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How silly!

Set 7 Story 5

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Speed sounds

Consonants Say the pure sounds (do not add 'uh').

f ff ph	l ll le	m mm	n nn	r rr wr	s ss se c ce	v ve	z zz se s	sh	th	ng nk		
b bb	c k ck	d dd	g gg	h	j g ge	p pp	qu	t tt	w wh	x	y	ch tch

Vowels Say the sounds in and out of order.

at	hen head	in	on	up	day make	see tea happy	high smile lie find	blow home no
zoo brute blue	look	car	for door snore yawn	fair care	whirl nurse letter	shout cow	boy spoil	

Each box contains one sound but sometimes more than one grapheme. Focus graphemes are **circled**.

Green words

Read in Fred Talk (pure sounds).

noise roof came

sound flour loud round

howl how down brown cow town crowd drown now

Read in syllables.

e`ven   cell`ar

How`ard   show`er tow`el   night`gown po`lite

Read the root word first and then with the ending.

hope → hopeless

make → making

grow → grows → grown

silly → silliest

polite → politely

share → shared

dry → dried

tie → tied

marry → married

shout → shouted

bow → bowed

frown → frowned

Red words

above father son mother some here who
there people water

Challenge words

doubt cauliflower

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Introduction

Why do you like your friends? How do you choose friends? What would be a good way of finding out if you will get on with people or not? Bossy Barbara is visiting Hopeless Howard, who she is thinking of marrying. She soon realises how very silly he is. She decides to see if she can find three sillier people than him before she will marry him. She certainly does find some silly people, but are they sillier than him?

Do you think her plan will work?

Do you think her plan is a good idea?



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Vocabulary check

Discuss the meaning (as used in the story) after the children have read each word.

definition:

sentence/phrase:

cellar

room under the house

"Go down to the cellar and fetch me some flour."

beam

strong wood

He saw a big cooking pot hanging from the beam above his head.

crouched

bent down

He crouched down.

inn

a hotel

She came to a town, and stopped at an inn for the night.

stockings

long socks

She found that Rose had tied her stockings to some coat pegs.

Punctuation to note in this story:

1. Capital letters to start sentences and full stops to end sentences
2. Capital letters for names
3. Exclamation marks to show anger, shock and surprise
4. 'Wait and see' dots...
5. Speech marks

How silly!

Bossy Barbara was visiting Hopeless Howard.
She was helping Howard's mother make
cauliflower cheese.

"Go down to the cellar and fetch me
some flour, Howard," Barbara shouted.

As Howard was about to bring
the flour up to the kitchen,
he saw a big cooking pot hanging from a beam above his head.

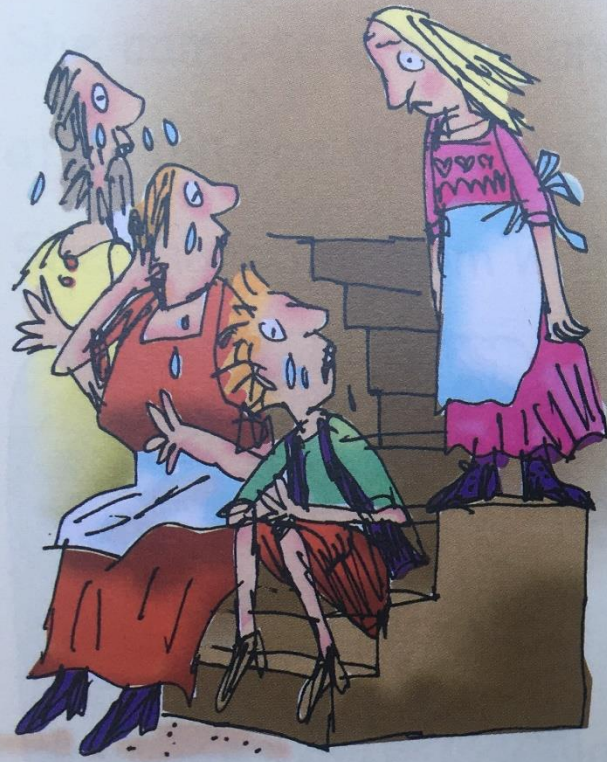




He crouched down and began to howl:
"What if I marry Barbara,
and we have a son,
and our son grows up,
and I send him down here for flour ...
and that cooking pot falls down and
knocks him out?"

Howard's mother and father came down to look for him.

When he told them what was wrong, they began to howl, too.



The noise was so loud that Barbara came down.

When they told her what was wrong, she said: "How silly you all sound! I can't marry the silliest man in the land!

I'm going to see if I can find three sillies who are even sillier than you! Then I will come back and marry Howard!"

Off Barbara went.

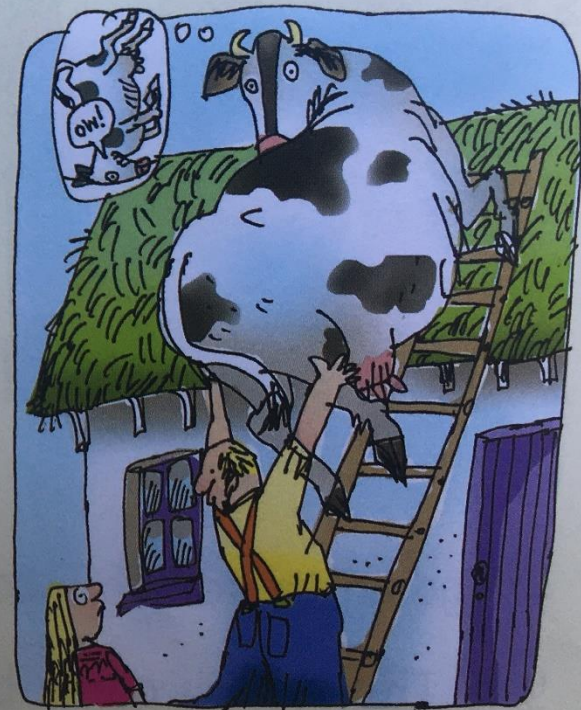
First, she came to a farmhouse
with grass growing on the roof.

A man was pushing a cow up a ladder!

Barbara bowed politely, and asked him why.

"The best grass is on my roof," he frowned,
"so I've got to get the cow up there to eat it."

That was the first silly.



Barbara went on her way.

She came to a town, and stopped
at an inn for the night.

She shared a room with a girl called Rose.

In the morning, Barbara took off her nightgown,
had a shower and dried herself with a towel.

When she came out of the bathroom,
she found that Rose had tied her stockings
to some coat pegs and was trying to jump into them!

That was the second silly.



As Barbara left the town,
the clouds parted and the sun came out.
She saw a crowd of people gathered round a pond.

A boy was dipping a net into the water.



"The sun has fallen into the pond!" he shouted.

"I must get it out - or it will drown!"

"There's no doubt about it," smiled Barbara,
counting on her fingers, "now I have found
my three sillies!"

So she went back to Howard,
and they were married,
and they did have a son.



One day, when the son was
grown up, Howard did send him down
to the cellar to fetch some flour.
And the cooking pot did fall down ...
but it missed him!

Questions to talk about

Re-read the page. Read the question to the children. Tell them whether it is a **FIND IT** question or **PROVE IT** question.

FIND IT

- ✓ Turn to the page
- ✓ Read the question
- ✓ Find the answer

PROVE IT

- ✓ Turn to the page
- ✓ Read the question
- ✓ Find your evidence
- ✓ Explain why

Page 9:	FIND IT	Why did Barbara send Howard down to the cellar? Why do you think she is called 'Bossy Barbara'?
Page 10:	PROVE IT	Do you think Howard and his mum and dad are sensible? Why?
Page 11:	PROVE IT	What does Barbara decide to do? Do you think it is a good plan?
Page 12:	FIND IT	Why is the man the first silly?
Page 13:	PROVE IT	What do you think Barbara would have said to Rose?
Page 14:	PROVE IT	What was the boy really seeing in the pond? Why did Barbara 'smile'?
Page 15:	PROVE IT	What is funny about the end of this story? Did it end as you expected? How would you have ended it?

Questions to read and answer

(Children complete without your help.)

1. Why did Howard go down to the cellar?
2. Why was Howard (and his mother and father) upset?
3. What was the first 'silly' doing?
4. Which 'silly' do you think was the silliest? Explain.
5. What is funny about the story at the end?

Speed words

Children practise reading the words across the rows, down the columns and in and out of order clearly and quickly.

hopeless	silliest	dried	tied	shared
making	cow	town	crowd	brown
shower	frowned	mother	father	son
here	come	their	they	where