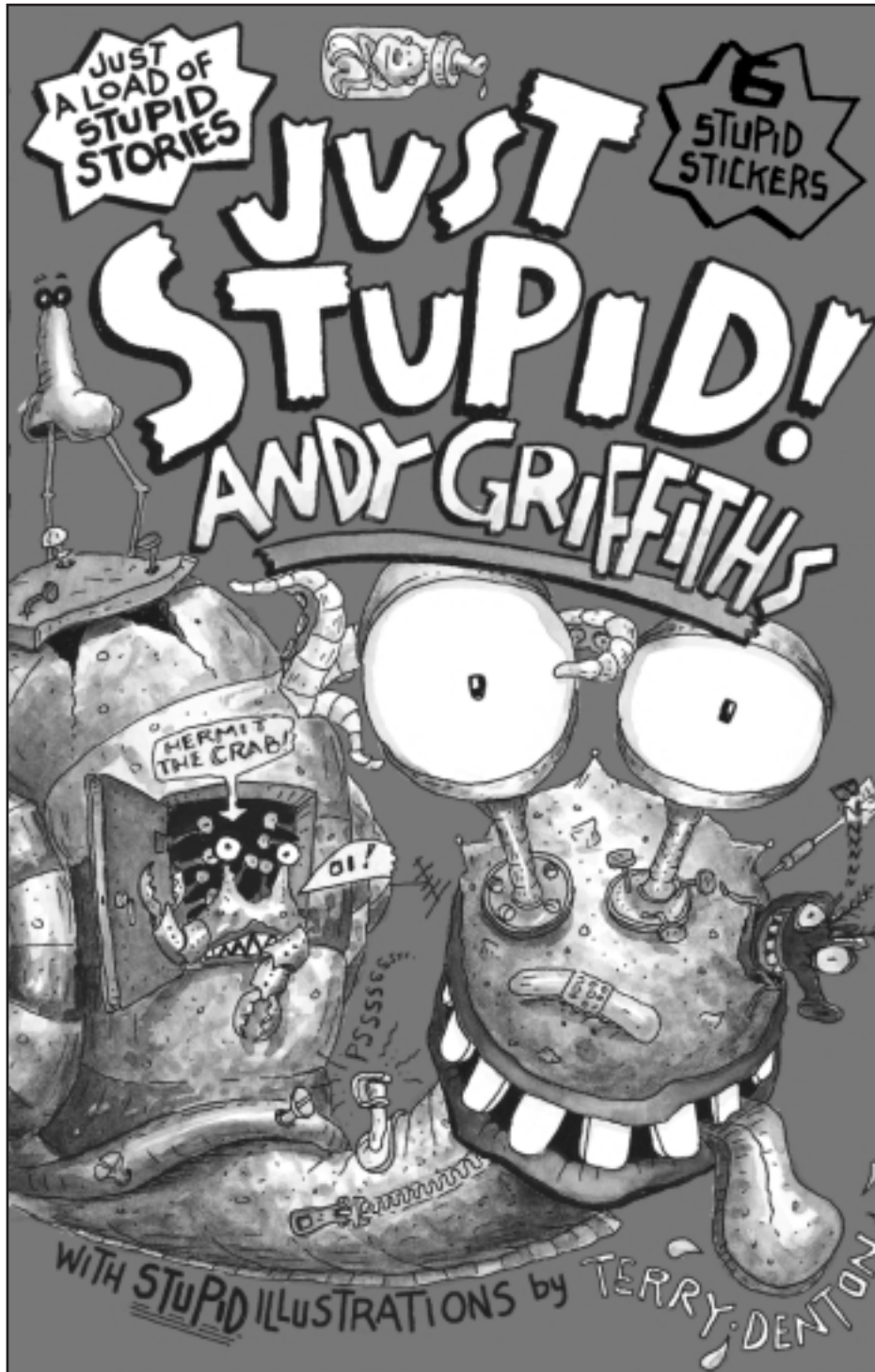




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BUSTING

True or False?

- | | | |
|----|---|-----|
| 1 | Andy knocks over the store manager. | T/F |
| 2 | Andy buys ten pencils because he just loves pencils. | T/F |
| 3 | The first toilet Andy finds is closed for cleaning. | T/F |
| 4 | Multi-level shopping centre maps are impossible to read. | T/F |
| 5 | The hippie knows Andy is dreaming. | T/F |
| 6 | Shoelaces always come undone—no matter how well you tie them. | T/F |
| 7 | Andy tries to go to the toilet in the shopping centre fountain. | T/F |
| 8 | Andy's hair and shoelaces cause the fire to start in the escalator. | T/F |
| 9 | It is not a good idea to drink 2 litres of water before going to bed. | T/F |
| 10 | This is not the first time this has happened to Andy. | T/F |



Talk and Write

Try writing a 'Don't you hate it when' piece. First, pick a situation from the list below, or come up with one of your own. Then work with a partner, or by yourself, to brainstorm a list of at least ten things that can go, or have gone wrong, in this situation. The problems can be real or imagined. For instance, in 'Busting' everything that can go wrong, does. While searching for a toilet, Andy knocks over an old man, is stopped by a pencil seller, can't read the shopping centre map, gets his shoelace stuck in the escalator...and so on. When you have created your list of problems, use it to write a piece in which each sentence begins with the phrase 'Don't you hate it when...'

SITUATION

Going to the doctor

Going to the dentist

Birthday party

Being hungry

Playing in a sporting match

Holidays

Christmas Day

A typical school day

Going to the movies

Visiting relatives

EXAMPLE (DON'T YOU HATE IT WHEN...)

your doctor says 'I'm afraid I've got bad news'

the dentist says 'Oops'

the enormous birthday present from your gran turns out to be a year's supply of socks and undies

you ask what's for dinner and the answer is 'Worms'

you kick the winning goal...through the other team's goal posts

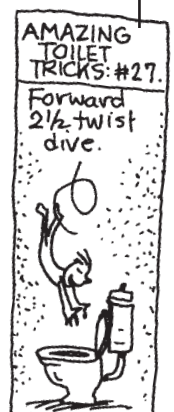
you get so bored you wish you were back at school

all you get from Santa is a rotten potato

you get sent down to Preps and can't do the work

you drop your last Jaffa and have to crawl under the seats to find it

everybody says 'My, haven't you grown?' and 'How is school?'



EXPEL ME!

True or False?

- | | | |
|----|--|-----|
| 1 | It is better to live on your feet than die on your knees. | T/F |
| 2 | Danny decides not to get expelled because he doesn't want to jeopardise his future employment prospects. | T/F |
| 3 | Ms Livingstone ate her husband. | T/F |
| 4 | The thing Andy really likes about slide shows is that they give him a chance to broaden his general knowledge. | T/F |
| 5 | Ms Livingstone can burp louder than Andy. | T/F |
| 6 | Andy knocks Lisa's folder off the desk to get her attention. | T/F |
| 7 | Andy decides not to get himself expelled—he's too fascinated by Ms Livingstone. | T/F |
| 8 | The school principal has worked as a stuntman. | T/F |
| 9 | Andy is too scared to punch the teacher. | T/F |
| 10 | School is dumb. | T/F |



Write and Talk

Create your own tall tale of adventure. Start by writing down the 10 most adventurous activities you can think of (e.g. crocodile wrestling, polar exploration, parachuting etc). Now write a 100 to 200 word description of yourself travelling home from school, but with a difference. See how many adventurous activities from your list you can experience on your trip home. For example:

I walked through the school gate and stepped into a huge mud puddle. But it wasn't mud. It was quicksand! I yelled out to the lollypop man to help me. He held out his stop sign for me to grab onto but as he did a boa constrictor wrapped around my neck and pulled me up into the branches of a pine tree. I karate chopped it, ripped off my shirt and parachuted to the ground. Wow! This was shaping up to be the most amazing trip home ever and I'd barely left the school grounds...

When you have finished, try reading your description to a partner or to the class without laughing.

Write

Write a story called 'The burp that saved my life'.



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BOGEYBOY



True or False?

- 1 Andy knows Jen is scared of the bogeyman because he read her diary. T/F
- 2 Craig thinks Action Man is a loser. T/F
- 3 Jen is not supposed to have boys in her room. T/F
- 4 Andy can't squash the spider because he hates killing animals. T/F
- 5 Craig really knows how to make a girl feel special. T/F
- 6 Jen has a crystal bowling ball. T/F
- 7 Jen drops the rose because she is frightened of flowers. T/F
- 8 The spider is attracted by the warmth of Andy's breath. T/F
- 9 Andy swallows the spider because he has been under the bed such a long time he is starving. T/F
- 10 Craig hears Jen's parents come home and jumps under the bed with Andy. T/F

Talk

With a partner, arrange the following list of common human fears in order from those that you regard as the most scary to the least scary. You and your partner must both agree on where each fear should appear in your list. Be prepared to justify and argue for your point of view.

speaking in front of a group
insects and bugs
death
dogs
darkness



heights
deep water
flying
driving in a car
elevators

Write

Choose a person from the list below and write a short guide explaining how to scare them.

brother sister parent grandparent babysitter

Try explaining one method in step-by-step detail, or list a number of different methods and use a few sentences to explain each one.

RUNAWAY PRAM



True or False?

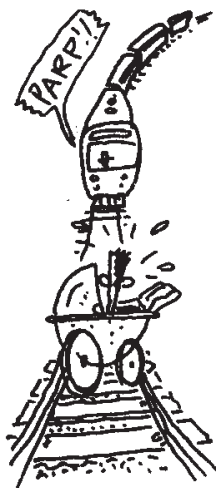
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|----|--|-----|
| 1 | Andy and Danny stole the pram off a baby. | T/F |
| 2 | Danny lets the pram go as a joke. | T/F |
| 3 | Andy has to wear nappies because he is not toilet-trained. | T/F |
| 4 | Mr Broadbent is too busy to help Andy. | T/F |
| 5 | Andy stops the traffic by throwing his Porky Pig rattle into the middle of the intersection. | T/F |
| 6 | Andy throws baby powder on the dog to make it smell nicer. | T/F |
| 7 | Andy smashes through a sheet of glass. | T/F |
| 8 | When Andy gets on the freeway he is going faster than the cars. | T/F |
| 9 | Mr and Mrs Bainbridge find Andy's antics extremely amusing. | T/F |
| 10 | Andy has learnt a good lesson and will never try this again. | T/F |

Draw

What's the worst accident you've ever had? Draw a picture of the accident as if it was a photo taken at the scene. Label your picture to show what or who caused the accident, where the accident happened and what time of day it was. Include anything else you think is important.

Write

Use one of the following titles as the basis for your own action-packed, high-energy, fast-moving story.



- Runaway shopping trolley
- Runaway skateboard
- Runaway wheelie bin
- Runaway hospital bed
- Runaway swivel chair



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FOOD FIGHT



True or False?

- | | | |
|----|---|-----|
| 1 | Andy and Danny show how brave and strong they are by holding their hands in the candle flame. | T/F |
| 2 | Natasha Teasedale eats at this restaurant all the time. | T/F |
| 3 | It is Andy's idea to give Natasha flowers. | T/F |
| 4 | Andy is a hero for putting out the fire in Natasha's hair. | T/F |
| 5 | Dirk Gibson is a bully. | T/F |
| 6 | Natasha has a very bad temper. | T/F |
| 7 | Andy's mum enjoys the food fight as much as anybody. | T/F |
| 8 | The waiter is the cause of the fight. | T/F |
| 9 | Natasha was going to break off her engagement to Dirk anyway. | T/F |
| 10 | Danny hits Natasha in the head with the champagne cork on purpose. | T/F |



Write

Imagine that you could meet one of your heroes. Who would it be? Where would the meeting take place? What do you say to them? What do they say to you? Once you have established the setting and the initial conversation and it's all going really well, imagine how it could all go terribly wrong and then keep writing...

Talk, Write and Draw

With a partner, make a list of the ten best foods to use in a food fight. Use labelled diagrams to show how to use each food to attack others or for protection against attack.

DANGEROUS FOODS:



Sharpened banana.



A lit apple.



High altitude napalm strawberry.



Pineapple (radio-active).

Andy's Guide to Conversation with a REALLY SPUNKY FILM STAR.

#1: What to say:



SNAIL AID

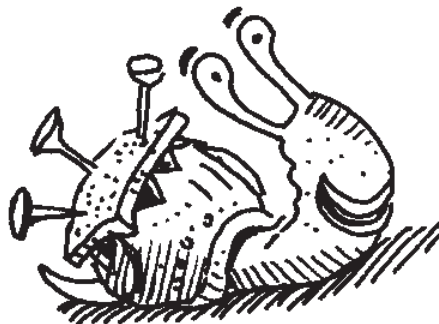
True or False?

- 1 Andy hates stepping on snails because they make a mess on the bottom of his shoes. T/F
- 2 There is a sign in the park that says 'No swearing'. T/F
- 3 The magpie takes the squashed snail to feed to its babies. T/F
- 4 Andy's mother is drowning, but he is not allowed to save her. T/F
- 5 This is not the first time Andy has been attacked by the magpie. T/F
- 6 Andy will forget all about his promise to save snails once he leaves the park. T/F
- 7 Saving a snail is just as important as saving a whale. T/F
- 8 The goldfish jumps out of the pond into Andy's ice-cream container. T/F
- 9 Snails are stupid—that's why they are snails. T/F
- 10 The gardener doesn't take Andy's excuses seriously. T/F



Write

Design and write the front page of *The Daily Snail*, a newspaper written by snails, for snails. The main article (don't forget to write a headline) should be about the snail in Andy's story. Write the article as if you were a newspaper reporter trying to get the full story. Pretend you have interviewed the snail, the magpie, Andy and the goldfish. Use quotes from your interviews to add detail and drama to your piece. Draw a 'photograph' to accompany your article. Other elements you might like to include on the front page are details of the weather, advertisements, a contents list, news in brief, a TV guide, safety hints, a traffic report (e.g. a report on places where there will be a lot of human activity), and anything else you think would be of interest to snails.



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WHO AM I?



True or False?

- 1 **Andy is not really suffering from amnesia: he's just tricking.** T/F
- 2 **Andy's family try to convince him he is helpful so he will do all the housework.** T/F
- 3 **There is a big green skull on the door of Andy's bedroom.** T/F
- 4 **An undies, socks and towels bomb has exploded in Andy's room.** T/F
- 5 **Jen is a real troublemaker.** T/F
- 6 **Andy tries to report himself missing, but he can't remember who he is.** T/F
- 7 **'E' stands for 'Excellent' on Andy's school report.** T/F
- 8 **Andy's parents believe that Andy is not really their child.** T/F
- 9 **Jack-in-the-boxes are the number 1 cause of head injuries in Australia.** T/F
- 10 **Andy's dad is not really suffering from amnesia: he's just tricking.** T/F

Write and Draw

Imagine you are going to make a memory capsule to help jog your memory if you should ever have amnesia. Decide what 10 things you would put in your capsule to help you remember who you are. Make an illustrated list and explain why you have included each item.

Write

Describe your family as if they were complete strangers. What would you notice about them? What would you think they were like? Use the table below as a guide to help you get started. You may like to add some headings of your own.

Family member	Distinguishing features	Habits	Typical sayings
Father	big ears, bad temper	cleans nails with fork	'This is a poor time for one of your jokes.' 'Grow up!'



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DUM-DUM



True or False?

- 1 Mr Dobson's maths classes are the best value entertainment around. T/F
- 2 Andy is mucking around because he doesn't understand the work. T/F
- 3 Andy believes he is going to have an easy day in Preps. T/F
- 4 Wendy cries because Andy hits her. T/F
- 5 Andy hasn't washed his handkerchief for at least three years. T/F
- 6 Bradley is right: Andy is a dum-dum. T/F
- 7 Andy thinks 'ennel-mennel-bee' is part of the alphabet. T/F
- 8 Mrs Baxter is deliberately making things hard for Andy. T/F
- 9 Andy will never get out of Preps. T/F
- 10 Andy's drawing is better than Bradley's. T/F


Write and Draw


Design your own personalised alphabet poster. For each letter of the alphabet, write a word-starting with that letter-that is important to you. The words could be the names of your friends, family, pets; words for things you own, things you love, things you hate-whatever you like. Use Terry's drawing on page 123 to help you get started. Use the space below to plan your poster.


A _____	B _____	C _____	D _____
E _____	F _____	G _____	H _____
I _____	J _____	K _____	L _____
M _____	N _____	O _____	P _____
Q _____	R _____	S _____	T _____
U _____	V _____	W _____	X _____
Y _____	Z _____		

BRADLEY'S
ALPHABET.

A for
ANDY 

B for
Bradley 

C for
Clever 

D for
Dum-
Dum 

CHUBBY BUBBIES

True or False?

- 1 Andy doesn't want to join in the competition because he's worried Danny will beat him. T/F
- 2 Lisa has served marshmallows at the party for her guests to play with. T/F
- 3 Andy believes in palm-reading. T/F
- 4 Andy gets sick because the marshmallows are past their use-by date. T/F
- 5 Danny is a millionaire. T/F
- 6 'Thebentee ubby ubbas' translates as seventy chubby bubbies. T/F
- 7 Andy keeps up with Danny by hiding extra marshmallows in his underpants. T/F
- 8 Lisa knows that Andy has drawn on the book but she doesn't let on. T/F
- 9 Only idiots stuff their mouths so full of food that they can't swallow. T/F
- 10 Andy froths at the mouth because he has rabies. T/F

Write

At the end of the story Lisa challenges Andy to a new marshmallow mouth-stuffing contest. Have a competition between the members of your class to see who can write the most entertaining 100 to 200 word description of what happens next. Does Andy take up the challenge? If so, can he beat Lisa or does Lisa get the better of him? Does one of them get so carried away that they explode? Do they fall in love? Does something else happen that nobody was expecting? You decide! Use the two last lines of the story as the opening paragraph of yours. Have fun.

Lisa puts the marshmallow into her mouth without taking her eyes from mine.

'One Chubby Bubby,' she says.



THINGS YOU
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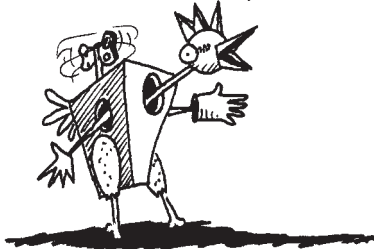
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