

Preface

This new series has been developed to respond to teachers' demands for a series that follows the style of *Badger Comprehension*, but with simpler questions, and an interactive whiteboard component.

The texts have been selected by the following criteria:

- Range of text types by year and term following the National Literacy Strategy
- Each text is entirely authentic, with no adaptations made from the original source
- Each extract makes complete sense as a page
- Full sources supplied, so that readers can progress to the full text

The activities have been devised to cover the following range of responses:

- Teachers' modelling a parallel text on the whiteboard, before introducing the pupils' text
- Interactive involvement of the pupils in e.g. highlighting parts of the text
- Text level questions relating to fiction and non-fiction text types and their features
- Sentence and word level questions covering grammatical awareness and vocabulary extension

The teacher's books and CD Roms offer all the support you need for modelling the interactive texts, with links to NLS objectives, and QCA assessment focuses.

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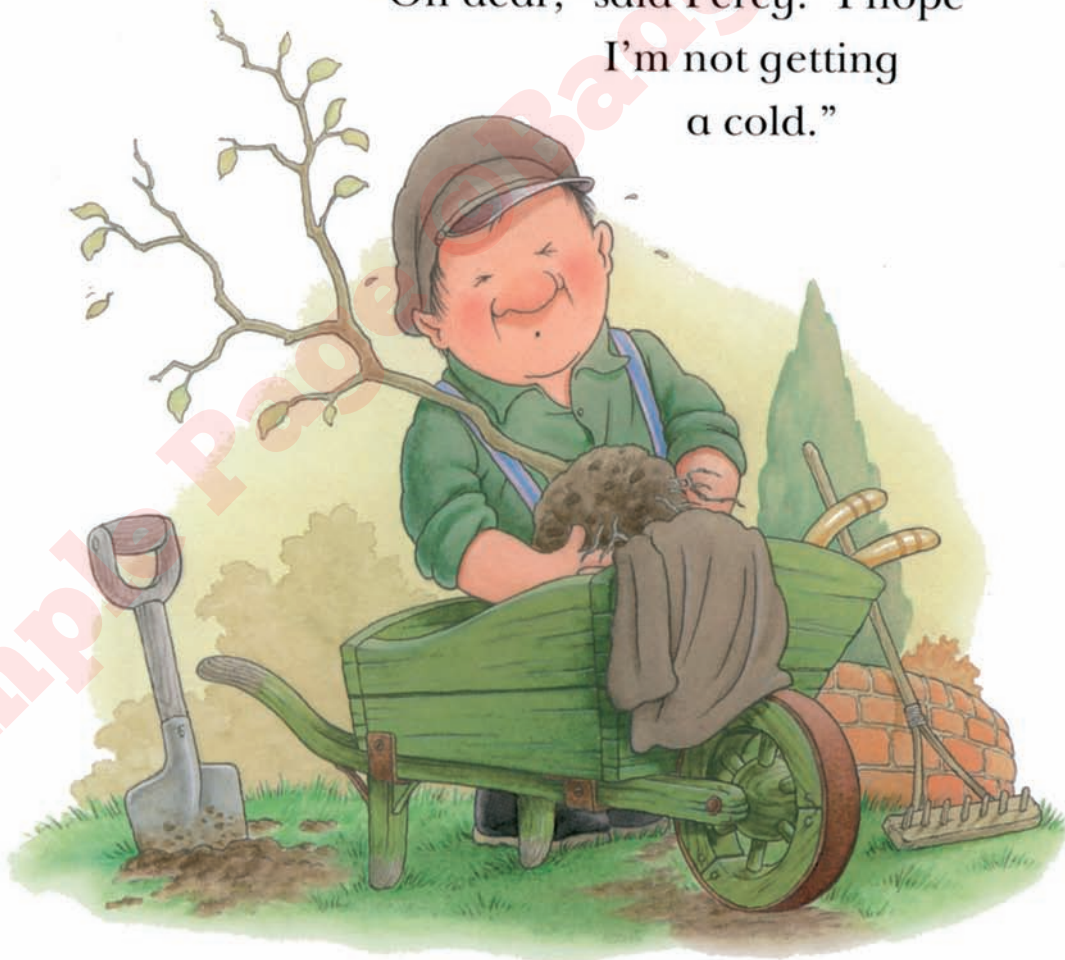
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Percy the Park Keeper

Here is the opening of a story about Percy, by Nick Butterworth.

“**O**oof, you’re heavy,” gasped Percy the park keeper. Carefully, he lifted a small tree into his wheelbarrow. “Still, you’ll look very nice near my . . . aah, ahh, A-TISHOO!”

“Oh dear,” said Percy. “I hope I’m not getting a cold.”





Q Questions

- 1** Who is Percy?
- 2** Where do you think he is?
- 3** What is happening in the picture?
- 4** Why did Percy gasp when he picked up the tree?
- 5** Why does the author use the word 'carefully' at the beginning of the sentence?
- 6** What word could you use instead of carefully?
- 7** Why was Percy moving the tree?
- 8** Why does the author write '...aah, ahh, A-TISHOO!' like this?
- 9** Why does Percy think he's getting a cold?
- 10** What might Percy do next?

Picture dictionary

Here is the first page of letter F from a dictionary.

face to famous

F f

face (faces)
Your face is the front part of your head.

factory (factories)
A factory is a building where machines are used to make things.

fail (failing, failed)
If someone fails, they cannot do something they have tried to do.
The pirates failed to find the treasure and had to leave without it.

fair¹ (fairer, fairest)
1 Something that is fair seems right.
I was given a treat last week, so it is fair that my sister gets a treat soon.
2 Fair can mean light in colour.
My sister has long, fair hair.

fair² (fairs)
Fairs are set up with stalls and roundabouts so that people can have fun.




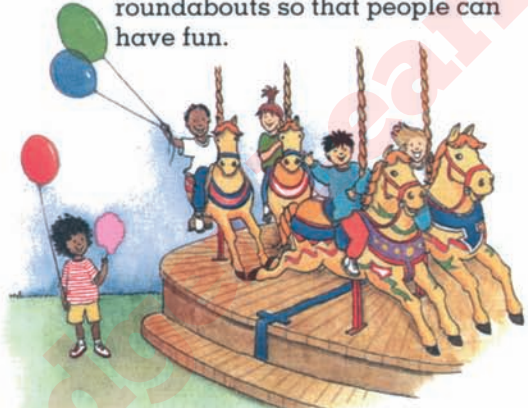



fairy (fairies)
A fairy is one of the magic people you can read about in stories. Fairies usually have wings.

fall (falling, fallen)
When something falls, it comes down suddenly.
Don't fall out of that tree.

fallen
See **fall**.
I've just fallen over and hurt my knee.

family (families)
A family is made up of parents, children, and grandchildren.

famous
Famous people and things are very well known.
His aunt is a famous singer.





Questions

- 1 What is given in the blue box at the top? Why is it there?
- 2 What is down the side of the page? Why?
- 3 How many words in blue are there?
- 4 The words are in alphabetical order. Explain why 'fairy' comes before 'fall'.
- 5 How do the pictures help with using the book?
- 6 The first sentence always gives the meaning, or 'definition', of the word. What is the definition of 'face'?
- 7 The sentences in italic type show how the word is used. Who is described as 'famous'?
- 8 There are several meanings for the word 'fair'. What are they?
- 9 If you added the word 'farm' to the page, where would you put it? Why?
- 10 What definition would you write for 'farm'?