

1- Questions

Grammar

I bought some new trainers last week as mine were becoming really old.

1. Write the present tense verb for 'bought'.
2. Identify the determiner.
3. Re-write with a fronted adverbial created using words in the sentence.
4. Identify the subordinate clause.
5. Which words show the past progressive tense.
6. Replace the last adjective with a synonym.



For breakfast my least favourite meal of the day I had eaten a huge bowl of porridge.

1. Add brackets. Explain why they're needed.
2. What punctuation could replace the brackets?
3. Identify the adverbial phrase.
4. Which words show the present perfect tense?
5. Identify the longest possible expanded noun phrase.
6. Write a question you could ask about the breakfast.



My new baby cousin (called Aurora) is waking me up.

1. Add a fronted adverbial to the main clause.
2. What word class is 'baby'?
3. Change the parenthesis to a relative clause.
4. What relative pronoun did you use?
5. Which word shows the present progressive tense?
6. Change into the past progressive tense.



Wash your hands before the meal! exclaimed Mum as she gave me that look I dreaded.

1. Add inverted commas to the direct speech.
2. Identify a command.
3. Is the word 'before' used as a preposition or a conjunction?
4. Explain how you know.
5. Who does the pronoun 'she' refer to?
6. Identify the determiners.



The boys coat was ripped because Jane accidentally pulled it when playing tig.

1. Add a missing apostrophe.
2. Re-write the sentence to show there was more than one boy and more than one ripped coat.
3. Which word determines the tense in the main clause?
4. Identify the conjunction.
5. Is the conjunction co-ordinating or subordinating?
6. Identify the adverb.



1 - Answers

I bought some new trainers last week as mine were becoming really old.

1. buy
2. some
3. Last week, I bought some new trainers as mine were becoming really old.
4. as mine were becoming really old
5. were becoming
6. **Various possibilities:** worn, shabby, tatty etc...

Answers

For breakfast my least favourite meal of the day I had eaten a huge bowl of porridge.

1. (my least favourite meal of the day)
The brackets show parenthesis or extra information.
2. commas, dashes
3. For breakfast
4. had eaten
5. my least favourite meal of the day
6. **Various possibilities e.g.** Why is breakfast your least favourite meal?

Answers

My new baby cousin (called Aurora) is waking me up.

1. **Various possibilities:** Annoyingly, / Every night,
2. adjective
3. (who is called Aurora)
4. who
5. is waking
6. My new baby cousin (called Aurora) was waking me up.

Answers

Wash your hands before the meal! exclaimed Mum as she gave me that look I dreaded.

1. "Wash your hands before the meal!"
2. Wash your hands before the meal
3. preposition
4. It is a preposition because 'before the meal' doesn't contain a verb.
5. Mum
6. your, the, that

Answers

The boys coat was ripped because Jane accidentally pulled it when playing tig.

1. The boy's coat → only one coat, so one boy
2. The boys' coats were ripped...
3. was
4. because
5. subordinating
6. accidentally

Answers

2 - Questions

Grammar

"It is imperative you brush your teeth before you go to bed, Dad informed us as we devoured chocolate on the sofa."

1. Rectify the use of the inverted commas.
2. Is the sentence written in formal or informal language?
3. Write two synonyms of 'imperative'.
4. Is the word 'before' used as conjunction or preposition?

Explain how you know.

5. Form a command using three words in the sentence.
6. Write a sentence that uses 'brush' as a noun.

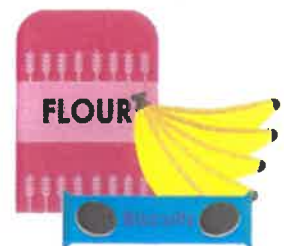


When you visit the shops you must buy some flour chocolate biscuits and five bananas.

1. Add a comma to punctuate the subordinate clause.
2. Identify the verb in the subordinate clause.
3. Identify the modal verb.

Does it suggest possibility or certainty?

4. Add punctuation to the list so there are 3 items.
5. Add punctuation to the list so there are 4 items.
6. Identify the determiners.



On Saturday around 6pm we are going to a gig and I can't wait!

1. Add a missing comma. Explain why it is needed.
2. Where could brackets be added? Explain why.
3. Contract two words using an apostrophe.
4. Identify the prepositions.
5. Which punctuation mark would best replace the conjunction?
6. Is the sentence in the past or present tense?



"Can I borrow your dress to wear to the party? asked Jane. I might wear my pink heels too."

1. Correct the use of inverted commas.
2. Replace the first modal verb with an alternate one.
3. Identify the speech verb.
4. Write a homophone of 'wear'.
5. Identify an expanded noun phrase.
6. Write a list of a few items Jane may take to the party.



Because Marlons mum doesn't allow him to have pets, he visits the pet shop every evening.

1. Add a missing apostrophe.
2. Identify the subordinate clause.
3. What does the pronoun 'he' refer to?
4. Identify the nouns.
5. Split the nouns into two categories: proper nouns and common nouns.
6. Identify the adverbial phrase in the main clause.



2 - Answers

"It is imperative you brush your teeth before you go to bed, Dad informed us as we devoured chocolate on the sofa."

1. "It is imperative you brush your teeth before going to bed,"
2. formal language
3. **Various possibilities:** important, crucial, vital etc...
4. It is a conjunction as 'before you go to bed' includes a verb.
5. Brush your teeth
6. **Various possibilities e.g.** To sweep the leaves, you will need a brush.

Answers

When you visit the shops you must buy some flour chocolate biscuits and five bananas.

1. When you go to the shops,
2. visit
3. must → certainty
4. flour, chocolate biscuits and five bananas.
5. flour, chocolate, biscuits and five bananas.
6. the, some, five

Answers

On Saturday around 6pm we are going to a gig and I can't wait!

1. On Saturday,
The comma follows a fronted adverbial.
2. (around 6pm)
The brackets show extra information or mark parenthesis.
3. we are → we're
4. on, around, to
5. dash
6. present tense

Answers

"Can I borrow your dress to wear to the party? asked Jane. I might wear my pink heels too."

1. "Can I borrow your dress to wear to the party?"
"I might wear my pink heels too."
2. Can → May, Could
3. asked
4. where
5. my pink heels
6. **Various possibilities e.g.** Jane may take a few items to the party: a card, present and a cake.

Answers

Because Marlon's mum doesn't allow him to have pets, he visits the pet shop every evening.

1. Marlon's mum
2. Because Marlon's mum doesn't allow him to have pets
3. Marlon
4. Marlon, mum, pets, pet shop
5. Proper noun - Marlon
Common nouns - mum, pets, pet shop
6. every evening

Answers

Speaking and Listening

Be Kind

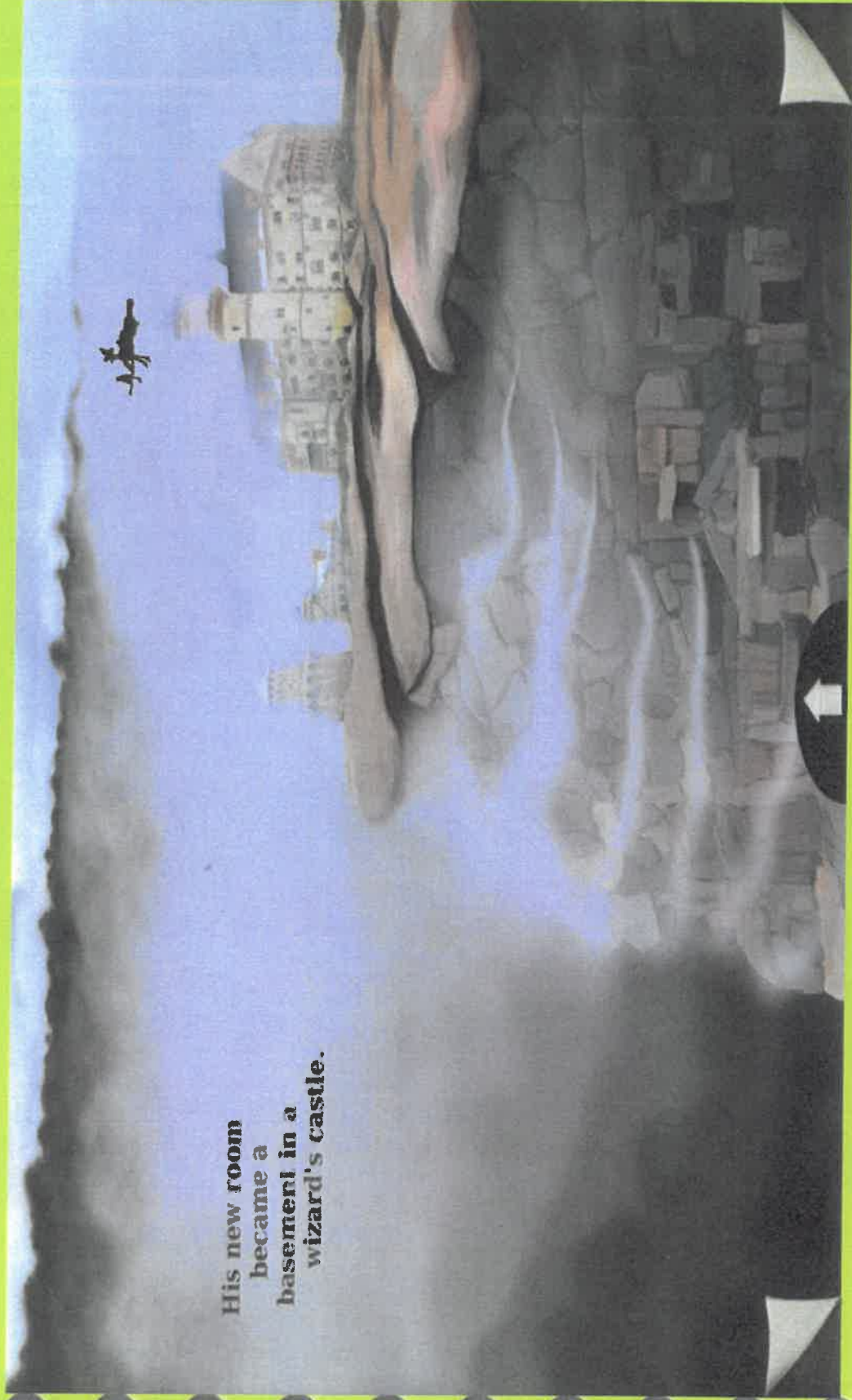
Discuss this image with somebody at home and think about what has been happening in the supermarkets recently.

- Who is in the picture?
- How could they be feeling?
- How could people help?



Write a story about this picture and give it a name.

His new room
became a
basement in a
wizard's castle.



Common Core:
Writing Anchor
Standard 2: Write
informative/explanatory
text to examine a topic and
convey ideas and
information clearly

DESCRIBE YOUR FUTURE ROBOT SERVANT

Imagine a future in which we each have a personalized robot servant. What would yours be like? What would it do? What would it look like? What would it talk like? What features would it have?



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J.K. ROWLING

THE
ICKABOG

ILLUSTRATION
COMPETITION

Home Learning Project
Chapter 1

Introduction

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J K Rowling has released a new book, completely separate from her Harry Potter series.

It's called The Ickabog.

Each weekday, she is releasing new chapters here:

<http://theickabog.com/read-the-story/>

At the start of each day's task (as explained on the pages below), click on that link and read another chapter. *Don't worry- they're not very long!*

What's even MORE exciting is that JK Rowling is also holding an drawing competition for children to illustrate the story when it is published in November!

You can draw anything to do with the story (the characters, the setting, the food that is described) and upload it here with help from your parents:

<http://theickabogcompetition.com>

but the tasks below will help you to think of ideas!

Task 1- King Fred the Fearless

To read the full chapter, click here: <https://www.theickabog.com/king-fred-the-fearless/>



Chapter 1

King Fred the Fearless

Once upon a time, there was a tiny country called Cornucopia, which had been ruled for centuries by a long line of fair-haired kings. The king at the time of which I write was called King Fred the Fearless. He'd announced the 'Fearless' bit himself, on the morning of his coronation, partly because it sounded nice with 'Fred', but also because he'd once managed to catch and kill a wasp all by himself, if you didn't count five footmen and the boot boy.

King Fred the Fearless came to the throne on a huge wave of popularity. He had lovely yellow curls, fine sweeping moustaches and looked magnificent in the tight breeches, velvet doublets, and ruffled shirts that rich men wore at the time. Fred was said to be generous, smiled and waved whenever anyone caught sight of him and looked awfully handsome in the portraits that were distributed throughout the kingdom, to be hung in town halls. The people of Cornucopia were most happy with their new king, and many thought he'd end up being even better at the job than his father, Richard the Righteous, whose teeth (though nobody had liked to mention it at the time) were rather crooked.

Task 1- Use the link below to create a map for the country of Cornucopia: <http://inkarnate.com>



Task 2- Highlight all of the descriptive phrases about King Fred

Task 3- Using these facts, draw Fred on the sheet below or on a plain piece of paper

Task 4- (optional) Upload your drawing to the competition using the link in the introduction

King Fred the Fearless

Task 2- King Fred the Fearless

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King Fred was secretly relieved to find out how easy it was to rule Cornucopia. In fact, the country seemed to run itself. Nearly everybody had lots of food, the merchants made pots of gold, and Fred's advisors took care of any little problem that arose. All that was left for Fred to do was beam at his subjects whenever he went out in his carriage and go hunting five times a week with his two best friends, Lord Spittleworth and Lord Flapoon.

Spittleworth and Flapoon had large estates of their own in the country, but they found it much cheaper and more amusing to live at the palace with the king, eating his food, hunting his stags, and making sure that the king didn't get too fond of any of the beautiful ladies at court. They had no wish to see Fred married, because a queen might spoil all their fun. For a time, Fred had seemed to rather like Lady Eslanda, who was as dark and beautiful as Fred was fair and handsome, but Spittleworth had persuaded Fred that she was far too serious and bookish for the country to love her as queen. Fred didn't know that Lord Spittleworth had a grudge against Lady Eslanda. He'd once asked her to marry *him*, but she'd turned him down.

Lord Spittleworth was very thin, cunning, and clever. His friend Flapoon was ruddy-faced, and so enormous that it required six men to heave him onto his massive chestnut horse. Though not as clever as Spittleworth, Flapoon was still far sharper than the king.

Both lords were expert at flattery, and pretending to be astonished by how good Fred was at everything from riding to tiddlywinks. If Spittleworth had a particular talent, it was persuading the king to do things that suited Spittleworth, and if Flapoon had a gift, it was for convincing the king that nobody on earth was as loyal to the king as his two best friends.

Fred thought Spittleworth and Flapoon were jolly good chaps. They urged him to hold fancy parties, elaborate picnics, and sumptuous banquets, because Cornucopia was famous, far beyond its borders, for its food. Each of its cities was known for a different kind, and each was the very best in the world.

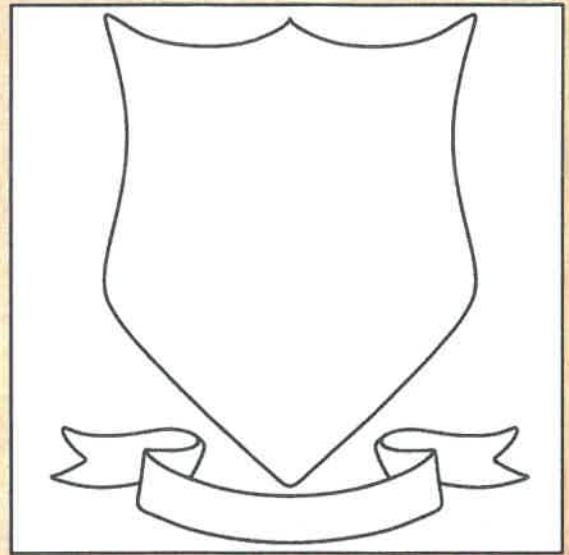
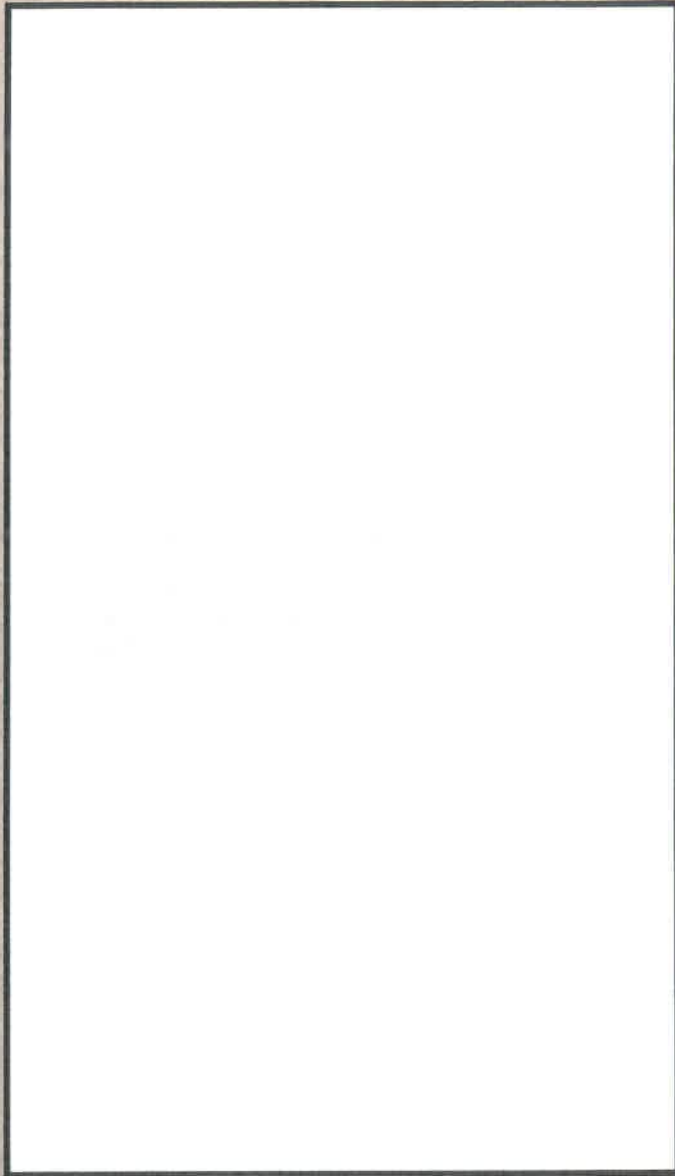
Task 1- Design Cornucopia's flag

Task 2- Find 5 interesting words that you don't know the meaning of and write them into the left column of the table:

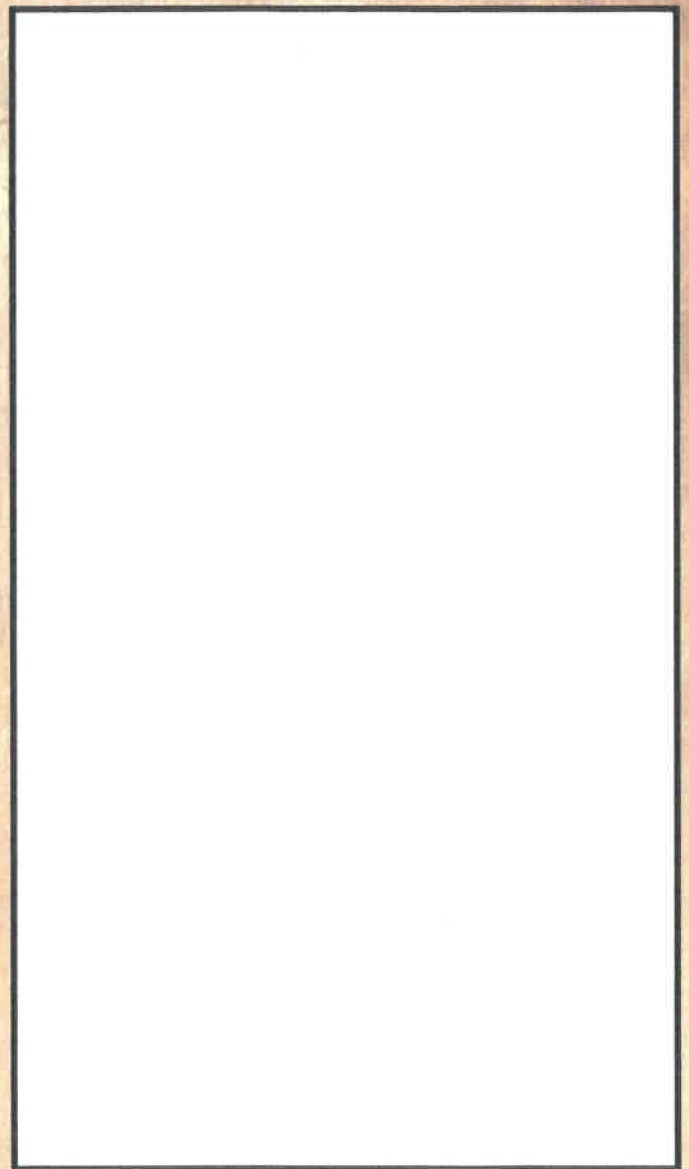
Task 3- Use www.dictionary.com to find the definitions of these new words. Add the meaning into the column on the right.

Task 4- (Optional) Draw **Spittleworth** and **Flapoon** below using the color-coded descriptions

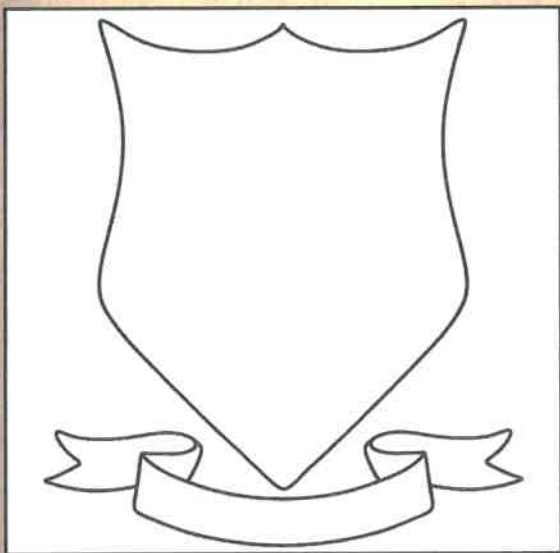
Task 5- (Optional) Now, draw their Coat of Arms (Google this if you need inspiration!)



FlapOOn



Spittleworth



Task 3- King Fred the Fearless

The capital of Cornucopia, Chouxville, lay in the south of the country, and was surrounded by acres of orchards, fields of shimmering golden wheat, and emerald-green grass, on which pure white dairy cows grazed. The cream, flour, and fruit produced by the farmers here was then given to the exceptional bakers of Chouxville, who made pastries.

Think, if you please, of the most delicious cake or biscuit you have ever tasted. Well, let me tell you they'd have been downright ashamed to serve that in Chouxville. Unless a grown man's eyes filled with tears of pleasure as he bit into a Chouxville pastry, it was deemed a failure and never made again. The bakery windows of Chouxville were piled high with delicacies such as Maidens' Dreams, Fairies' Cradles, and, most famous of all, Hopes-of-Heaven, which were so exquisitely, painfully delicious that they were saved for special occasions and everybody cried for joy as they ate them. King Porfirio, of neighbouring Pluritania, had already sent King Fred a letter, offering him the choice of any of his daughters' hands in marriage in exchange for a lifetime's supply of Hopes-of-Heaven, but Spittleworth had advised Fred to laugh in the Pluritanian ambassador's face.

'His daughters are nowhere *near* pretty enough to exchange for Hopes-of-Heaven, sire!' said Spittleworth.

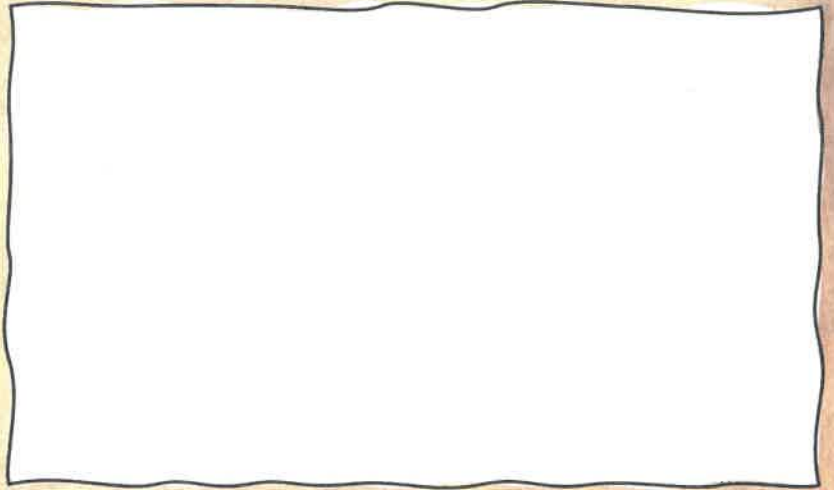
To the north of Chouxville lay more green fields and clear, sparkling rivers, where jet-black cows and happy pink pigs were raised. These in turn served the twin cities of Kurdsburg and Baronstown, which were separated from each other by an arching stone bridge over the main river of Cornucopia, the Fluma, where brightly coloured barges bore goods from one end of the kingdom to another.

Task 1- On the next sheet, design the 3 pastries described above

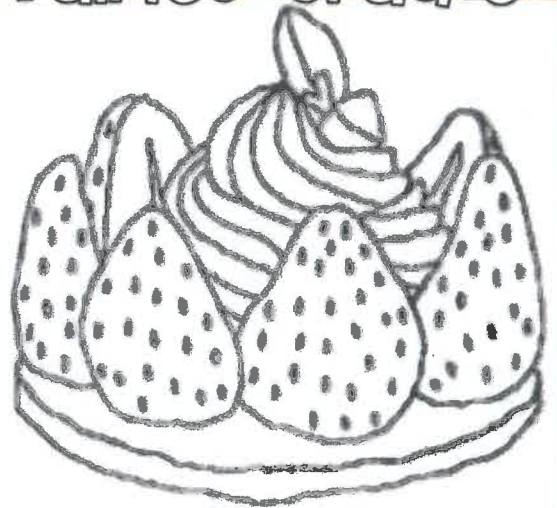
Task 2- Add labels to your drawings stating what ingredients have been used

Task 3- (Optional) On the sheet after that, draw the landscape of the fields to the north of Chouxville

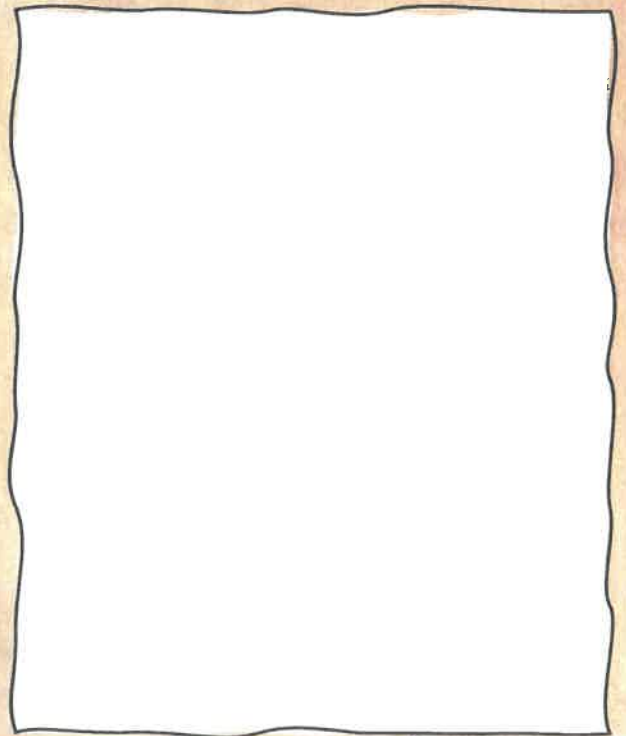
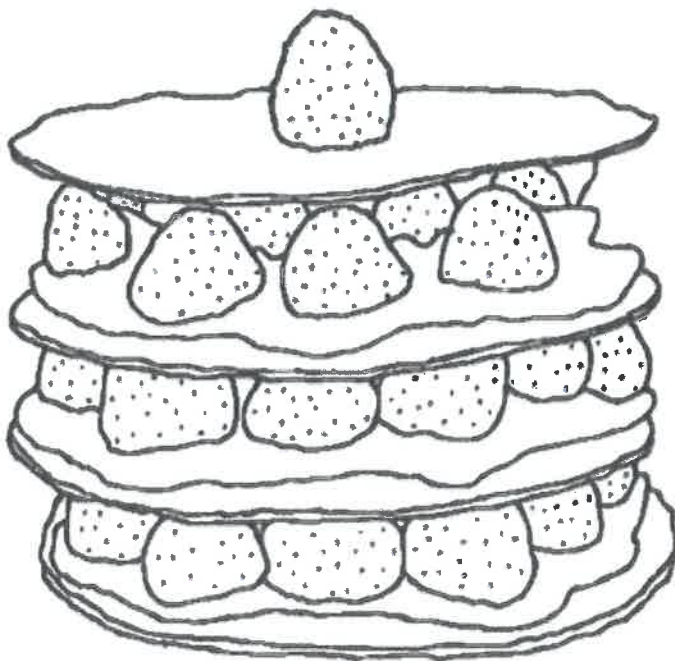
Maid/en's Dream



Fairies' Cradle



Hopes-Of-Heaven



Northern Fields of Chouxville

Task 4- King Fred the Fearless

A few hours north of Kurdsburg and Baronstown, you came upon acres of vineyards bearing grapes as large as eggs, each of them ripe and sweet and juicy. Journey onwards for the rest of the day and you reached the granite city of Jeroboam, famous for its wines. They said of the Jeroboam air that you could get tipsy simply walking its streets. The best vintages changed hands for thousands upon thousands of gold coins, and the Jeroboam wine merchants were some of the richest men in the kingdom.

But a little north of Jeroboam, a strange thing happened. It was as though the magically rich land of Cornucopia had exhausted itself by producing the best grass, the best fruit, and the best wheat in the world. Right at the northern tip came the place known as the Marshlands, and the only things that grew there were some tasteless, rubbery mushrooms and thin dry grass, only good enough to feed a few mangy sheep.

The Marshlanders who tended the sheep didn't have the sleek, well-rounded, well-dressed appearance of the citizens of Jeroboam, Baronstown, Kurdsburg, or Chouxville. They were gaunt and ragged. Their poorly nourished sheep never fetched very good prices, either in Cornucopia or abroad, so very few Marshlanders ever got to taste the delights of Cornucopian wine, cheese, beef, or pastries. The most common dish in the Marshlands was a greasy mutton broth, made of those sheep who were too old to sell.

The rest of Cornucopia found the Marshlanders an odd bunch – surly, dirty, and ill-tempered. They had rough voices, which the other Cornucopians imitated, making them sound like hoarse old sheep. Jokes were made about their manners and their simplicity. As far as the rest of Cornucopia was concerned, the only memorable thing that had ever come out of the Marshlands was the legend of the Ickabog.

Task 1- Draw The Ickabog. There are examples of other children's designs on the next sheet to help you

Task 2- (optional) Upload your drawings to the Ickabog Competition website as linked in the introduction

The Ickabog



