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A workbook for  
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PART 1

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# An introduction to the world of books - 1

1. Do you know these characters? Can you name them?



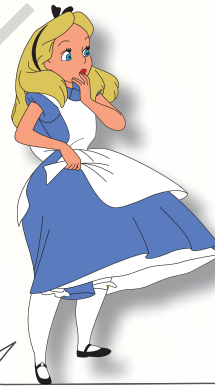
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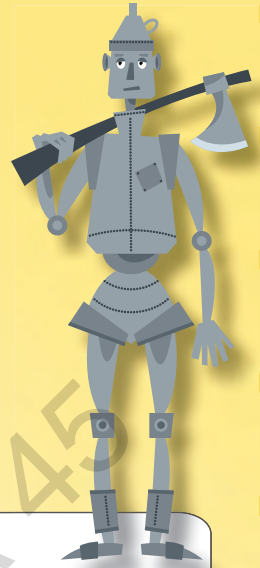
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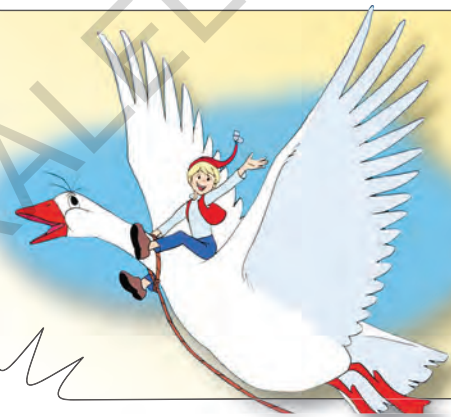
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8. This is \_\_\_\_\_.



9. This is \_\_\_\_\_.



10. This is \_\_\_\_\_.

**2. Complete the gaps with the name of the characters in exercise 1.**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ travels all over Sweden together with Martin, a gander.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ accompanies Dorothy on her way to see the Wonderful Wizard of Oz.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ is constantly puzzled by all the curious things she encounters in Wonderland.
4. \_\_\_\_\_'s best friend is Mr Nilsson, a monkey.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ finds a magic lamp with a genie in it.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ is a marionette, who later becomes a real boy.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ was adopted by a family of wolves.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ can fly and he never grows up.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ is a villain.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ loves eating honey.



# Just So Stories

by Rudyard Kipling – retold

## How the Elephant got his trunk

The Elephant's Child lives in the forest in Africa. He is grey, he's got big ears and a small nose. He is very curious and he always asks a lot of questions.

One hot summer day he goes to his Aunt Ostrich.

'Why have you got so many feathers?' he asks.

His aunt gets angry and hits him.

Then he goes to his tall Uncle Giraffe.

'Why have you got so many spots?' he asks.

His uncle gets angry and hits him.

Then he goes to his big Aunt Hippopotamus.

'Why have you got red eyes?' he asks.

His aunt gets angry and hits him.

Then he goes to his Uncle Baboon.

'Why do you eat bananas every day?' he asks.

His uncle gets angry and hits him.

One beautiful day the Elephant's Child goes to the other elephants.

'What does the Crocodile have for dinner?' he asks them.

The other elephants get angry and hit him.

Then he sees the beautiful Kolokolo Bird.

'What does the Crocodile have for dinner?' he asks.

'If you want to find out, go to the green Limpopo River!' says the Kolokolo Bird.

The next morning the Elephant's Child tells his friends that he is going to the Limpopo River because he wants to find out what the Crocodile has for dinner. Before he leaves, he takes six bananas and some other fruit.

He sees a Python sitting in a tall tree.

'Excuse me, Python, does a Crocodile live here?' he asks.

'The Crocodile lives in the green Limpopo River,' answers the Python.

'What does he have for dinner?' he asks.

The Python gets angry and hits him with his long tail.

The Elephant's Child turns around and goes away.

Shortly, he arrives at the green Limpopo River and he sees a new animal in the big river.

'Excuse me, does a Crocodile live here?' he asks.

'Yes, Little Elephant. I'm a Crocodile,' says the new animal.

'Oh, good! Can you please tell me what you have for dinner?' asks the Elephant's Child.

'Yes, of course. Come a bit closer and I will tell you,' says the Crocodile smiling.

The Elephant's Child goes closer to the Crocodile.

'Today I'm having... the Elephant's Child for dinner!' he says laughing and he bites the Elephant's Child's little nose.

'Oh, no! What are you doing? My poor nose!' cries the Elephant's Child.

The Python sees everything and comes to help the Elephant's Child.

'Pull hard! The Crocodile wants to eat you and he's very strong,' the Python tells him.

The Crocodile pulls and the Elephant's Child and the Python pull. And, the Elephant's Child's nose becomes ... very long.

At last, the Crocodile lets go and he is very angry. The Elephant's Child is free now.

'Thank you, Python! You're a good friend,' says the Elephant's Child happily.

'Your nose is very long now!' says the Python looking at his nose.

'Oh dear, you're right! What can I do with such a long nose?' says the Elephant's Child sadly, looking at his long nose.

The Python thinks for a moment.

'Well, you can do a lot of things: you can kill flies, you can eat green leaves from tall trees, you can have a cold shower with water from the river and you can hit other animals! Your new long nose is very useful,' says the Python.

'Yes, I suppose you're right; I can do a lot of things with my new nose,' says the Elephant's Child.

Then he goes home and shows the other elephants his new nose.

'Look at my new nose; it's very long and useful.'

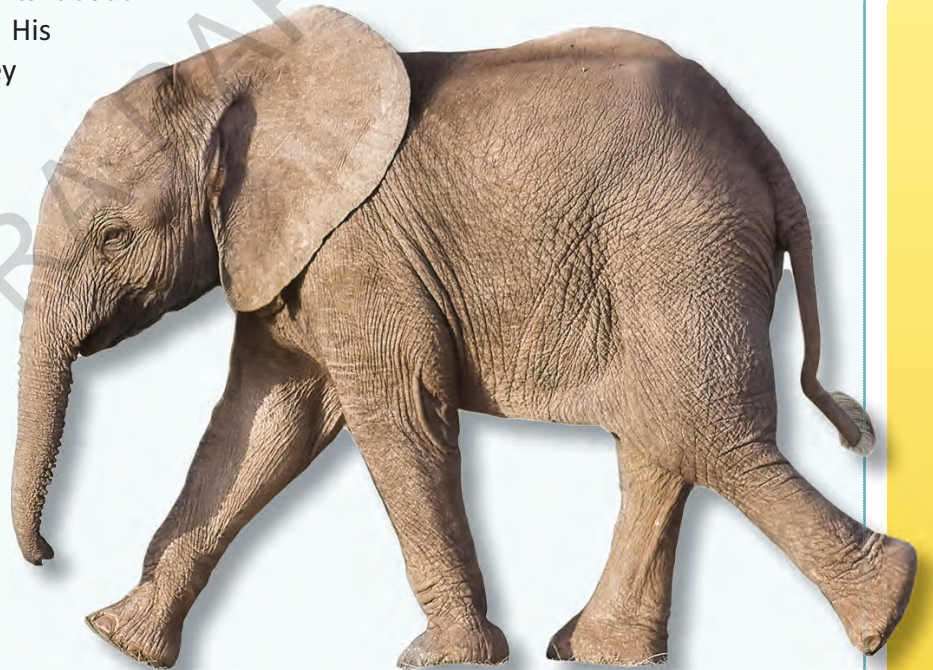
He tells the other elephants about all the things he can do with it. His friends are surprised and they like it a lot.

'We want a new nose like yours too,' say his friends.

'Oh, that's easy. Go to the Crocodile that lives in the Limpopo River. He can give you a long nose just like mine.'

All the elephants go to the green river and find the Crocodile. Soon, they all have long new noses and they are very happy.

And this is how the Elephant got his trunk.



EXERCISES

I. VOCABULARY

1. Match the words 1-10 to their meaning a-j.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1. feathers    | a. to draw towards yourself                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2. useful      | b. to discover                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3. quiet       | c. the plumage of a bird                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4. to find out | d. the foliage of trees                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5. tail        | e. to make sounds with your voice while smiling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6. easy        | f. helpful                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 7. to laugh    | g. not difficult                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 8. strong      | h. calm, not noisy                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 9. to pull     | i. powerful, not weak                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 10. leaves     | j. the end part of an animal                    |

2. Complete the sentences below. Use words from exercise 1.

1. Mark's funny jokes always make us \_\_\_\_\_.
2. To get to the treasure, we have to \_\_\_\_\_ what the hidden clues are.
3. Look! There are so many yellow and brown \_\_\_\_\_ on the ground.
4. Wow! That bird has bright red \_\_\_\_\_.
5. You can find a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ information in an encyclopaedia.

II. READING COMPREHENSION

1. Answer the questions.

1. Where does the Elephant's Child live?

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2. What colour are Aunt Hippopotamus' eyes?

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3. Why does the Elephant's Child go to the green Limpopo River?

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4. How many bananas does he take with him?

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5. Where is the Python sitting when the Elephant's Child sees him?

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6. What strange animal does the Elephant's Child see in the Limpopo River?

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7. What part of the Elephant's Child's body does the Crocodile bite?

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8. Who helps the Elephant's Child escape from the Crocodile?

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9. What can the Elephant's Child do with his long nose?

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10. Is the Elephant's Child proud of his long new nose?

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**2. Write T (true) or F (false).**

1. Uncle Giraffe is tall.
2. Baboons eat bananas every day.
3. The Elephant's Child wants to know what the Crocodile's favourite dessert is.
4. The Python has a long tail.
5. When the Elephant's Child arrives at the Limpopo River, he sees a strange new animal.
6. The Crocodile asks the Elephant's Child to come closer to him.
7. The Crocodile wants to eat the Python.
8. The Crocodile is very weak.
9. The Elephant's Child's nose is cut short by the Crocodile's bite.
10. The Elephant's Child's new nose is very useful.

**III. WRITING**

**Write a summary of the story in 50-70 words.**

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# Free Choice Reading



Choose a **NOVEL** from the *Recommended Reading List* and read it by the end of the school year. Then complete the book report.

**BOOK REPORT**

- The title of the book is \_\_\_\_\_
- The author is \_\_\_\_\_
- It was published in \_\_\_\_\_
- About the author: \_\_\_\_\_

• Setting: \_\_\_\_\_

• Characters: \_\_\_\_\_

• Antagonist(s): \_\_\_\_\_

• Brief description of the main character(s): \_\_\_\_\_



PART 2

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# An introduction to the world of books - 2

## 1. Find in the word search:

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- The name of Dorothy's dog is \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ is Mowgli's bear friend.
- The Pevensie siblings discover a wardrobe that leads to the magical world of \_\_\_\_\_.
- Hogwarts is a school for \_\_\_\_\_.
- The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* was written by \_\_\_\_\_.
- The Cowardly Lion wants to find his \_\_\_\_\_.
- Kai falls victim to the splinters of a magic \_\_\_\_\_ that belongs to the Snow Queen.
- Charlotte from *Charlotte's Web* is a \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ carves a block of wood into a boy and names him Pinocchio.
- Alice sees a \_\_\_\_\_ and follows him down a hole.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ Garden* was written by Frances Hodgson Burnett.
- Anne Shirley from *Anne of Green Gables* hates her \_\_\_\_\_ hair.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Hood is a hero who steals from the rich and gives to the poor.
- Buck from *The Call of the Wild* by Jack London is a \_\_\_\_\_.
- Edmondo De Amicis, who wrote *Cuore*, was \_\_\_\_\_.
- A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens tells the story of Ebenezer \_\_\_\_\_.
- Phileas Fogg travelled around the world in \_\_\_\_\_ days.
- Tinker Bell from *Peter Pan* is a \_\_\_\_\_.
- The name of the antagonist from Dodie Smith's *101 Dalmatians* is \_\_\_\_\_.
- Peter Rabbit from Beatrix Potter's tales always wears a blue \_\_\_\_\_.

## 2. Can you complete these limericks by Edward Lear?

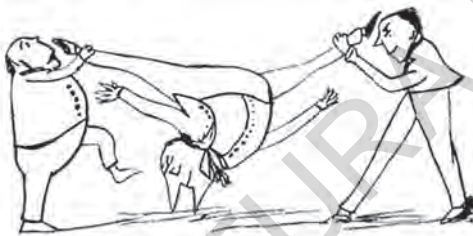
There was an Old Man with a \_\_\_\_\_,  
Who said, 'If you choose to \_\_\_\_\_  
That my nose is too \_\_\_\_\_,  
You are certainly \_\_\_\_\_!'  
That remarkable Man with a nose.

wrong | long | nose | suppose



There was an Old Man of the \_\_\_\_\_,  
Who never could get any \_\_\_\_\_;  
So they set him to \_\_\_\_\_  
On his nose and his \_\_\_\_\_,  
Which cured that Old Man of the West.

rest | West | chin | spin



There was a Young Lady of \_\_\_\_\_,  
Who went by the slow train to \_\_\_\_\_;  
When they cried, 'Weedon \_\_\_\_\_!'  
She made no \_\_\_\_\_,  
But thought she should go back to Sweden.

Sweden | observation | Station | Weedon



A limerick is a humorous five-line poem with a rhyme scheme **aabba**.

*There was an Old Man with a beard,  
Who said, 'It is just as I feared!  
Two Owls and a Hen,  
Four Larks and a Wren,  
Have all built their nests in my beard!*

Edward Lear

There was an Old Man on a \_\_\_\_\_,  
Who seldom, if ever, stood \_\_\_\_\_;  
He ran up and \_\_\_\_\_  
In his Grandmother's \_\_\_\_\_,  
Which adorned that Old Man on a hill.

down | gown | still | hill



There was an Old Man in a \_\_\_\_\_,  
Who said, 'I'm afloat! I'm \_\_\_\_\_!'  
When they said, 'No, you \_\_\_\_\_!'  
He was ready to \_\_\_\_\_,  
That unhappy Old Man in a boat.

faint | boat | ain't | afloat





# Extra Reading 45

