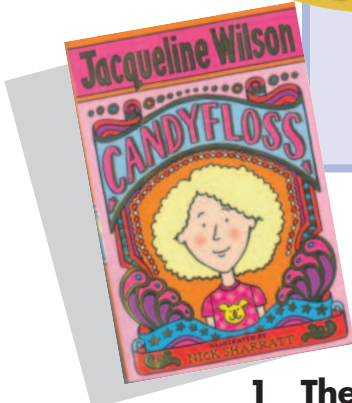


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Let's Read!

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National Children's Book Week is an event in the first week of October in Great Britain. Authors go to schools around Britain to talk about reading and books. There are also lots of fun book activities in libraries and bookshops.

Jacqueline Wilson is the writer of many successful children's books. She often writes about difficult family situations.

1 The text below is from *Candyfloss*, a story about Floss, a girl who goes to live with her father. In the text, she and her new friend, Susan, are in the school library, building houses with books.



We sat cross-legged on the library floor while Susan built me a book house. I copied her, and then started making an elaborate tall block of flats. We turned our fingers into people and made them walk in between the houses and climb all the stairs to the high rooftop of the flats. Then the library door opened suddenly and we both got such a fright that we jumped, and the book block of flats juddered and fell to the ground with a great clatter and crash. (*Candyfloss*: p. 199)



2 What happens next? Write two sentences. Then read them to another student.

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Jacqueline Wilson

3 Read Jacqueline Wilson's answers to the interview below then write the correct question from the list on page 5.

Q1:
I was born in Bath in Somerset.

Q2:
I loved an American book called *Nancy and Plum* about two sisters.

Q3:
When I was about 6 years old.



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Q4:
Yes, I was a journalist.

Q5:
I think my favourite book is *The Illustrated Mum*.

Q6:
A girl called Chris. We ' re still friends.

- A Who was your best friend at school?
- B Which is your favourite out of all of your books?
- C What was your favourite book as a child?
- D Where were you born?
- E Did you have another job before you were a writer?
- F When did you start to write?

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The Children’s Laureate

In Britain there is a Children’s Laureate – a famous writer who promotes children’s books and reading. He or she is Laureate for two years. Writers Quentin Blake, Anne Fine, Michael Morpurgo and Jacqueline Wilson were all the Children’s Laureate. The current Laureate is Michael Rosen.



4 Listen to Tim talking about his favourite book, *Stig of the Dump* by Clive King. Complete the details in the review below.

Title: <i>Stig of the Dump</i>	Author:
Characters: Lou, Barney,	Story:
Highlight:
My opinion of the book: /5	Weak bit:

Extra Practice 1

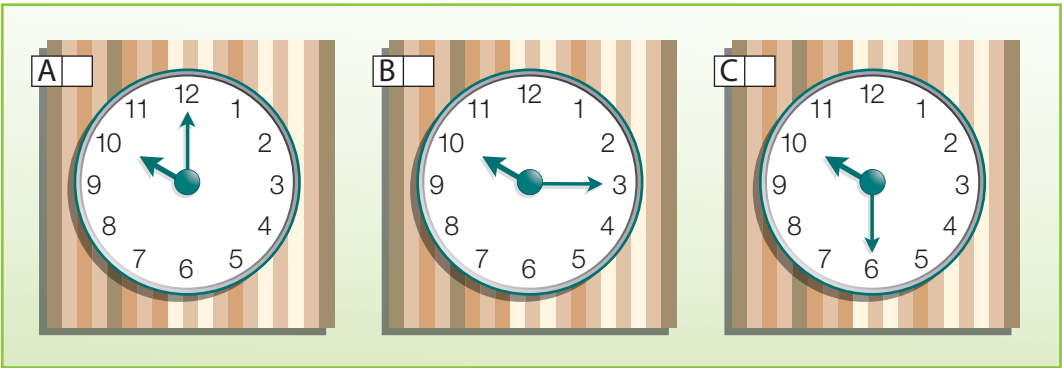
1 What can you remember? Answer the questions about the text on page 4.

- 1 Where were Floss and Susan?
- 2 What were their fingers?
- 3 Were they scared when the door opened?.....
- 4 What happened to the book block of flats?

2 Complete the dialogue between Floss and her teacher. Use the Past simple form of *be*.


Teacher Where ¹..... you at lunchtime?
Floss I ²..... in the library with Susan.
Teacher There ³..... a lot of books on the floor afterwards.
Floss We made a block of flats with some books.
It ⁴..... very tall.
Teacher ⁵..... you two alone in the library?
Floss Yes, we ⁶..... .

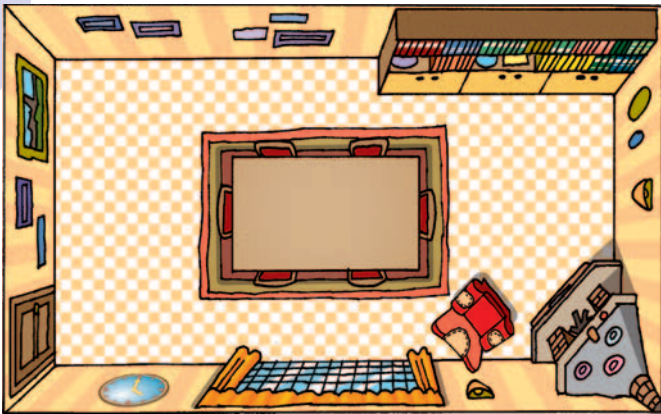
3 There was a murder in Killer Castle last night. What time do you think it happened? Tick (✓) one of the clocks below.



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- 4** Now listen, check your answer, then mark the movements of Captain Night and the murderer on the picture.



- 5** There were three people in Killer Castle on the night of the murder. Complete their alibis with the correct past tenses.

Colonel Red

I ¹..... (be) in the library all evening. I ²..... (not be) with Captain Night. I ³..... (speak) to my wife on my mobile phone at 22:15 for 15 minutes. At the end of the call, I ⁴..... (hear) shots in the living room. When I ⁵..... (arrive) Captain Night ⁶..... (be) dead.

Sheila Shock

I ¹..... (be) in my bedroom all evening because I ²..... (have) a headache. I ³..... (fall) asleep at 9 o'clock and, 15 minutes later, the shots ⁴..... (wake) me up. When I ⁵..... (go) downstairs I ⁶..... (see) Captain Night's body in the dining room. He ⁷..... (be) dead.

Freddy Fear

I ¹..... (be) in the kitchen at 22:30 when the murder ²..... (take) place. I ³..... (hear) the shots and I ⁴..... (run) to the living room. Colonel Red ⁵..... (be) already there. We ⁶..... (see) Captain Night on the floor. I ⁷..... (stay) with Captain Night, and Colonel Red ⁸..... (go) to the hall to phone the police.

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- 6** Who is the murderer? Think about time and place and write their name here. Listen and check your answer.

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- 7** Work in groups of four. One of you is the detective, the other three are the characters from Exercise 4. The detective must interview each person about the murder. Start like this.

Detective: Colonel Red. Where were you between ten and ten thirty pm yesterday evening?
Colonel Red: I was ...