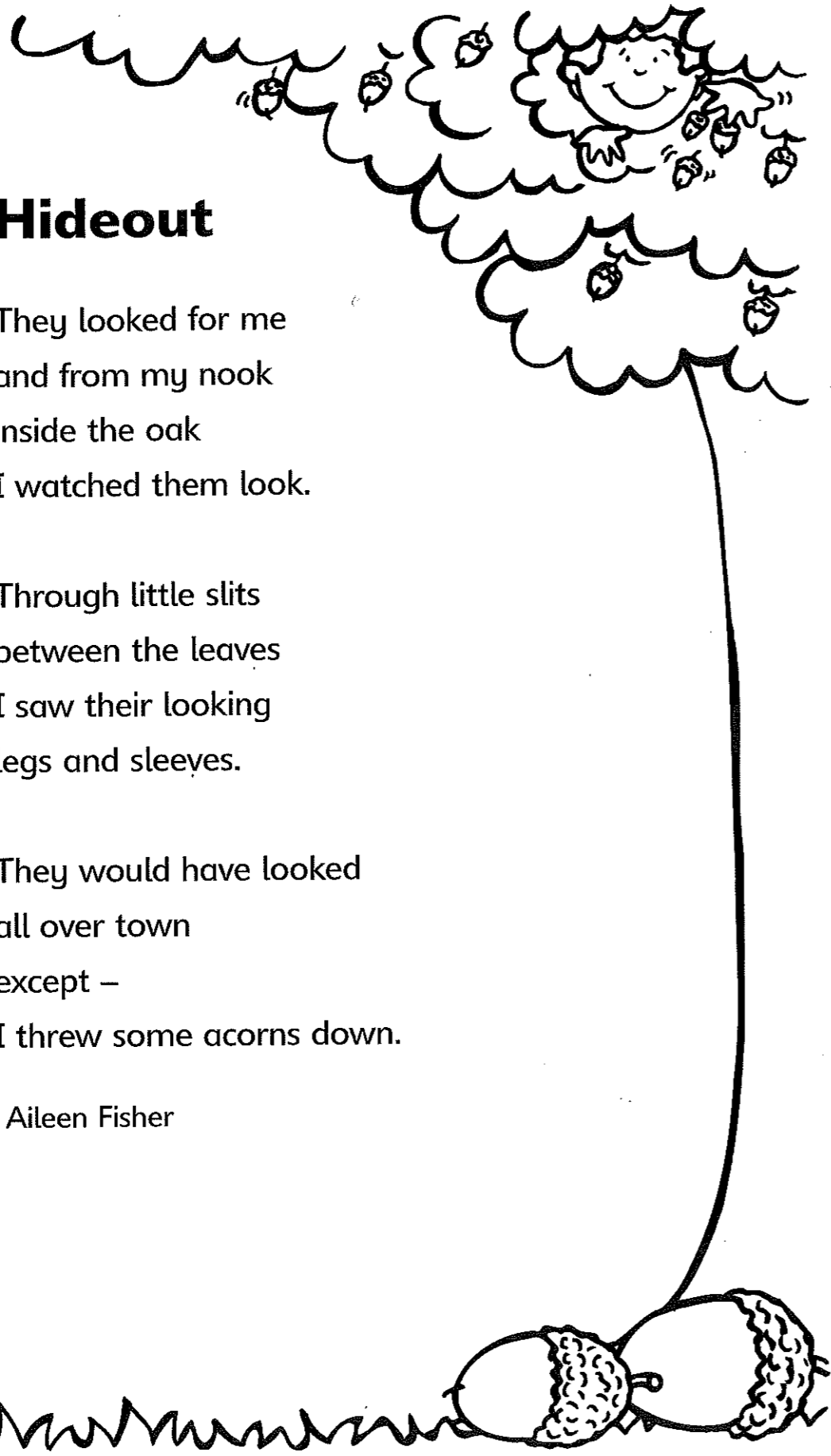
Hideout

They looked for me
and from my nook
inside the oak
I watched them look.

Through little slits
between the leaves
I saw their looking
legs and sleeves.

They would have looked
all over town
except –
I threw some acorns down.

Aileen Fisher



Hideout

1. Write the rhyming words in the poem for

a) nook _____ b) sleeves _____

c) town _____

Tick the right answers.

2. What is hiding the boy?

the leaves the acorns

3. How many people are looking for the person in the poem?

one person more than one person

Complete the sentences.

4. The person in the poem got the acorns from _____.

his pocket the tree

5. The children were playing _____.

hide and seek blind man's buff

6. The boy is hiding in an _____ tree.

oak apple

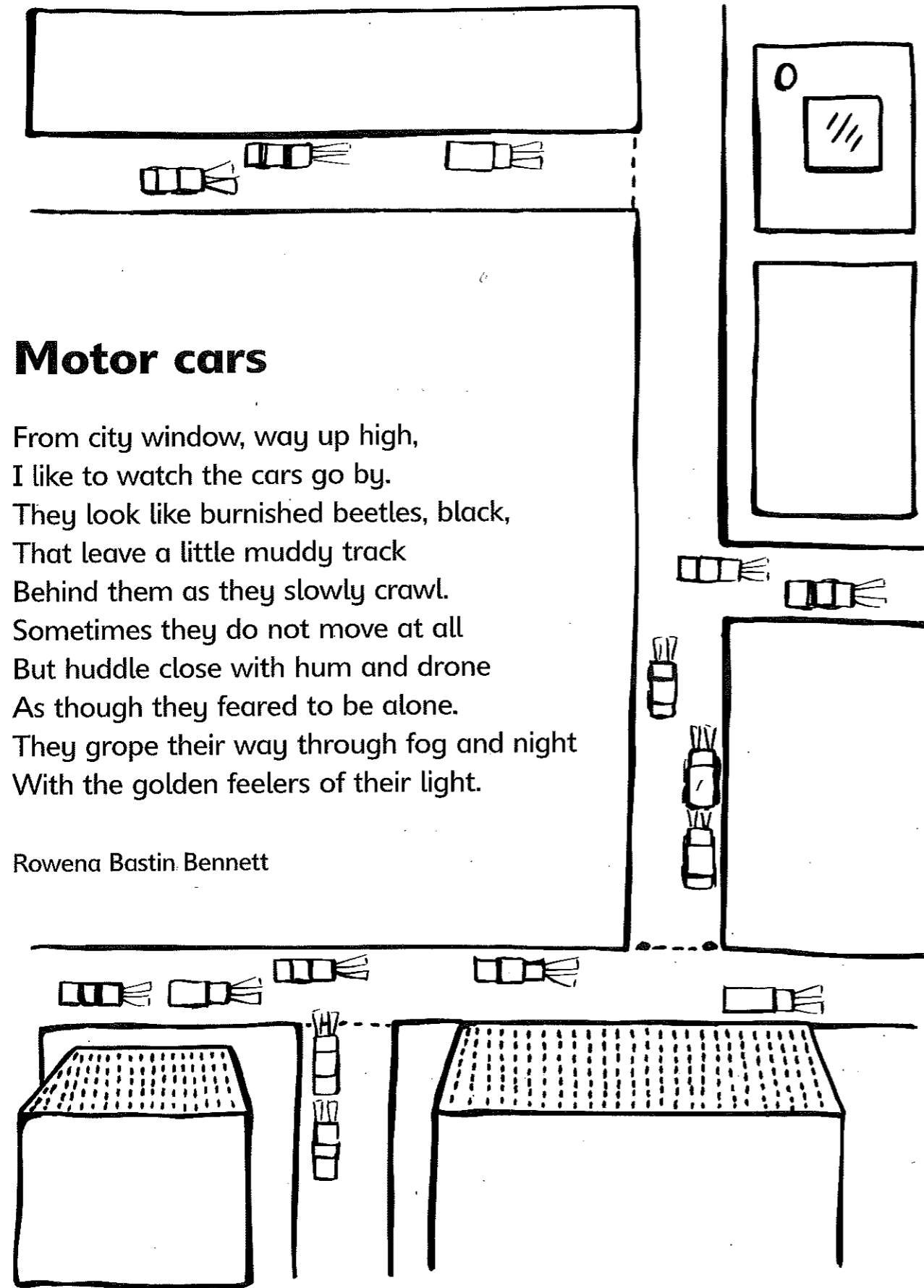
7. The boy's friends knew where he was when he _____.

shouted to them threw some acorns down

Motor cars

From city window, way up high,
 I like to watch the cars go by.
 They look like burnished beetles, black,
 That leave a little muddy track
 Behind them as they slowly crawl.
 Sometimes they do not move at all
 But huddle close with hum and drone
 As though they feared to be alone.
 They grope their way through fog and night
 With the golden feelers of their light.

Rowena Bastin Bennett



Motor cars

1. Find the words in the poem that rhyme with:
 high _____ black _____ crawl _____
 drone _____ night _____

2. Tick the word that means the same as **burnished**.
 shiny dull speckled

Complete the sentences.

3. The cars in the poem are _____. ● golden ● black

4. The person in the poem is looking out of the window _____.
 ● in the morning ● in the evening

5. What kind of home does the person in the poem live in?
 _____ ● a farmhouse ● a flat ● a caravan

6. Where is the person's home? _____
 ● in the country ● in the city

Answer in sentences.

7. What look like **burnished beetles**?

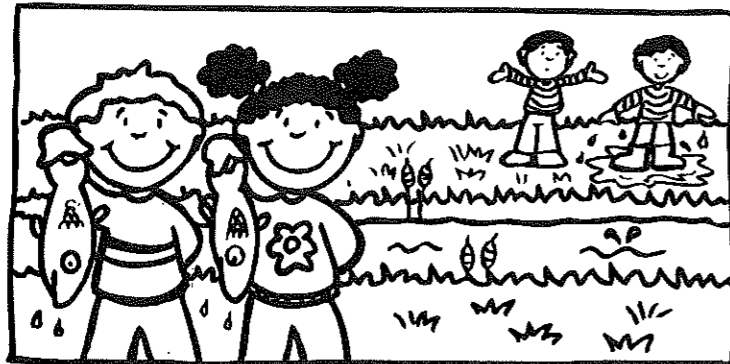
8. Why is the window **way up high**?

9. How fast are the cars moving?

10. What are the **golden feelers**?

A fishing competition

Angling News



The junior fishing competition was held on Saturday, 8 February. There was a record entry. Eleven boys and seven girls took part. The weather was cloudy with some sunshine. The entrants had come well prepared. They

were wearing warm clothes and had picnic lunches with them. The competition was held on the River Poddle near Radchester. The river fished well and there were some record catches. Josh James tied for first

place with his cousin, Susie Sands. The total weight of Josh's catch was 2.56kg and Susie's catch weighed 2.15kg. Sam Goodman left his rod during the competition to help his brother Jim, who went into the river by mistake. Sam helped him out of the water. Jim was unhurt, but his boots were full of water. The splashing spoiled Sam's fishing chances.

The next competition will be in two weeks. Ring Jack Spratt for details.

A fishing competition

Complete the sentences.

- The competition was held on _____.
 a canal a river
- The weather was _____ on the day of the competition.
 cloudy but dry wet and windy sunny and warm
- _____ is in charge of arranging the fishing competitions.
 Josh James Sam Goodman Jack Spratt
- _____ than ever before entered the competition.
 Fewer girls Fewer boys More people
- The next competition will be held on _____.
 8 February 22 February 15 February

Answer in sentences.

- Why would the junior fishing competition be held on a Saturday?

- How can you tell the competition lasted all day?

- What do you think the words **The river fished well** mean?

- Who won the competition?

- What happened to Jim?

Getting to school

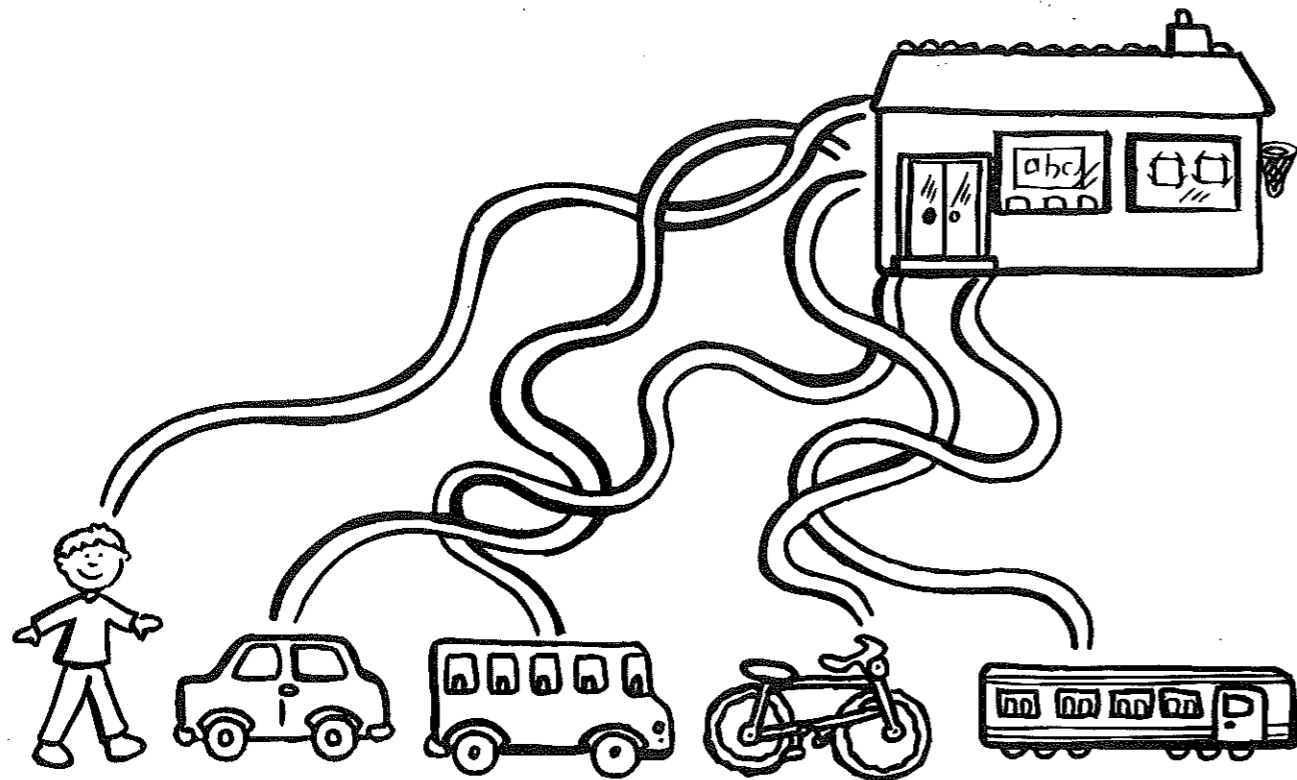
Many people worry about the environment. They say we should use our cars less because they pollute the air. We should catch a bus or train instead of using a car. They say we do not have enough exercise so we should walk or cycle to school and work.

However, many parents worry about their children walking to school or using their bicycles. In country areas the roads are narrow and there may not be footpaths. There are very few buses, so people use their cars. This makes the roads dangerous to walk or cycle along.

There are school buses in the country areas. The buses go all round the villages, collecting the children. However, the journey can take as much as an hour for some of the children. But children who do use the school bus can make friends with children from other villages and it is a safe way of getting to school.

In the towns, the roads are very busy. Parents worry that if their children walk to school, it is dangerous for them to cross the roads. Cycling is dangerous too, because of the traffic. There are buses, but the bus stop may not be very near.

Parents want to be sure their children get to school safely. Many parents use their cars because it is quicker and safer. What do you think is the best way?



Getting to school

Tick the right answers.

- What do some people worry about?
 the weather the environment
- What could people do to get more exercise?
 They could walk to work. They could drive their car.
- The word **pollute** means
 to make dirty to use up
- Tick two good reasons for using the school bus.
 It is safe. It is fast. It helps children to make friends.
- List four ways someone could get to school or work.

Answer in sentences.

- How do cars pollute the air?

- Why do parents worry about their children walking or cycling to school?

- How long might some children spend on the school bus each day?

- What makes country roads dangerous?

- Why could walking to school in towns be dangerous?

- Say how you get to school and why this is best for you.
