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## Celebrating 15 years of the Letterbox Club

The Letterbox Club began as a small research project with just 20 children in Leicester in 2003. Funding from the DCSF (now the DfE) helped us reach 50 more local authorities and nearly 1,000 children each year by 2008.

As part of a marvellous partnership with BookTrust, the Letterbox Club has since spread across the UK. There are now six different parcel colours for ages 3 to 13, so more children can enjoy reading, number games and other activities at home. Most of our members are children in foster care, and we now have over 11,000 children and their families taking part each year.

All of this has been made possible through the help of hundreds of people – including local Letterbox Club co-ordinators, authors, illustrators, publishers, foster carers and the children themselves. Thank you!

**Rose Griffiths,**  
University of Leicester 2018  
Founder of the Letterbox Club



## A note from Lemn Sissay Letterbox Club Patron

**Five thousand four hundred and seventy five** days, which is **one hundred and thirty one thousand four hundred** hours, which is **seven million eight hundred and eighty four thousand** minutes. And that is **fifteen** years. **Fifteen** whole wonderful years of the Letterbox Club.

Those are not the only giant numbers. There's the amount of young people that have received Letterbox Club parcels. Thousands. Then there's the amount of people who work with BookTrust to make the Letterbox Club happen every year. Hundreds.

And all this for one single idea from one woman in Leicester called Rose: 'Each child receives their own colourful Letterbox Club parcel full of books, maths games, stationery and other high-quality



materials once every month for six months, usually from May to October.' What a beautiful wonderful idea. Maths! Add up all the words in these three paragraphs and then divide by ten. What is the number?

**Lemn Sissay MBE**  
**Poet, playwright and Letterbox Club Patron.**



# Maths jokes



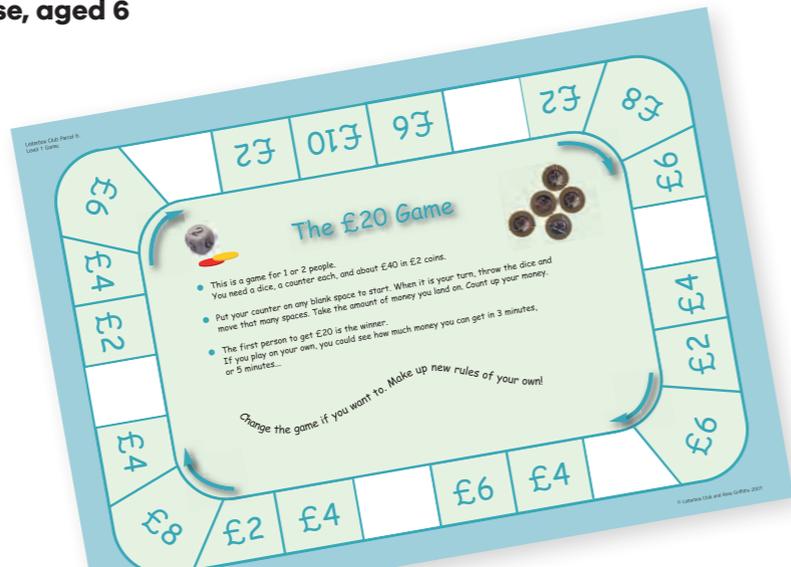
**Why is 6 afraid of 7?**  
Because 7 ate 9!

Ronni-Rose, aged 6



**Which capital is the fastest growing?**  
Dublin! (doubling)

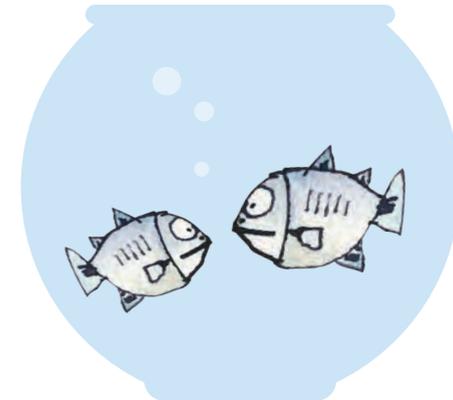
George and Sharon, Kent



# Animal jokes

**Two fish in a tank,**  
**one says:**  
How do you drive this thing?

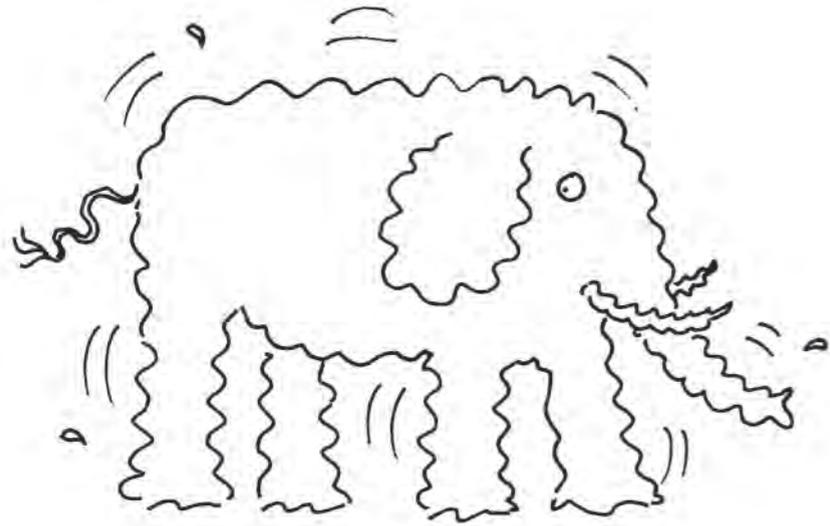
Lewis, aged 8



**Where do baby apes sleep?**  
In ape-ri-cots!

James



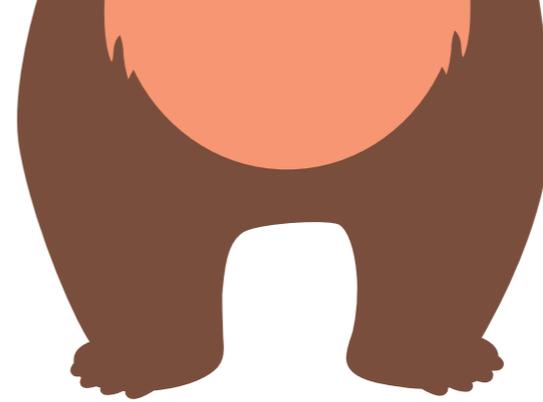


**What's grey and wobbly?**  
A jellyphant!

Mia, aged 6, Bolton

**What do you call a donkey with three legs?**  
Wonkey.

Year 2 children, Leicestershire

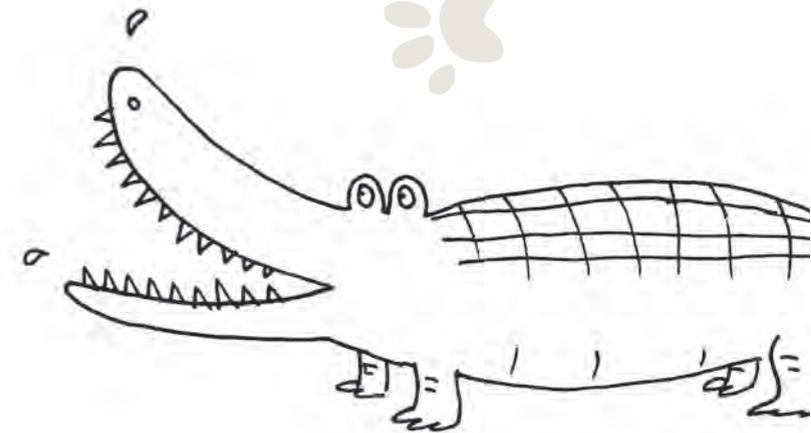


**Why did the bear have no shoes?**  
Because he has bear feet.

Harry, aged 9, London

**What is a crocodile's favourite game?**  
Snap!

Keydon, aged 8, Bolton



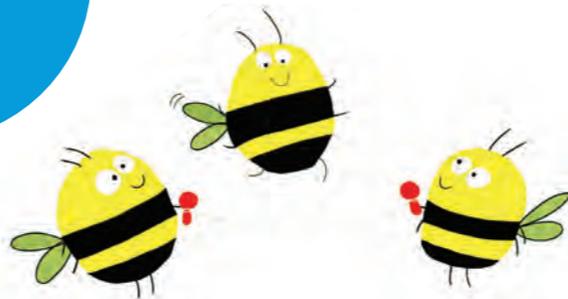


**Why do bees have sticky hair?**  
Because they use honeycombs!

Lucy, Southampton



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**Which animal is the strongest?**  
A snail – it carries its whole house on its back!

Tiffany, aged 11

## Colour jokes

**What's brown and sticky?**  
A stick.

Alison Larkins,  
Bedford Virtual School



**What's pink and fluffy?**  
Pink fluff.

**What's blue and fluffy?**  
Pink fluff holding its breath.

Rose Griffiths, Founder of the Letterbox Club

I have a grey-and-white cat called Jacob.  
His favourite joke is:

**What's my favourite colour?**  
PURRRRRPLE!

Jacqueline Wilson,  
Author and Letterbox Club Patron



# Knock-knock jokes



**Knock, knock!**  
Who's there?  
**Isabelle.**  
Isabelle who?  
**Isabelle necessary on a bicycle?**

Nick Sharratt, Author and Illustrator

**Knock, knock!**  
Who's there?  
**Lettuce.**  
Lettuce who?  
**Lettuce in, it's cold out here!**

Dan, foster carer, Kent



**Knock, knock!**  
Who's there?  
**Interrupting parrot!**  
Interrupting par ...  
**SQUAWWWWK!K!**

Cathy, Darlington

**Knock, knock!**  
Who's there?  
**Britney Spears.**  
Britney Spears who?  
**Knock, knock! – Oops!**  
**I did it again!**

Madison, aged 9, Kent



# Food jokes

**What's the best cheese to hide a horse?**  
Mascarpone!

Katie, aged 8, Conwy



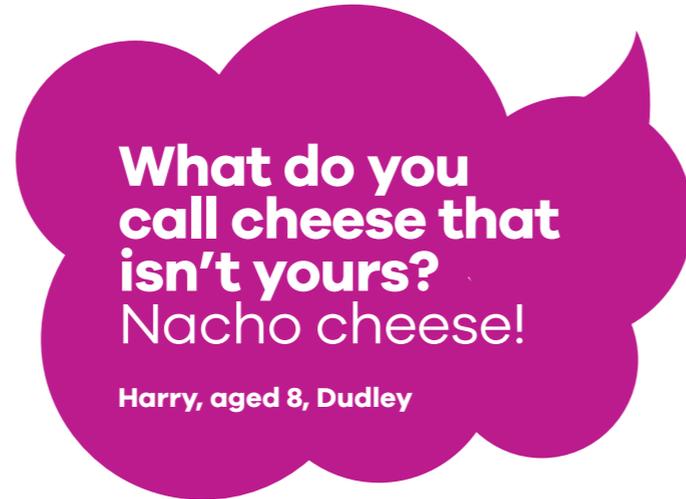
**What did one cheese say to the other cheese?**  
Hallo-umi!

Chloe



**What do you call cheese that isn't yours?**  
Nacho cheese!

Harry, aged 8, Dudley



**What's yellow and goes round and round?**  
A banana in a washing machine!

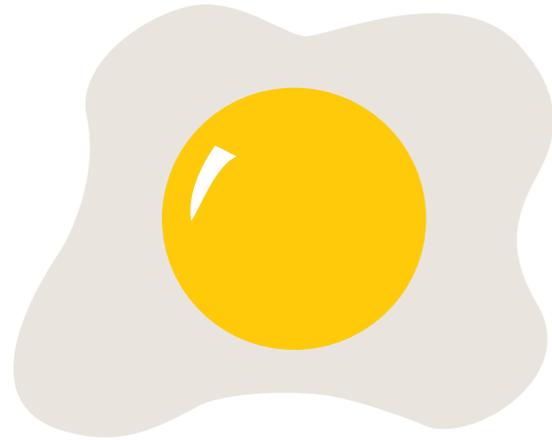
Julie, foster carer, Gateshead



**Why did the cookie go to the hospital?**  
Because it was feeling crumbly!

Owen, aged 7, Bedfordshire



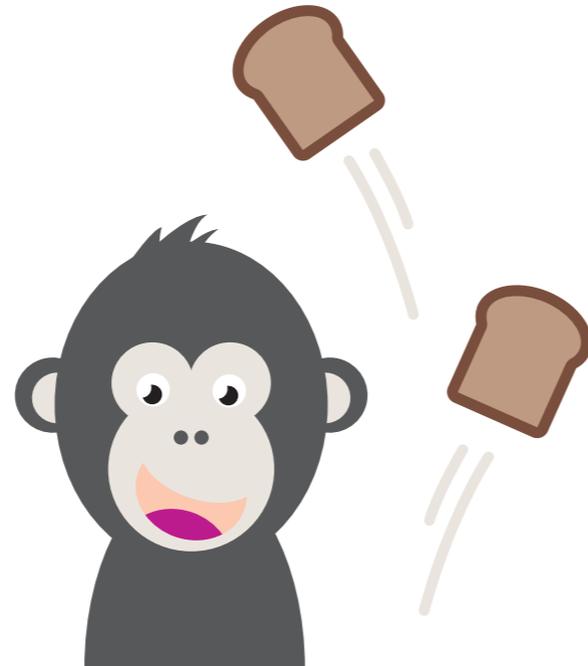


**Who is Snow White's brother?**  
Egg White! Get the yolk?

Anna, aged 11, Lancashire

**How do you make toast in the jungle?**  
Put it under a gorilla!

Tyler, aged 8, Kent



**Why did the boy throw butter out the window?**  
Because he wanted to see a butterfly!

Adam, Kent

**What fruit grows on telegraph wires?**  
Electric currants!

Sue Shephard, West Berkshire Virtual School

HA HA



# Crossing-the-road jokes

**Why did the cow cross the road?**

To get to the udder side!

Rhiannon, aged 11, Bedfordshire

**Why did the dinosaur cross the road?**

The chicken wasn't around yet.

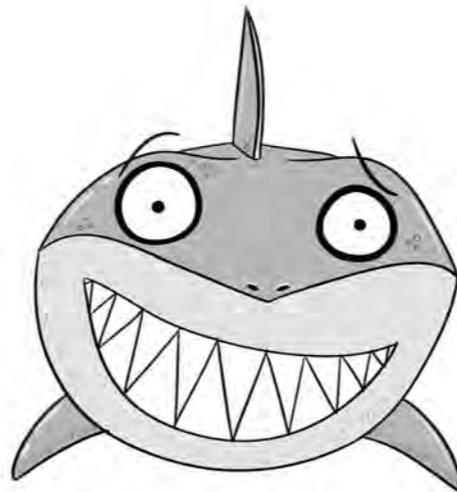
Isabel, Reading



**Why did the frogs cross the road?**  
To get a croak-a-cola.

Jacob, aged 8

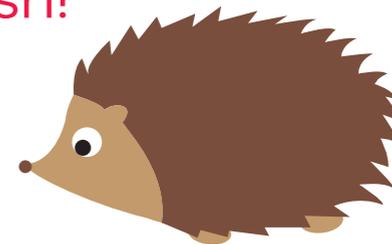
**What do you get if you cross...?**



**What do you get if you cross a giraffe and a hedgehog?**

A 6-foot toothbrush!

Harry, aged 8



**What do you get if you cross a shark with a snowman?**  
Frostbite!

Liam, aged 9, Barnsley



**What do you get if you cross a sheep and a kangaroo?**  
A woolly jumper!

Sarah, aged 11, Brighton

**What do you get if you cross a stereo with a fridge?**  
Cool music.

George and Sharon, Kent

**Why did the...**

**Why did the banana go to the doctor's?**  
Because he wasn't peeling very well.

Logan

**Why did the golfer wear two pairs of trousers?**  
In case he got a hole in one.

Kai, aged 6



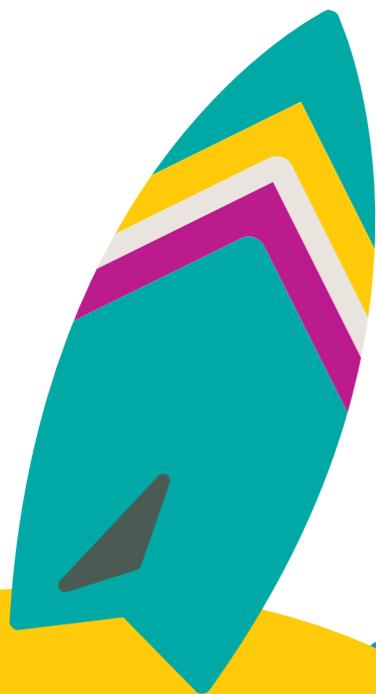
**Why did the runner  
stop listening to music?**  
Because she broke  
too many records!

George, Kent



**Why did the  
surfer stop  
surfing?**  
Because the  
sea weed!

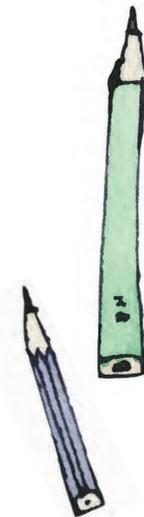
Jaiden, Kent



**What  
did  
the...?**

**What did the pencil  
say to the other pencil?**  
You're looking sharp!

Amy, Darlington



**What did the early worm  
say to the late worm?**  
Where on earth have  
you been?

Year 2 children, Leicestershire



**What  
do you  
call...?**

**What do you call a  
deer with no eyes?**  
No idea!

Briony, Carmarthenshire



\*Grandma in Welsh is 'nain', which is pronounced 'nine'. Get it?!

**What do you call a woman  
with two toilets on her head?**  
Loulou!

Oliver, aged 7, Sheffield

**HAHAHA**

**Pwy mae taid yn  
galw mewn argyfwng?**  
Nain, nain, nain

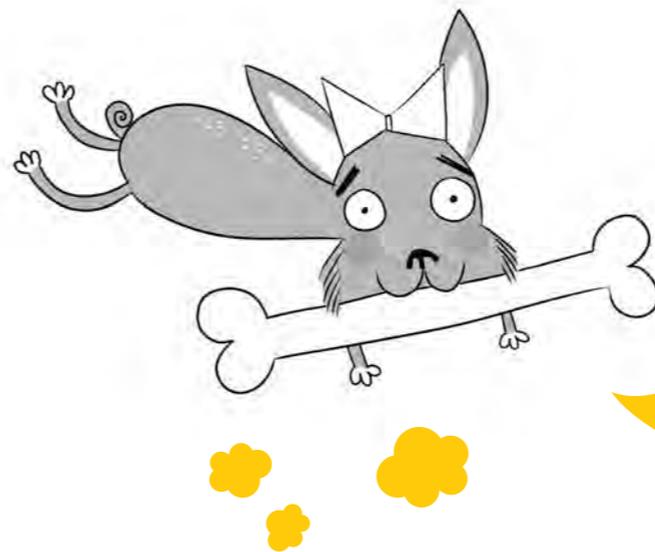
**Who does grandad call in  
an emergency?** Grandma,  
grandma, grandma\*

Rachel, Caerdydd

**What  
do...?**

**What do you do with  
a green dinosaur?**  
Wait till it ripens.

Tiffany, aged 11



**What do dogs eat  
at the cinema?**  
Pup-corn.

Georgia, aged 7

**What is a dentist's favourite time?**  
Tooth-hurty!

Andrew, Coventry Virtual School



**What did one angel say to the other angel?**  
Halo!

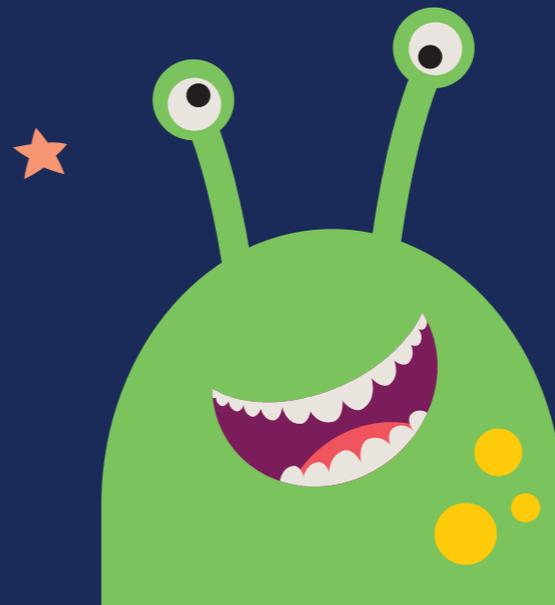
Sue, foster carer, Kent



## UFO

The spaceship is as big as my dad's belly  
It's blue, purple, pink and green  
It flies as fast as a cheetah  
A racing car, a train, a solar-powered bus  
Look out, we've seen it – it's there  
Aliens, tall as the Empire State building  
They're yellow, lilac, green and red  
They shout, beep, bop, scream  
Squeal, pop, sing and fizz  
Look out, we've heard them, they're there  
We got Damien to talk to them  
He said '.....'  
The aliens flew away  
We hoovered the aliens up  
They fell out  
We showed them a sign  
The Earth is shut for aliens – Goodbye!

**Thanks to Letterbox Club members in Lancashire who wrote this poem as part of a workshop with children's poet David Harmer.**



## What Letterbox Club members say about their parcels ...



**'I and my foster carer love Letterbox.'**

**Kanish**



**'I loved all the books and all the exciting activities. You have really took my mind off my problems.'**

**Aaliyah**



**'Damon enjoyed the maths bingo – wanting to play with everyone who came to the house.'**

**A carer**

**'I like receiving the parcels as they make me feel happy. I like the games and puzzles and do them with the family.'**

**Caleb**



## ... and their Letterbox Club books!

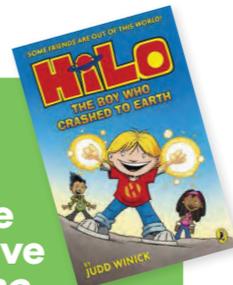
'It was the best book I ever received in my whole life.'

Ruby



'I enjoyed the books very much, especially *The Demon Dinner Lady!*'

'I was really happy when you sent me the parcel and so far I have read *Hilo: the Boy Who Crashed to Earth* ... I didn't want to put it down.'

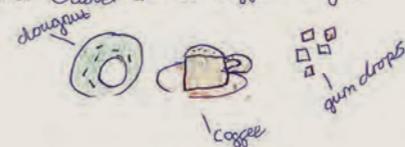


I like Guinness world records 2018 because it has super heroes and hilarious people in it. Some people in the book were brilliant and I would like to read it again. I had no worse bits about the book except the long nails that looked ridiculously long and awful...

Kane



Thank you for my Weird But True Book, I really enjoyed it here is a few facts. Did you know that June 4<sup>th</sup> is Doughnut day, February 15<sup>th</sup> is gumdrop day and October 1<sup>st</sup> is coffee day!



'I really enjoy the books! One of my fave books is *Our World* because it tells you about all the things in our world such as safari deserts, oceans, the moon and much more.'

Laila



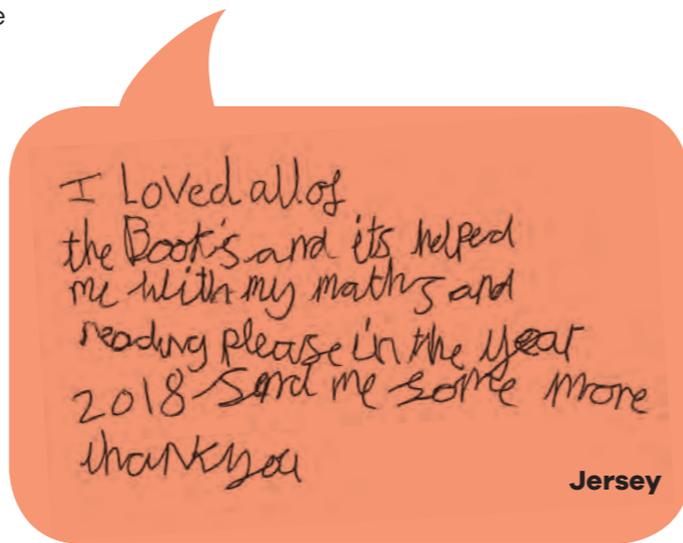
## A message from BookTrust

BookTrust is dedicated to getting children reading. Every year, thousands of colourful, personalised Letterbox Club parcels are sent to children across the UK, containing books, number games, stationery and more.

We are so grateful to everyone involved, helping us ensure that the Letterbox Club continues to support more children than ever.

To celebrate the programme's 15th anniversary, Letterbox Club members have sent us their favourite jokes. We hope you enjoy them!

**Diana Gerald,**  
CEO, BookTrust



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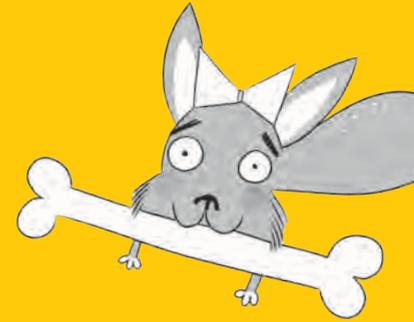
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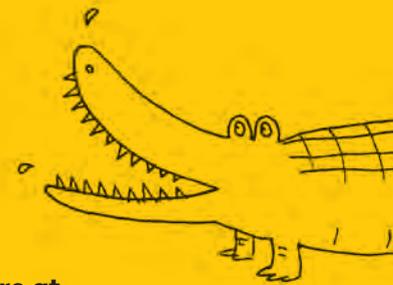
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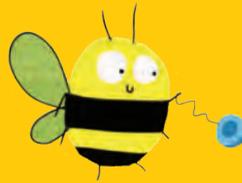




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children and young people from all over  
the country have sent in their favourite  
jokes to get you giggling!**



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