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CUFO PIGLET

IS LEARNING

TO SAVE



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A brief introduction

You may have not heard about the deeds of Cufo piglet, Curley doggie and their friends. But, don't worry. Soon, you will get to know them and learn a lot by playing with them.



It's Cufo's birthday



As you may guess, Cufo piglet lives in a forest. It's not an ordinary forest, as it is full of apples. That's why everyone calls it 'Apple Forest'. This suits Cufo a lot because he, like any other piglets in the world, is mad about apples.



Cufo goes to school, as you do. Apple Forest's school is called 'Golden Rays'. Cufo is in Class III C. His teacher is Ms.Swan.



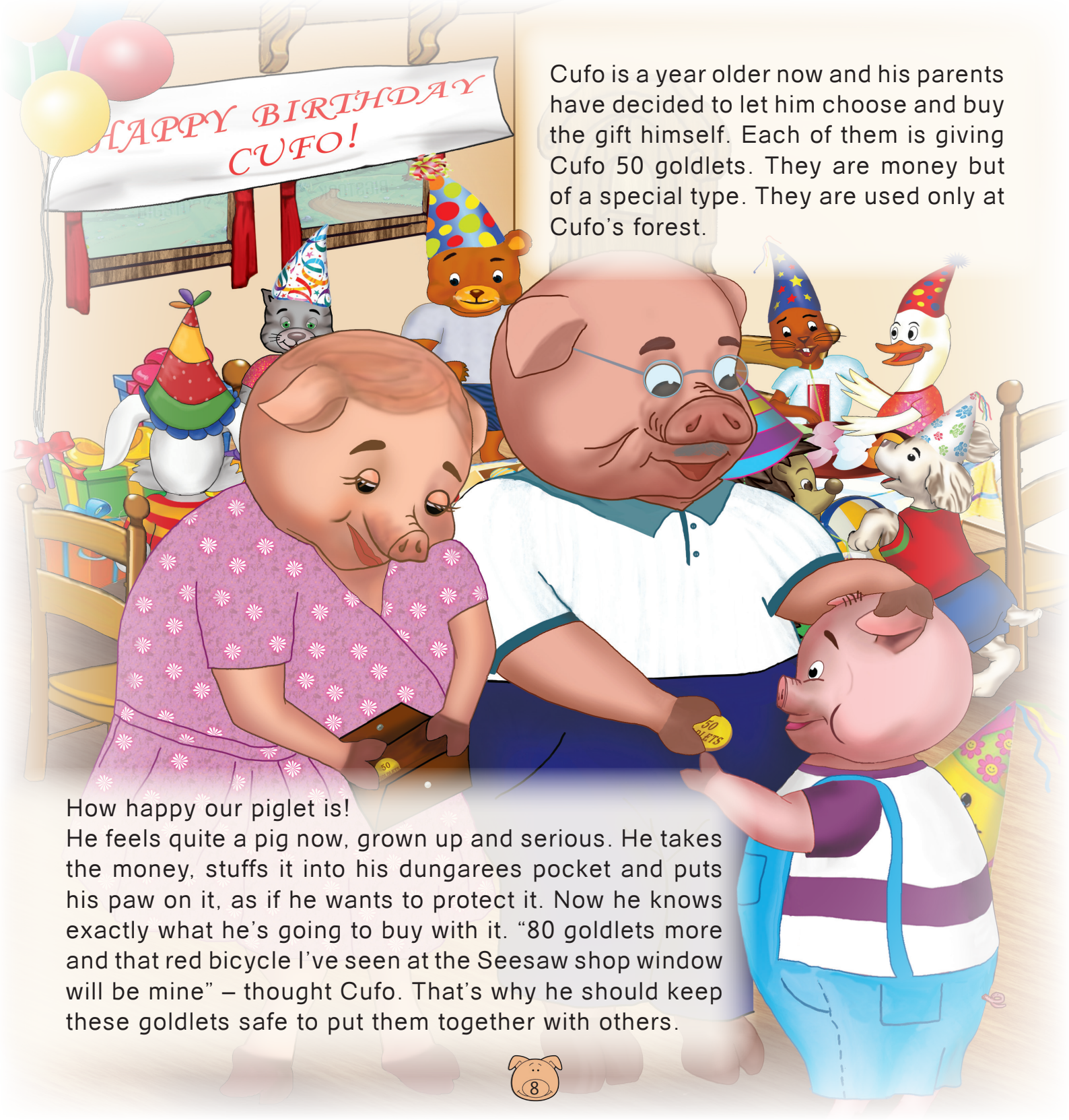
Today it's such a special day for Cufo. It's his birthday and all his classmates have come together to celebrate his birthday.



Cufo's grandma, knowing how much Cufo's friends like desserts, has made many yummy treats. The kids are all joyfully playing and singing.



Cufo can hardly wait for the gift opening moment. Time and again, he glances at the table full of toys and books. But why aren't mom and dad holding any packages?



Cufo is a year older now and his parents have decided to let him choose and buy the gift himself. Each of them is giving Cufo 50 goldlets. They are money but of a special type. They are used only at Cufo's forest.

How happy our piglet is!

He feels quite a pig now, grown up and serious. He takes the money, stuffs it into his dungarees pocket and puts his paw on it, as if he wants to protect it. Now he knows exactly what he's going to buy with it. "80 goldlets more and that red bicycle I've seen at the Seesaw shop window will be mine" – thought Cufo. That's why he should keep these goldlets safe to put them together with others.

The party goes on. The kids go out to play football because they want to try the new ball that Curley doggie gifted Cufo for his birthday. They divide into teams, score goals one after the other, and hence unaware that it was getting late and the sun was setting. Then they hear their mothers' voices one by one, calling them to go home for dinner.



Tired but pleased, the kids are on their way home. How about Cufo? What's the matter with him? His team won the match, then why is he so sad?



“Aww, Cufo, you shouldn't play with money in pockets. You should keep it in a safe place!” - says his mother.

Fortunately, the Shelly snail found the lost money and gave it to him. “Next time, be more careful”, - he said.

Cufo kissed the snail, in spite of his drooling. Ahh, how sweet money is!



Do you know ...?

- Where does Cufo live?
- What day is it today?
- What gift did Cufo's parents give him?
- Why was Cufo sad?
- What was wrong with Cufo? How about you? What would you do if you were in his place?
- What did the snail do?

Find the hidden word

Find out the first letter of each figure. Can you find out the hidden word?

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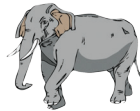
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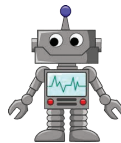
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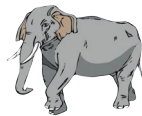


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At holiday home

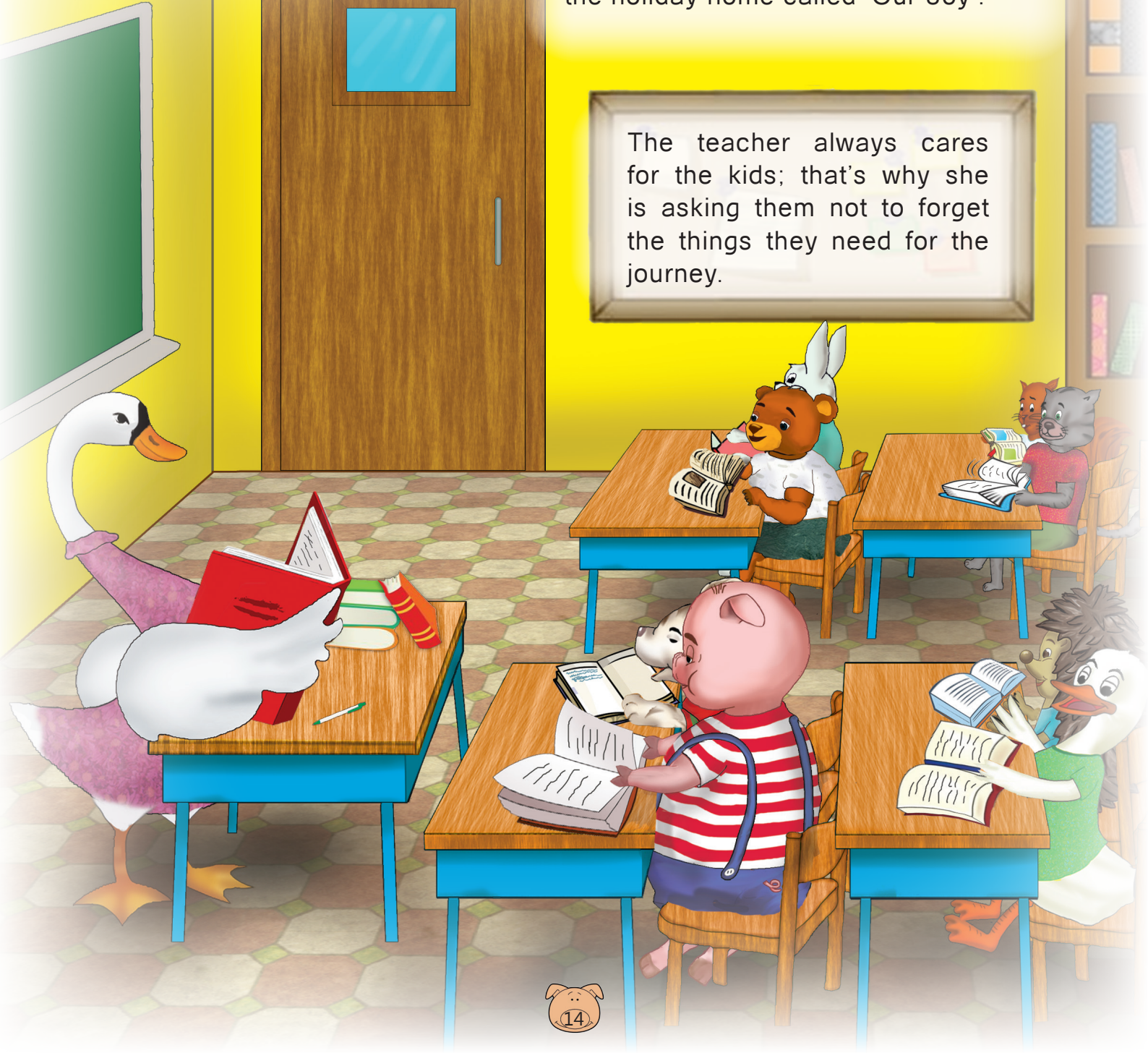




Spring has reached the Apples Forest, making all pupils of the Golden Rays School happy because it comes together with the semester vacations.


Ms.Swan gives great news to kids. They are going to spend some days at the holiday home called 'Our Joy'.

The teacher always cares for the kids; that's why she is asking them not to forget the things they need for the journey.



Look! There Cufo is! He's packing his small blue suitcase and is managing to do it without his mother's help.





But let's see what's
inside it!?

How nice to go on excursion with the classmates! The journey was a bit long indeed but Cufo wasn't tired at all. When he is with Tip bear, Curley doggie and Sabo tomcat, time flies and he doesn't feel tired at all.

Once they reach the holiday home, the kids put on their bathing suits and go swimming in the crystal-clear lake.

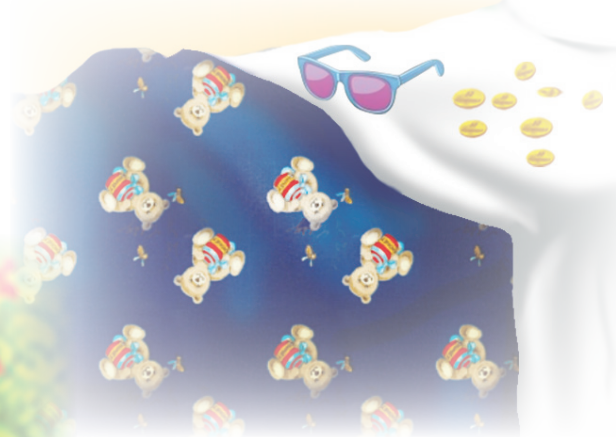
But where is Cufo now? Why doesn't he go swimming with his friends?

The golden sun is shining and rising right over Cufo's head. It's really hot. "Oh! If only I had taken the bathing suit with me to swim with my friends," - said Cufo to himself - "or, even a hat to get some sunray shadow.



At last, the kids come out of the lake and go together for dinner. Oh! Cufo is hardly waiting for this moment. All the time he was thinking about yummy hamburgers and fried potatoes made by the Croak-croak geese.

But Oh no! He has left behind the goldlets that his mother gave him for vacation!



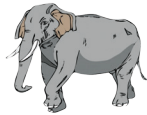
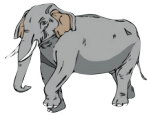
How great Ms. Swan is with them! Otherwise, Cufo couldn't have eaten anything at all. "Don't worry Cufo", says Ms. Swan. "I am sure, next time you will remember to take with you not only the things you want but also the things you need."

Do you know ...?

- Where will children go during the semester vacation?
- What did Cufo take with him?
- What did he forget to take with him?

Find the hidden word

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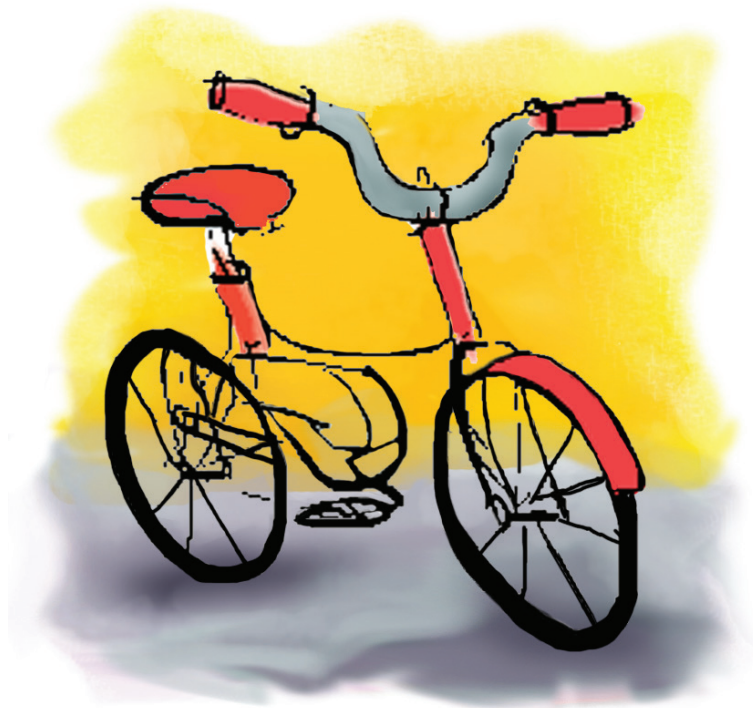
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The red bicycle



“Ah this red bicycle!”– Cufo thought, and stopped in front of the shop window, quietly licking his strawberry ice-cream he had just bought at the Gobble sweets shop.

“How beautiful it is! If I had a bike like that, I would certainly be the happiest piglet in the forest. Moreover, I would give it to my friends Tip and Curley for a ride. But I wouldn’t give it to Thorny hedgehog because we are not that close. And even if I did, with all those thorns he has, my tires would go flat”.



And the next birthday, oh, how far it is! Another year has to pass by but Cufo can't wait that long. So far, he has only 110 goldlets into his money-box: 100 goldlets his parents gave him for his birthday and 10 others his grandma rewarded him when he became an exemplary piglet and helped her go shopping and clean the house.

But he doesn't need 110. He needs exactly 180 goldlets. Ah! How bad! The little pig sat down, took paper and a pencil, and began to calculate how many more goldlets he needed, as Swan teacher had taught him during their maths class.

Look what Cufo wrote:

$180 - 110 = \dots\dots?$

Can you help Cufo find out how many more goldlets he needs? They are so many! Where can the little pig find so many goldlets?



It would be great to discover where parents do find them. Maybe, they have found some hidden treasure. Or they find them on the street, just as Shelly snail did with Cufo's lost goldlets.

A brilliant idea struck Cufo. Why not ask Shelly where money is found. Definitely, he is closer to the land than pigs are. That's why nothing slips his mind.

"No, Cufo, no, hey balloon! Money is found neither on street, nor on lawns", - said Shelly, laughing at the piglet's question. Adults earn money because they work. Money earned from working is called 'wage'.

"And me? Where can I find a wage, Uncle Shelly?", - said Cufo sadly. "I have to find a wage to buy the red bicycle".

"Cufo, you are still a kid. And kids don't work and don't get wages. They go to school and get grades. Anyway, if you behave well and help your mom with the household chores, certainly, she will help you get the money you need".





“That’s what my grandma did when I helped her do shopping”, - said Cufo, happy that he had finally discovered how to earn goldlets. “If I help mom and dad with the household chores, I will not have to wait until my next birthday for riding my bicycle”.
“Thanks, Uncle Shelly!”

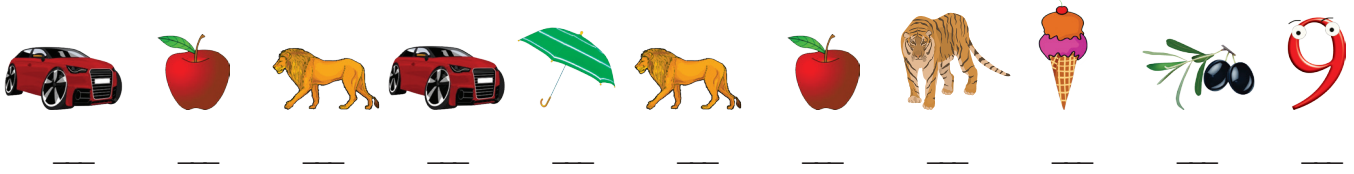


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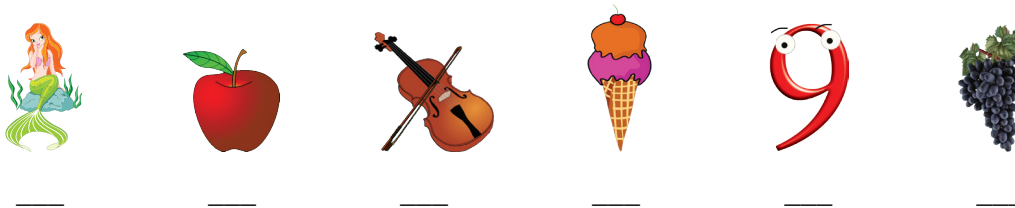
- What does Cufo want to buy?
- How many goldlets are there in his money-box?
- How many more goldlets does he need to buy the bicycle?
- Where do parents find money?
- How do we call this money?
- Where is Cufo going to find it?

Find the hidden word

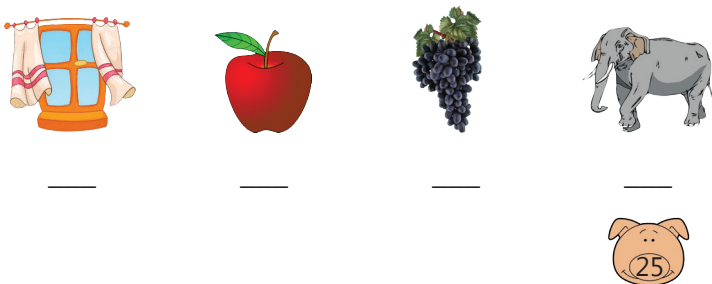
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Goldlets go on vacation



Something really strange has happened to the Apples Forest. Goldlets have gone on vacation so Cufo should find something else to pay for milk at the Piebald cow dairy shop. He is pondering what to give to aunt Piebald in exchange for the milk and finally he got it.

He can pay with apples, can't he! Why can't one like apples?! They are sweet, delicious and aromatic. The piglet takes two red apples like the ones grandma always puts on the table, and goes shopping.

“What a mess! What has ever happened to make all come to the milk shop? “, - said Cufo to himself and hurries up.

“It seems that we aren't gonna buy milk today, with this queue”, - thought Cufo, while trying to move forward.

PIEBALD'S Dairy

Piebald's clients were trying to give her something in exchange for milk. Someone was carrying a packet of sugar, another an umbrella. Moreover, Cup monkey had taken the house chairs and the tablecloth.

Elbowing his way through the others, our pig hardly managed to approach the aunt Piebald's counter.

“Aunt Piebald, please, a bottle of milk for me”, - said Cufo to the cow, handing the apples to her.



“Hey! Cufo, where on earth are you? Don’t you know that goldlets have gone on vacation and will not come back until after tomorrow?”

“Yeah, I know, I know! My dad told me about it this morning. That’s why I took these two apples to you. Please, give me a bottle of milk. Cartoons will be on TV right now and I’m in a hurry”.

“What can I do with apples, hey piglet!? I have as many as I need for myself and my piebald calf. I need no more. But..., wait a moment! “, – said Piebald, on reflection. “I think, I don’t have eggs at home. If you want a bottle of milk, run to Hen, give both apples to her and take three eggs for me.

“Gimme a minute and I’ll be right back!” - says Cufo and hastens away to dotty Hen.

“Aunt Dotty, aunt Dotty, please, give me three eggs because I need them to pay for aunt Piebald’s milk,” said Cufo to her. “If you give me the eggs, I will give you these two red apples,” – he added.

“Red apples?! I don’t eat apples at all, either red or yellow. Since I was little, I have never had any of them. If you had cherries, oh yeah! I would give you even five eggs for them” – she said.



“Where can I find cherries now?”, - asked Cufo, slowly losing hopes for watching the cartoons.

“At Ruddy deer, where else?! He has so many cherry trees in his garden. Probably, he would like your apples. Exchange your apples with cherries and then bring them to me. Then, I’ll give you the eggs. You take them to Piebald and finally, you get the milk”, said Dotty.



“And if the Ruddy deer doesn’t eat apples, then what?” – whispered Cufo.

“Oh! What a mess! I’d better go home and wait until goldlets come back from their vacations”, - he added and made his way home.

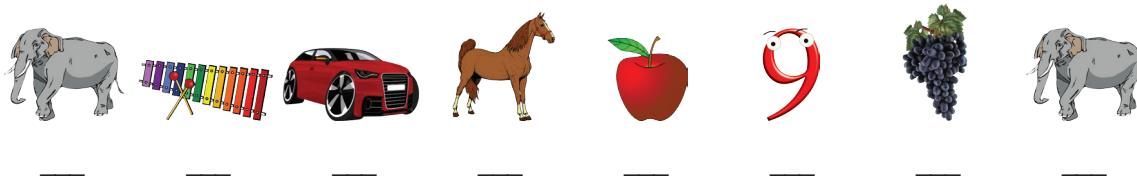
“How important they are!” - Cufo thought, biting into one of his apples. With them I buy whatever I want and everyone accepts them without being picky.

Do you know ...?

- What has happened in the Forest?
- What does Cufo want to buy?
- What does Ms. Piebald need? How about Ms. Dotty, what does she want?
- What are goldlets for?
- Why can't we replace them with something else?

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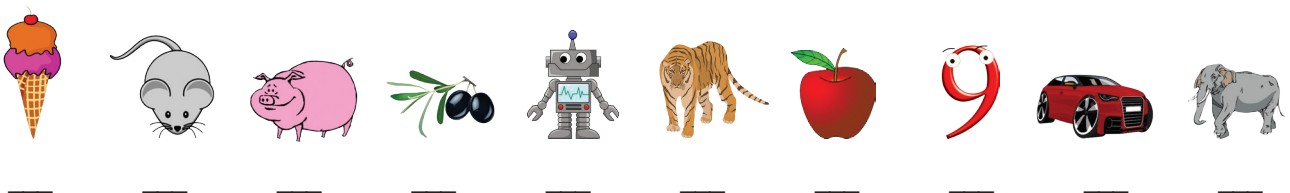
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An odd journey with a sweet ending



From buffalos to ants, all know that Cufo and Tip are close friends of adventures. Once an idea strikes one of them, the other is ready to put it into action, even if he has to go to the end of the world for that.

That's what happened last Sunday.

Cufo had always been curious about the Berries Forest located on the other side of the Foamwhite River. That's what he was talking about with Tip, while lying on the riverside, gobbling blackberries and sipping lemonades.



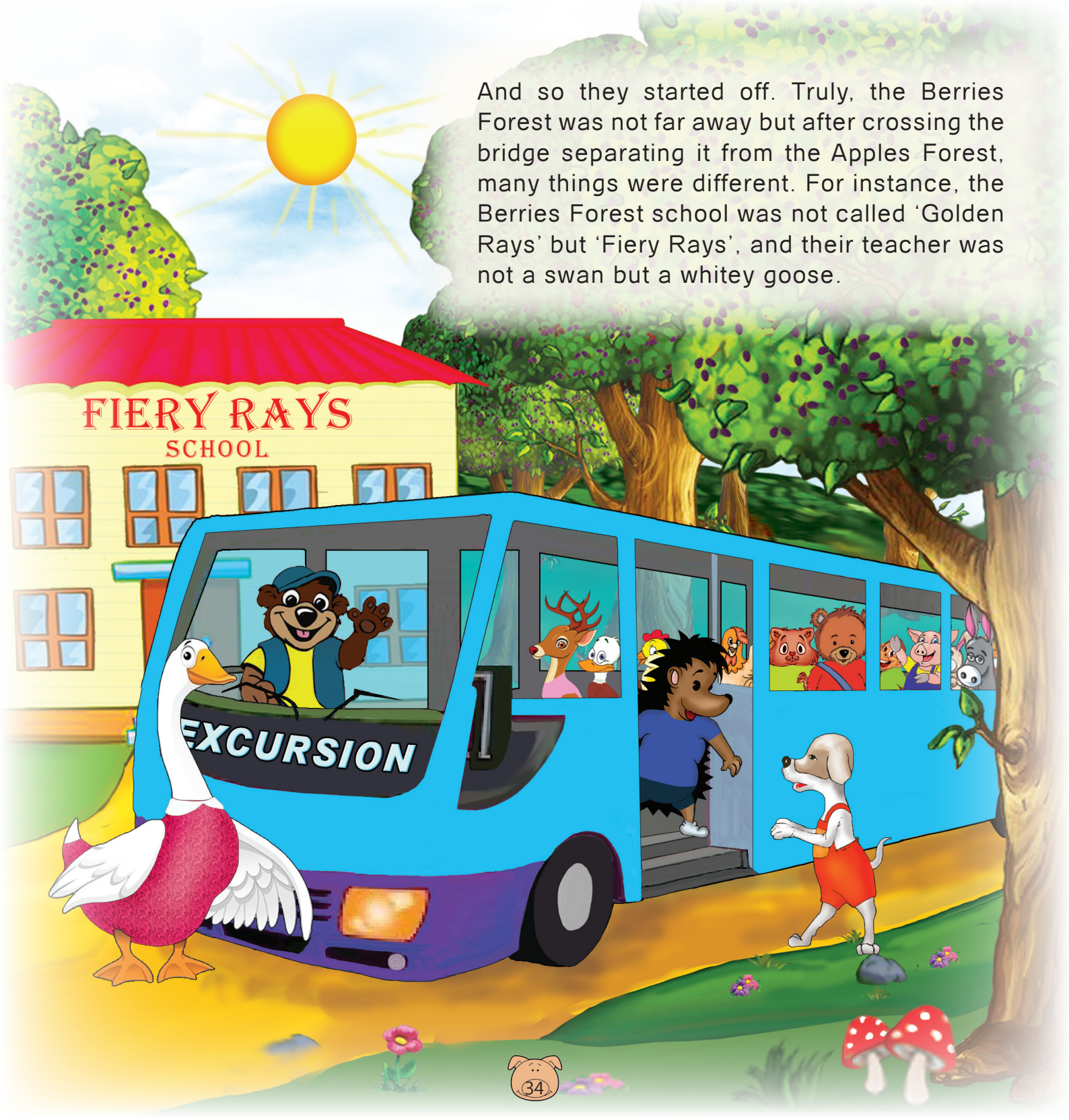
How would pigs of that forest look like? How about bears? Do they go to school? Do kids of that forest like sweets? Most importantly, do they put syrup or caramel over their ice-creams?

So many questions! Cufo's mind was reeling. Actually, Tip's mind was reeling even more than Cufo's. He started up, briskly asking Cufo to go and find an answer to all those questions.

Why not? It was Sunday and they had nothing to do until the basketball match between giraffes and kangaroos would be on TV.



And so they started off. Truly, the Berries Forest was not far away but after crossing the bridge separating it from the Apples Forest, many things were different. For instance, the Berries Forest school was not called 'Golden Rays' but 'Fiery Rays', and their teacher was not a swan but a whitey goose.



However, the weirdest thing that drove our little explorers almost crazy was something else. When they wanted to buy an almond and chocolate-flavour ice-cream, aunt Doe standing behind the sweets display counter told them that an ice-cream cost 2 greenlets.

“Greenlets?”, - asked Cufo and Tip in one voice. “What are they?”

“So, you aren’t from here, are you?” said aunt Doe, laughing.

“No. We have come from the Apples Forest just for a walk”, - replied Cufo.

“Oh, so you don’t know that ice creams and everything else in this forest are paid with greenlets, do you? You’ve come here uninformed, eh?” – said Doe, pulling their leg.

“But that’s why we are here, hey aunt, to be informed”, - replied Tip unhesitantly.

Tip’s answer made Doe burst into laughter.

She explained everything about the greenlets and before they left, she treated them with a cherry-flavoured ice cream covered with almonds and syrup. The ice cream was so yummy that Tip’s mouth still waters, whenever he thinks about it.

Wisely, Tip called that forest the ‘Ice cream Forest’.

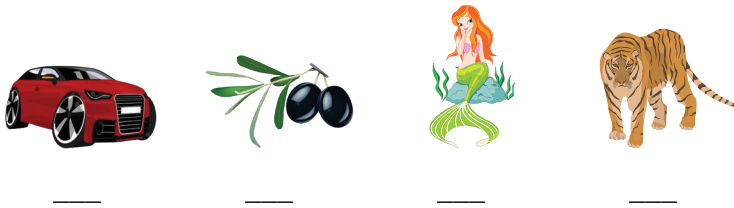


Do you know ...?

- Where do Cufo and Tip decide to go?
- What changes do they notice there?
- With what are icecreams paid there?

Find the hidden word

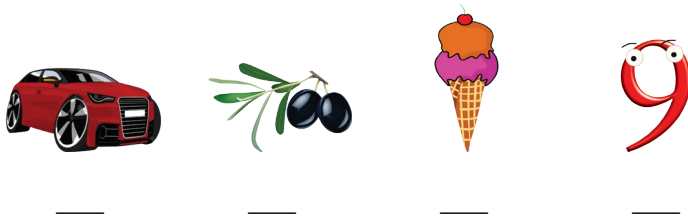
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For Pep Gander's Birthday



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Goldlets

“What if ...? What if I buy him a story book?” – thought Cufo aloud and then turned to Curly. “Yes, yes, a story book I will buy him!”
“Pep plays guitar all the time. As for stories, he’s really lagged behind” continued Cufo, trying to convince Curly, though the puppy was not contradicting him.



Pep gander has his birthday tomorrow and Cufo hasn’t bought his present yet. But now that he has finally decided what to buy, half of work is done. Goldlets are still an issue. Cufo is sure that his mom will help him because whenever it comes to his friends’ birthdays, she willingly gives him goldlets. “If only she were so willing even when I ask her to buy cherry cake with blackberry syrup!”- thought Cufo regretfully. “They are much cheaper than books! With 10 goldlets I can buy 5 pieces of cake.”

Cufo’s prediction proved true. As in other birthdays, his mother gave him 12 goldlets and advised him to be careful with them and buy something beautiful for little Pep.

Goldlets in hand, Cufo headed for the 'Treasure Island' bookstore, certain that aunt Partridge would help him choose an interesting and beautifully illustrated story book for Gander.

On his way to the Strawberry crossroad, Cufo's plans were great but once he reached there, a big obstacle halted him. What obstacle, you would say. Well, the problem is that here in this crossroad is the Gobble sweets shop. Heck! Tip is sitting there in front of it, guzzling pomegranate juice with much cream on it.



GOBBLE

sweet shop

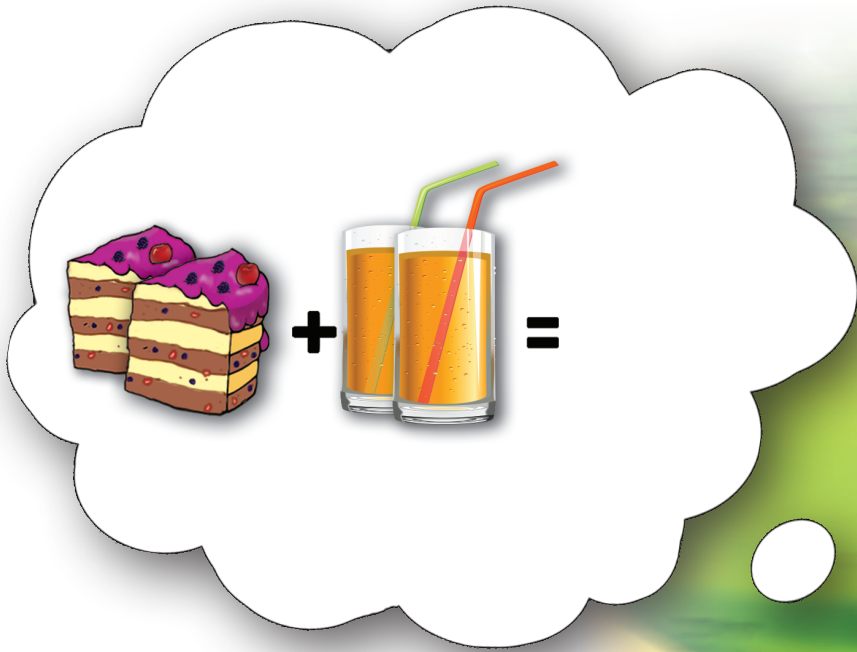
You know what happens when Cufo meets Tip. The only thing both friends like even more than adventures is the cherries cake with blackberry syrup made by aunt Ewe.

Once he saw Tip, the beautifully woven plan was postponed, leaving the place for another one.

Why not spend some time with Tip, his close friend, and eat a piece of cake with him? He had not seen Tip since school end, that is two hours ago, whereas the cake, yyyyy..., since yesterday.

Cufo thought no longer, went to the counter, bought a piece of cake for himself and another one for Tip, and they sat together to peacefully enjoy it. When the cake was over, they felt a bit surfeited, that's why they thought to drink another glass of lemonade, each costing one goldlet.





After eating up everything, they separated. Cufo, with his stomach full, continued his way to the bookstore. Once he entered the store, his pinky-piggy cheeks turned pale.

“Oh, what can I do now?,”- thought Cufo while looking at the storybook-shelf prices. “The goldlets left in my pocket are not enough for a simple poetry book, let alone for an illustrated story book.”



HAPPY PEP BIRTHDAY!

Cufo ignored his mother's advice to be careful with his goldlets and now he can't buy a present for Pep.

Who knows how our piglet will feel when Pep's birthday presents are opened?!



Do you know ...?

- What does Cufo want to buy Pep for his birthday?
- How many goldlets does his mother give Cufo?
- How much is a piece of blackberry syrup cake?
- How many goldlets does Cufo and Tip spend in the Sweet Shop?
- How many goldlets are left?
- How many more goldlets does he need to buy a story book?

Find the hidden word

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Cufo is Learning to Save



I don't know whether you have noticed, but Cufo has recently had some problems with goldlets. The climax came at Pep gander's birthday, when he had spent the goldlets senselessly and would almost go empty-handed to the birthday party.

Fortunately, aunt Partridge found a suitable present for Pep, which cost as many goldlets as he already had - a copybook filled with musical notations and lines, which Partridge called 'partiture', a musical score.



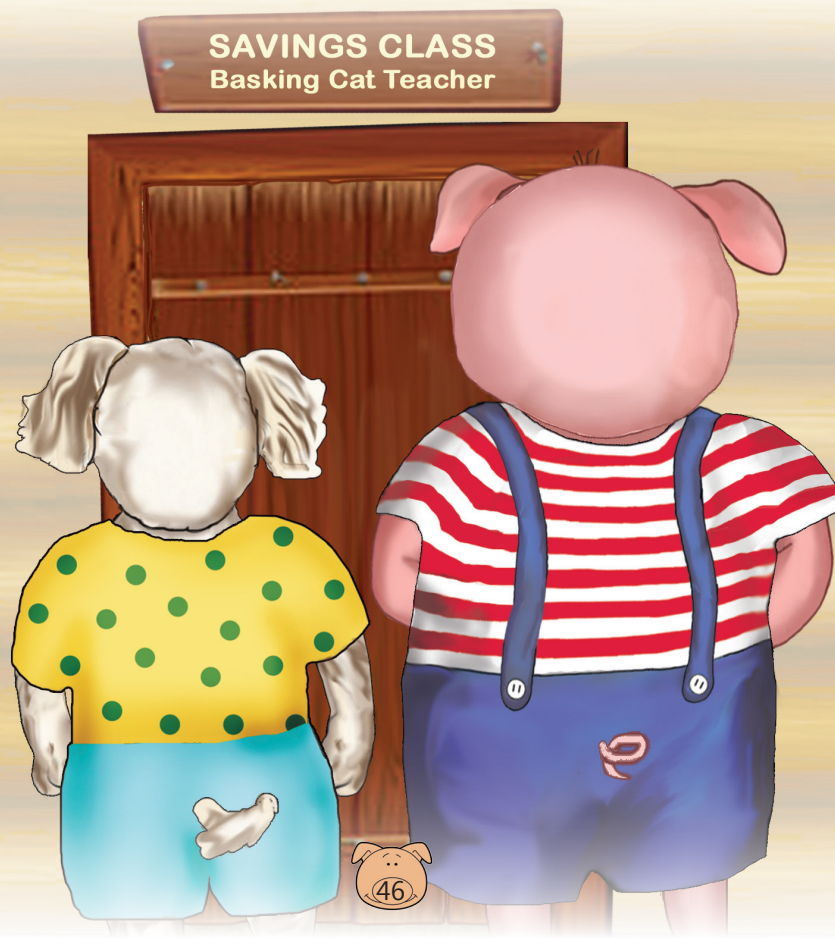
Though this time Cufo escaped by a hair's breadth from being embarrassed in his friends' eyes, he decided that this would be the last time he risked.

That's why he asked Curly doggie's advice, knowing that he always gives good advice.

"I know what you should do!"- answered Curley, happy that he could help his friend. "You should enrol in the savings club with the Basking cat teacher!"

"Basking cat?! Is she the teacher that basks in the sun during the big break?"- asked Cufo hesitantly.

"Yes she is, Cufo. The Basking teacher loves to bask in the sun but when it comes to savings, no one is better than her. Besides, all cats love basking in the sun; they are born that way", answered Curley smiling.



“If you want, we may enrol together”, - added he, trying to persuade the piglet. Everybody knows that Curley loves school. Moreover, he loves to attend every course or subject he hears about.

Thus, both friends enrolled in the Basking cat’s course, which did not differ a lot from the one you are just attending.

Once the lesson started, the teacher gave the pupils an exercise.

They should find out how to save and calculate how much they should save to buy something they really like.



What do you think? What for should Cufo save? Oh! It’s so easy! It’s quite clear that the piglet will save to buy the red bicycle, whereas Curley doggie wants to buy new skates.



They should answer the 5 questions of Ms. Basking to save the needed goldlets.

Do what Cufo and his friends are doing! Think about something you want to buy and answer Ms. Basking's questions!

Don't forget that we do not pay with goldlets but with real money!

The Sunning teacher's questions

- 1. What would I like to buy by saving?*
- 2. How much does it cost?*
- 3. How much money do I have into the money-box?*
- 4. How much more money do I need?*
- 5. How can I earn it?*

<i>What can I do</i>	<i>Parents will give me...</i>
<i>I can clean and polish my family's shoes</i>	<i>..... lek</i>
<i>I can water flowers</i>	<i>..... lek</i>
<i>I can take wastes to the garbage</i>	<i>..... lek</i>
<i>I can clean the house</i>	<i>..... lek</i>
<i>I can set the table</i>	<i>..... lek</i>
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