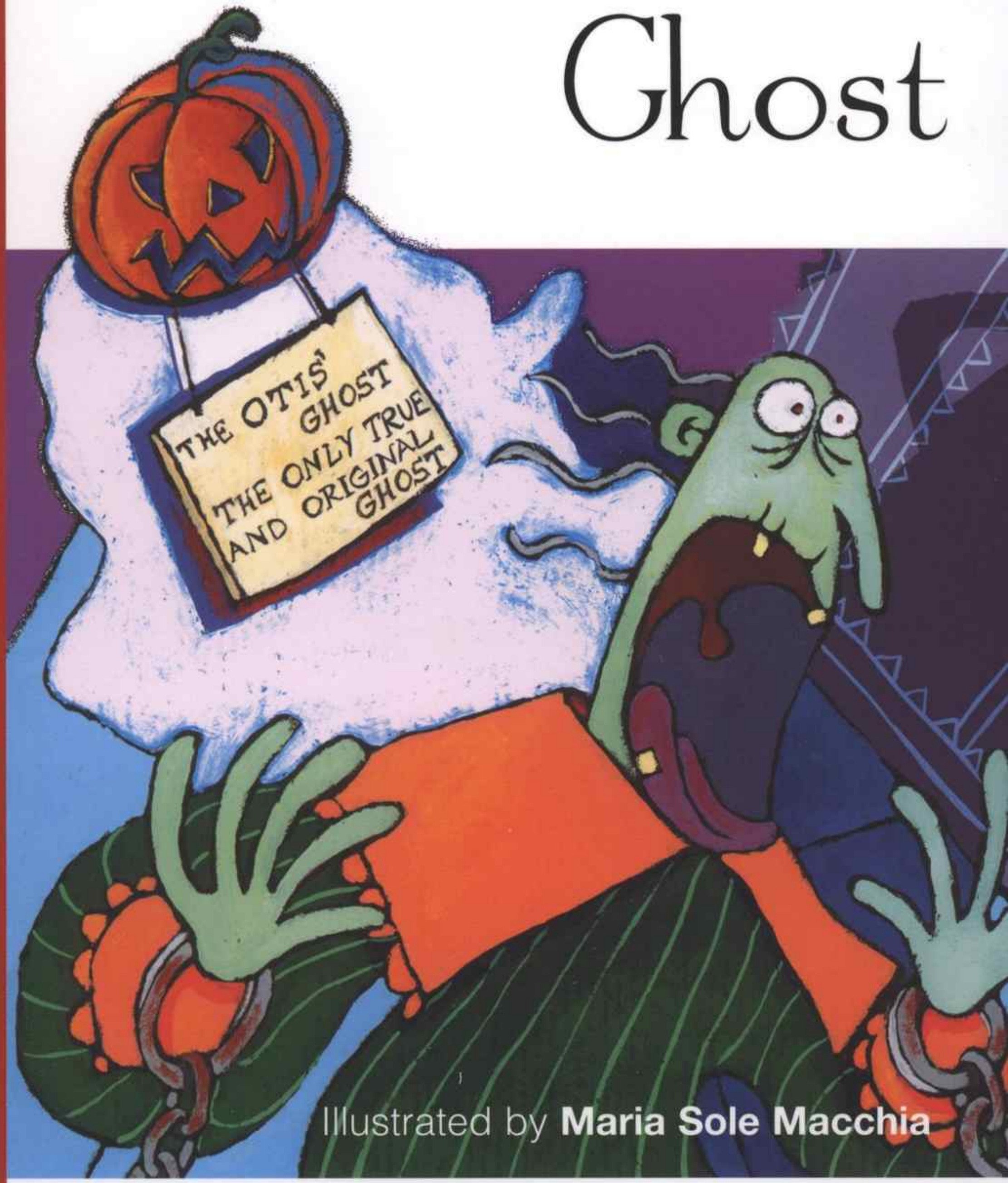
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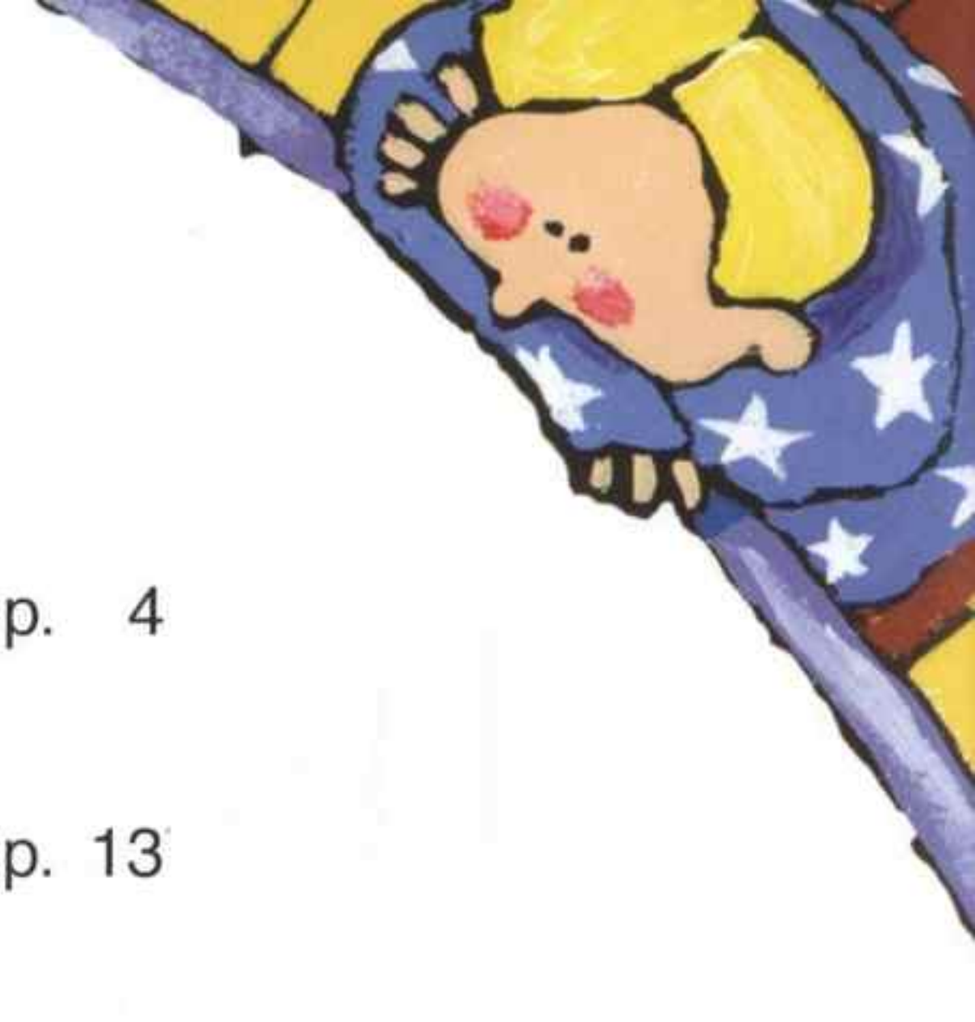
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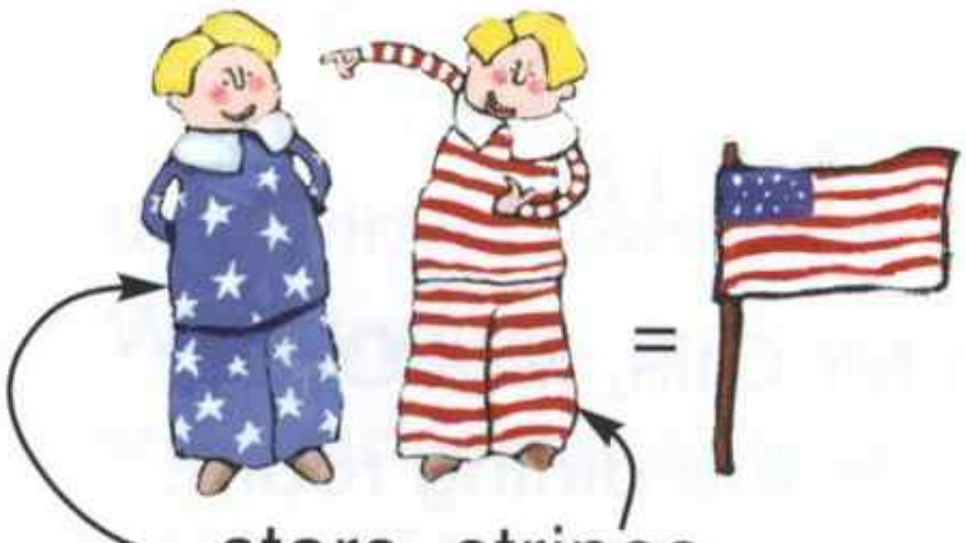
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Pictionary 1



stars stripes



dining room



twins



'Superwhite'



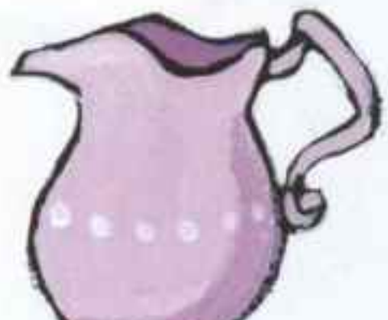
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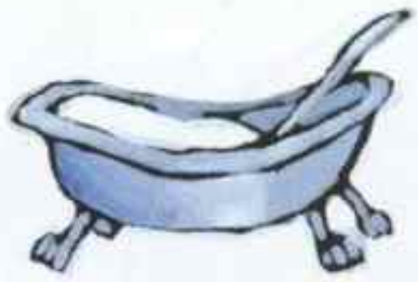
red stain



fireplace



milk



sugar



tea

CHAPTER 1

England welcomes the Americans

Mrs Umney: Good afternoon Mr Otis, Mrs Otis. Come in! Lord Canterville is in the dining room.

Butler: Mrs Umney, Lord Canterville is not in the dining room.

Mrs Umney: Where is he?



Butler: He's in the red living room.

Lord Canterville: Welcome to my home Mr and Mrs Otis.

Mr Otis: This is my daughter Virginia and these are the twins, Stars and Stripes. This is my other son, Washington.

Lord Canterville: Good afternoon. Please sit down.

Mr Otis: Thank you sir.



Lord Canterville: Some tea, Mrs Otis?

Mr Otis: Yes, please.

Lord Canterville: Milk?

Mr Otis: Yes, please.

Lord Canterville: Some tea, Virginia?

Virginia: Thank you, Lord Canterville.

Lord Canterville: Sugar?

Virginia: Two, please.

Lord Canterville: Here you are.

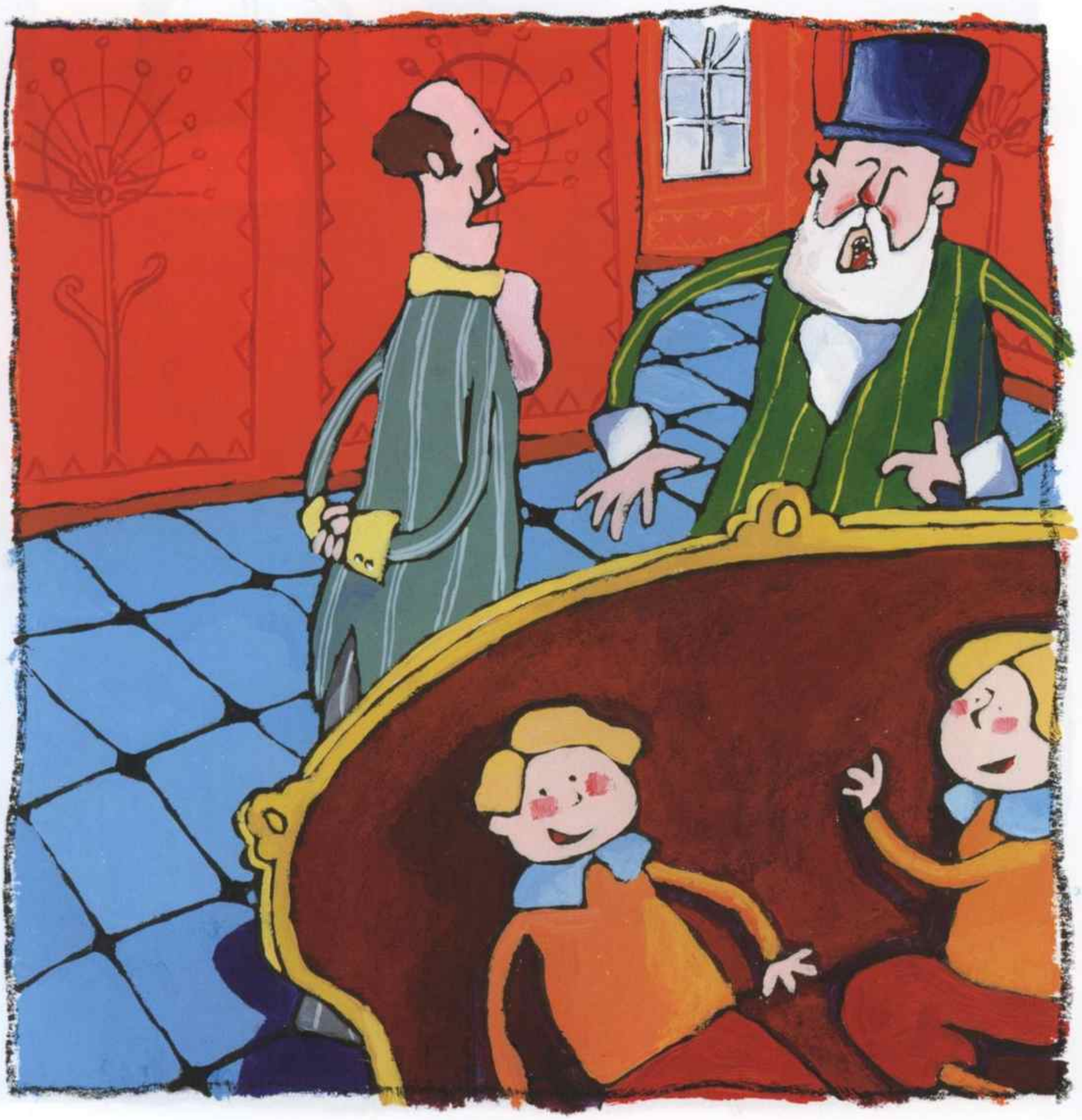


Lord Canterville: Do you like Canterville Chase, Mr Otis?

Mr Otis: Yes, I do. Canterville Chase is a perfect home for us.

Stars: Yes! It's perfect!

Lord Canterville: I'm very happy but... you know about the ghost of course!



Mr and Mrs Otis: A ghost...?

Lord Canterville: Yes, an old ghost.

Mr Otis: Is he English?

Lord Canterville: Of course, madam. He was an English aristocrat.



Lord Canterville: Look at the red stain near the fireplace. The ghost stains the floor every night.

Washington: Is it blood?

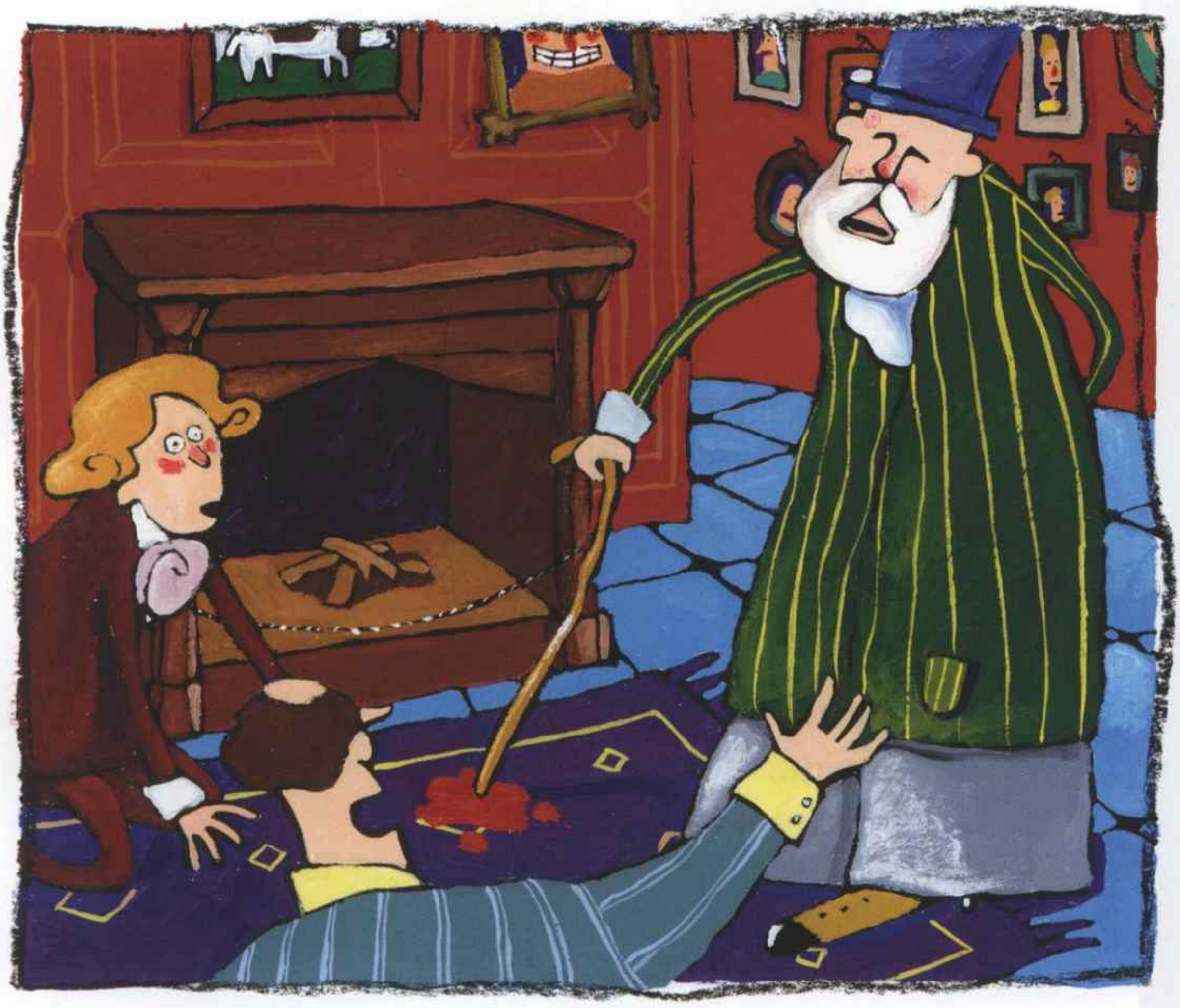
Lord Canterville: Well, Mrs Umney cleans the stain every day but every morning the stain is there again.

Mr Otis: I'm sure 'Superwhite' can clean it! We want the house and the ghost.

Lord Canterville: So does that mean...?

Mr Otis: ...Yes!

Lord Canterville: Jolly good! Welcome to England!



1 Choose the correct answer.

1 Lord Canterville is in
- **A** ☐ the red living room.
- **B** ☐ the green living room.
- **C** ☐ the dining room.

2 Mr and Mrs Otis have
- **A** ☐ two children.
- **B** ☐ three children.
- **C** ☐ four children.

3 The names of the twins are
- **A** ☐ Milk and Sugar.
- **B** ☐ Stars and Stripes.
- **C** ☐ England and America.

4 At Canterville Chase there is
- **A** ☐ an American ghost.
- **B** ☐ an English ghost.
- **C** ☐ an Italian ghost.

5 The stain is
- **A** ☐ pink.
- **B** ☐ green.
- **C** ☐ red.

2 Match the pictures with the words.

a ghost

a stain

a fireplace

a star

a house











3 Act the story.

STUDENT A: You are Mrs Umney

STUDENT B: You are the Butler

STUDENT C: You are Lord Canterville

STUDENT D: You are Mr Otis

STUDENT E: You are Mrs Otis

STUDENT F: You are Virginia

STUDENT G: You are Stars

STUDENT H: You are Washington

Pictionary 2



attic



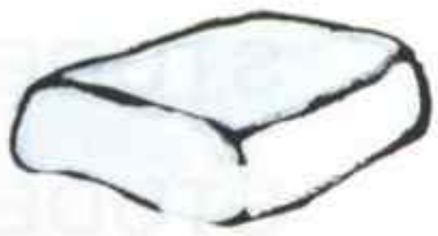
love



noise =
Crash! Bang!



hate



soap



dirty

CHAPTER 2

The Americans at Canterville Chase

Mrs Umney: Good morning, Mr and Mrs Otis.

Mrs Otis: Good morning, Mrs Umney. Can you show us the house please?

Mrs Umney: Yes, of course. Let's go upstairs.



Mrs Umney: This is the attic.

Washington: It's ideal for ghosts.

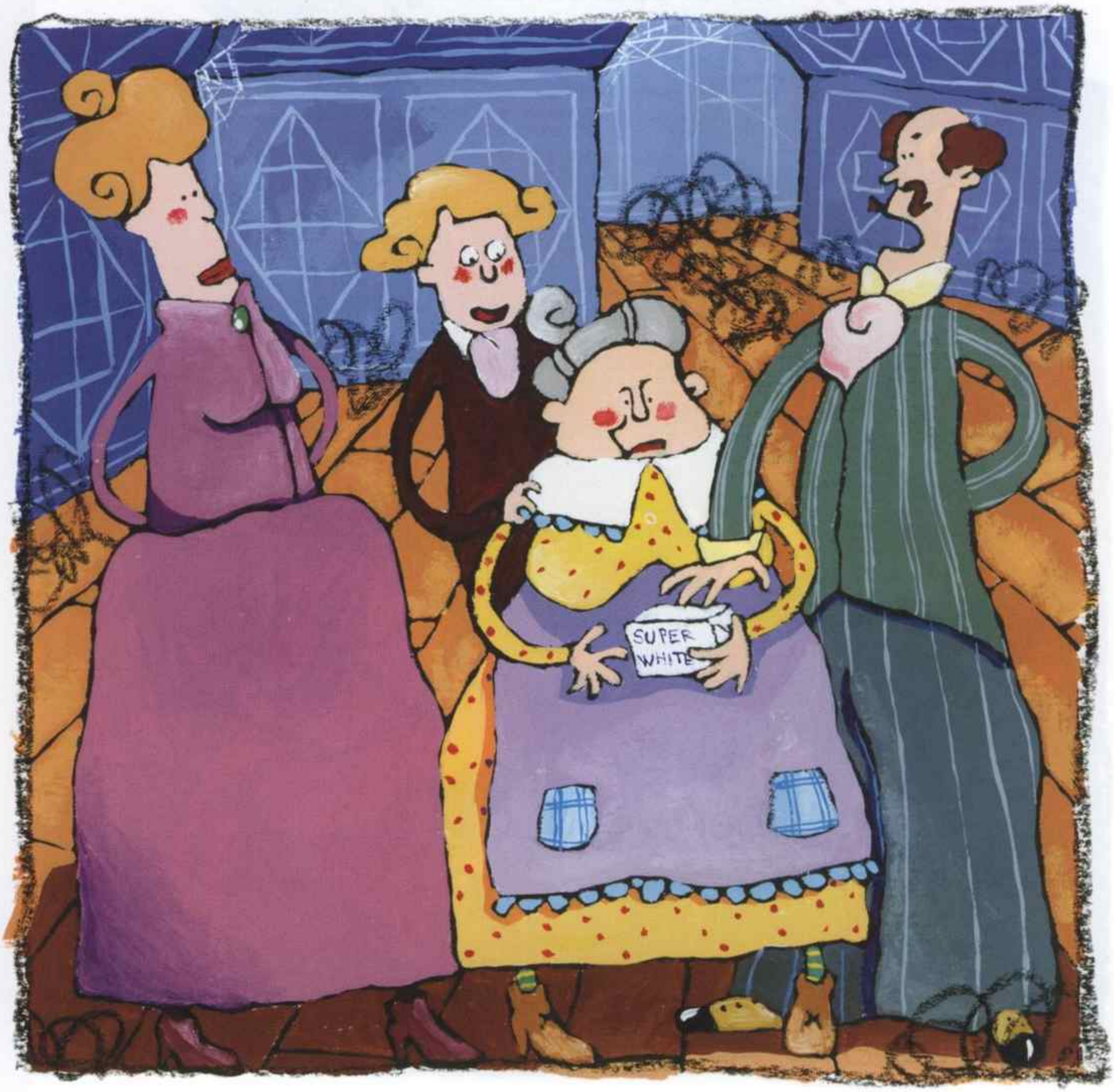
Mrs Otis: Yes, ghosts love attics.

Mr Otis: It's dirty. Here's 'Superwhite', Mrs Umney.
This will clean it. It's very good.

Mrs Umney: Yes, sir.

Mr Otis: What's that?

Virginia: I think it's our ghost.



Mr Otis: Time to go to bed, kids. It's late!

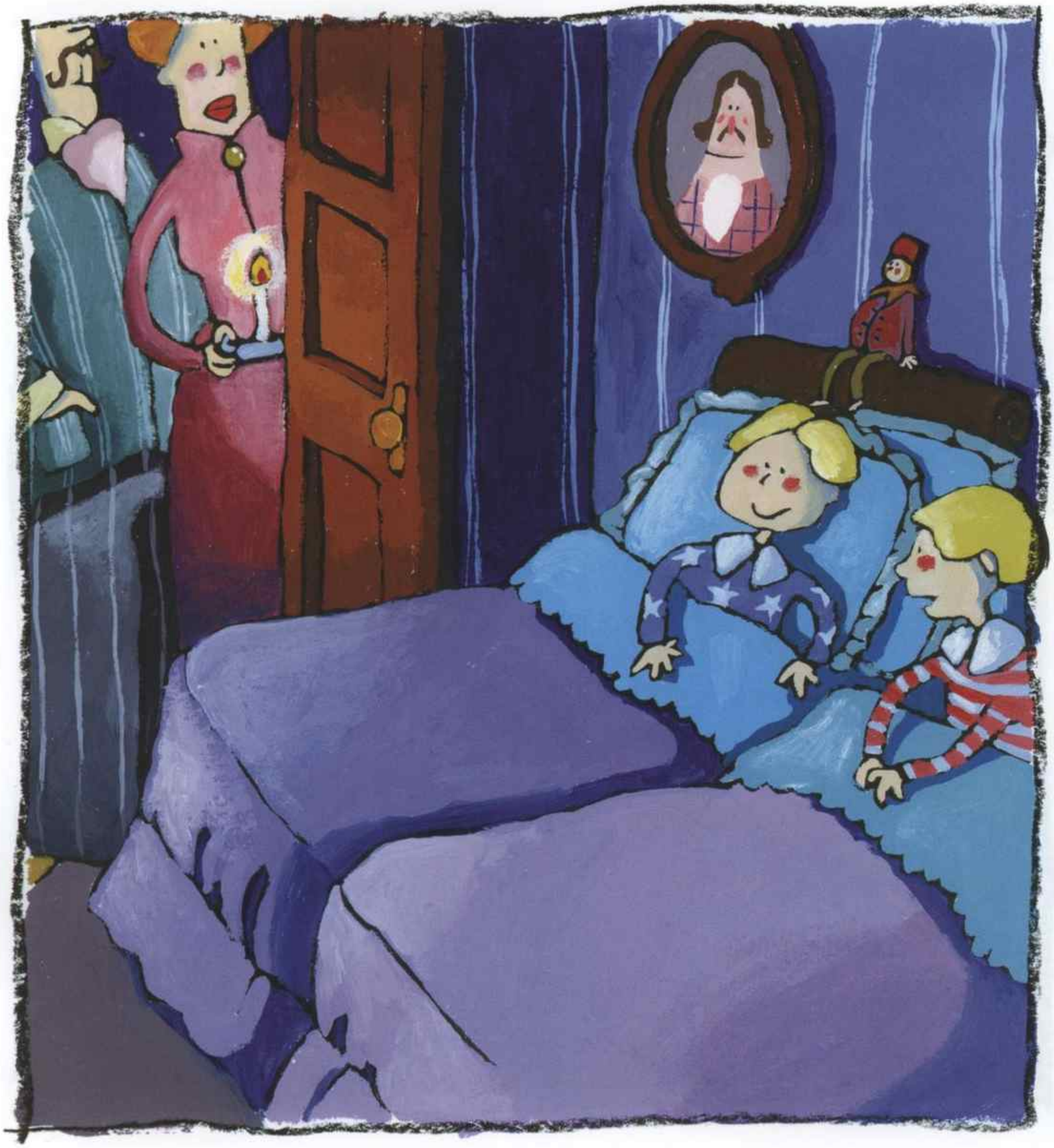
Mrs Otis: Goodnight, sweet dreams.

Stripes: Goodnight, Dad.

Stars: Goodnight, Mum.

Stripes: What's that noise downstairs?

Stars: Let's go and see!



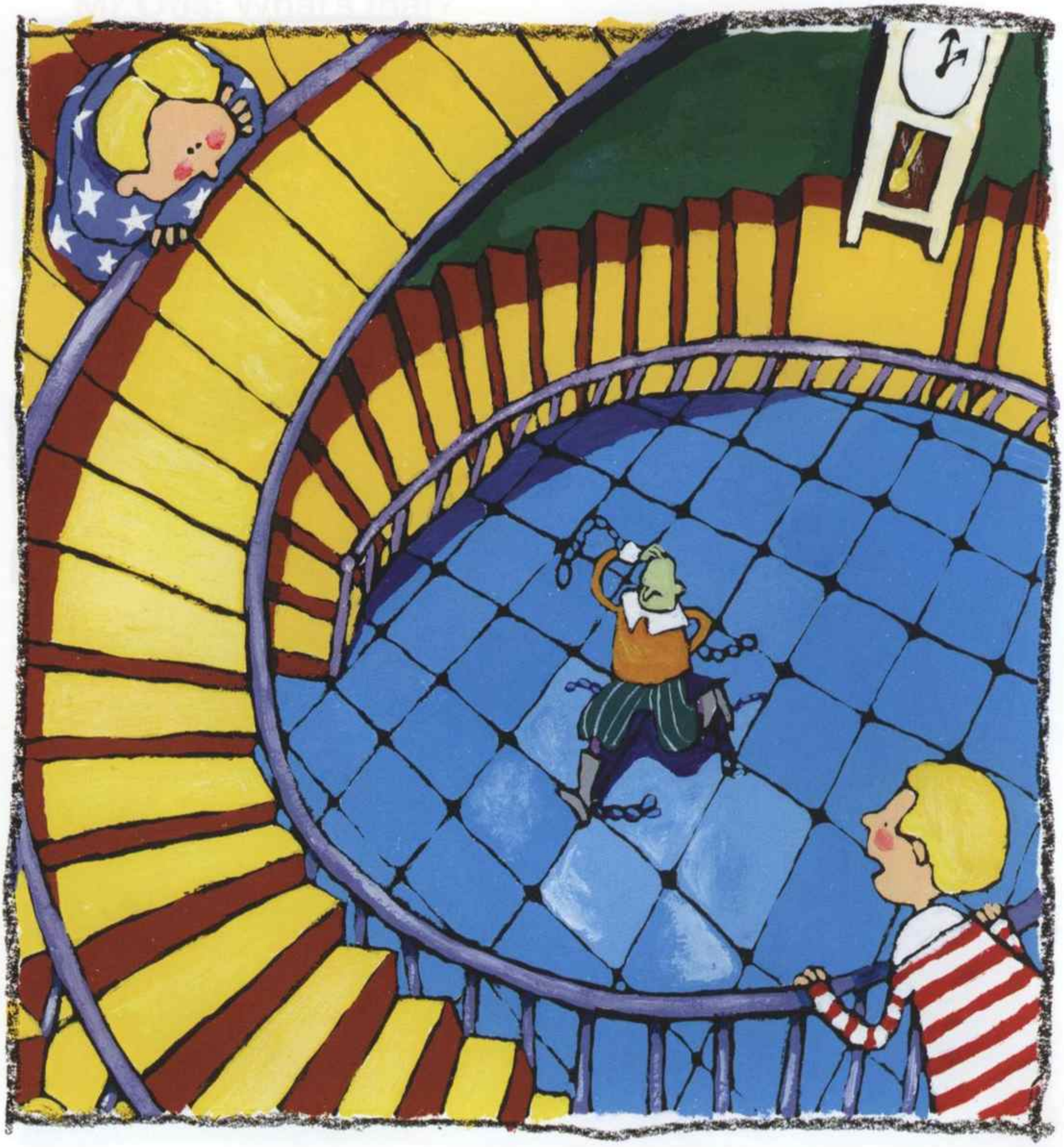
Stripes: Look, here's the ghost!

Mr Ghost: Red stains, red stains... I like red stains!

Stars: It isn't a white ghost!

Stripes: Of course not. Not all ghosts are white!

Stars: Oh yes. American ghosts have red stripes and white stars.



Mr Ghost: Who's there?

Stripes: Hello, Mr Ghost. My name is Stripes Otis and this is my twin brother Stars Otis.

Mr Ghost: You are scared, aren't you?

Stars: Of course not. We love old, English ghosts.



Stars: Hello Virginia. This is Mr Ghost.

Virginia: Hello sir. My name is Virginia Otis. I like the stain.

Stripes: Our dad hates stains. He loves 'Superwhite'.

Mr Ghost: What's 'Superwhite'?

Virginia: It's soap. It's American.

Mr Ghost: It's late. I must go. Goodbye.



1 Choose the correct answer.

1 Ghosts love
- **A** ☐ homes.
- **B** ☐ gardens.
- **C** ☐ attics.

2 American ghosts have
- **A** ☐ black stars.
- **B** ☐ white stars.
- **C** ☐ red stars.

3 The twins love
- **A** ☐ French ghosts.
- **B** ☐ Italian ghosts.
- **C** ☐ English ghosts.

4 Mr Otis hates
- **A** ☐ ghosts.
- **B** ☐ stains.
- **C** ☐ children.

5 'Superwhite' is
- **A** ☐ soap.
- **B** ☐ tea.
- **C** ☐ sugar.

2 Find the six words in the box and circle them. Then match them with the pictures.

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













3 Act the story.

STUDENT A: You are Mrs Umney

STUDENT B: You are Mrs Otis

STUDENT C: You are Washington

STUDENT D: You are Mr Otis

STUDENT E: You are Virginia

STUDENT F: You are Stripes

STUDENT G: You are Stars

STUDENT H: You are Mr Ghost

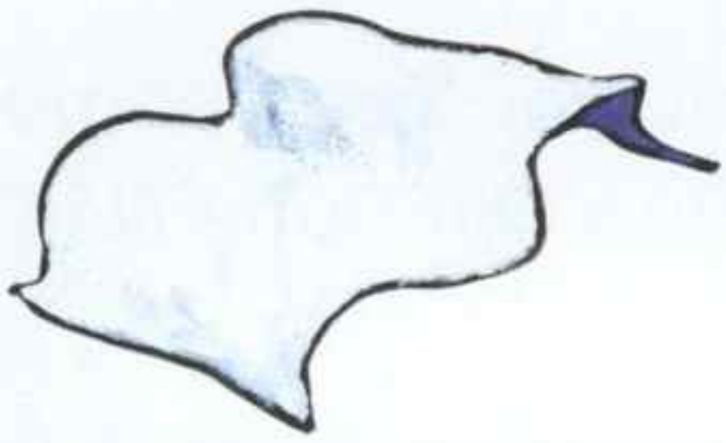
Pictionary 3



Sun Oil



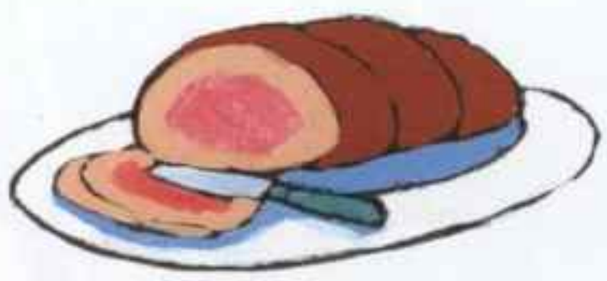
chains



white sheet



boots





roast beef and potatoes



Windsor Castle

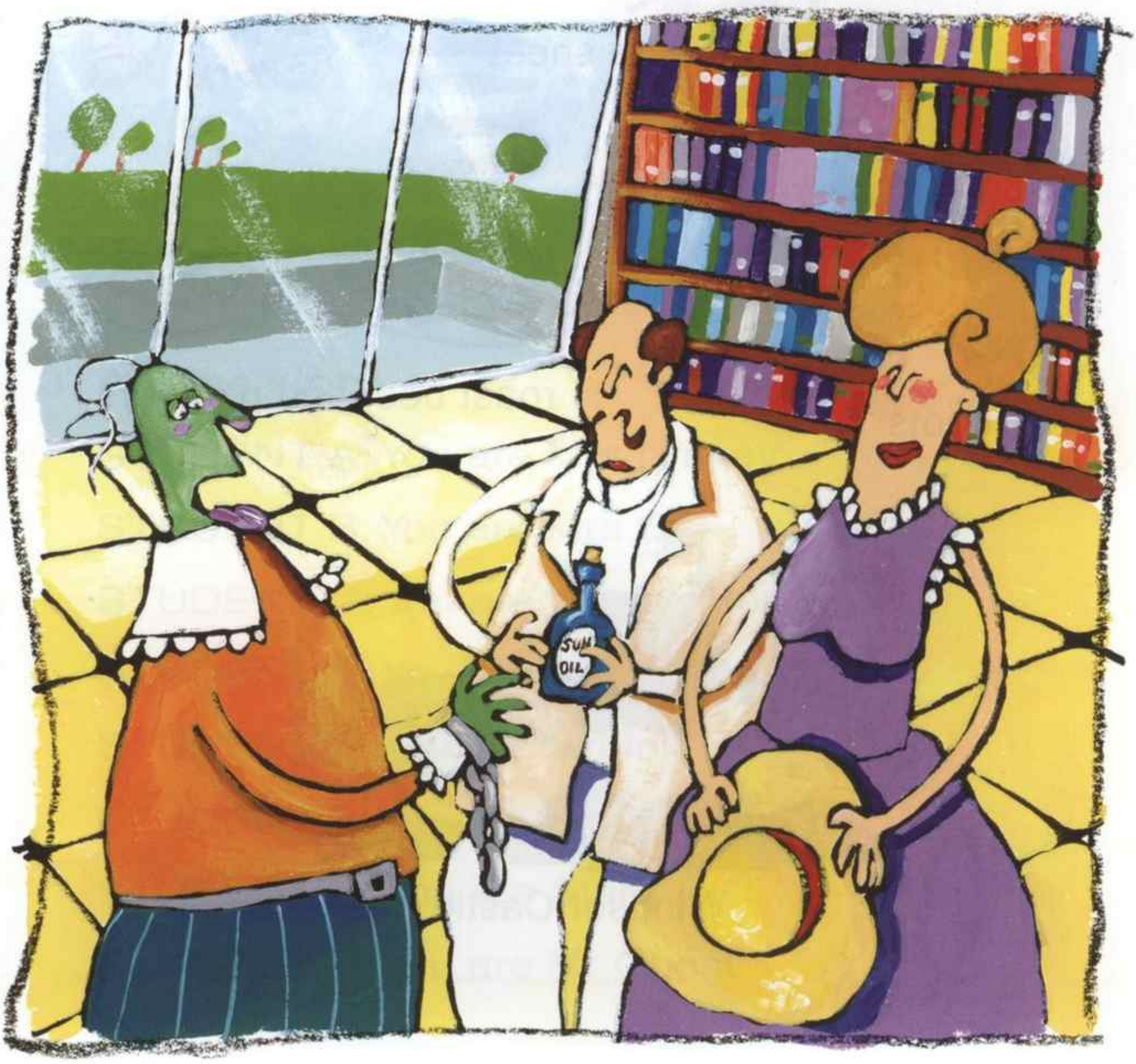
CHAPTER 3

Mr Ghost: the end of a glorious career

Mr Otis: What's that?

Mrs Otis: It's a terrible noise. It's the ghost. Give him the Sun Oil!

Mr Otis: My dear sir, you need some oil for your chains. Use the Sun Oil! Sun Oil is perfect for your chains.



Mr Ghost: This is a terrible insult for a ghost! It's the first time after a glorious career of three hundred years. Why can't I scare the Americans?



Mr Ghost: What's that? It's a horrible, white ghost.
THE OTIS' GHOST
THE ONLY TRUE AND ORIGINAL GHOST
but... but it's only a white sheet!
Children have no respect for old ghosts.
From now on, I promise to:
- REMOVE MY BOOTS
- BE SILENT
- USE THE SUN OIL FOR MY CHAINS



Virginia: Are you sad Mr Ghost? My brothers are going back to Eton tomorrow. We promise to be nice to you, but you must promise to be good.

Mr Ghost: I can't be good. I'm a ghost. I must rattle my chains, I must walk at night, I must moan.

Virginia: Calm down, Mr Ghost.



Virginia: You are very bad! First you take all my colours to paint your stain. First the red, then the green and the yellow. I can't paint any more. It's so sad!

Mr Otis: Virginia!

Virginia: Yes, Dad?

Mr Otis: Dinner is ready.

Virginia: I must go.

Mr Ghost: Goodbye, Miss Virginia!



Mrs Umney: Do you want some more roast beef and potatoes?

Washington: Yes, please.

Mr Otis: Are you happy to go back to Eton, Washington?

Washington: Yes, dad. I like it near Windsor Castle.

Stars: I like it too.

Stripes: Me too!



1 Choose the correct answer.

1 The Sun Oil is
- **A** ☐ perfect for animals.
- **B** ☐ perfect for stains.
- **C** ☐ perfect for chains.

2 Mr Ghost has a long career of
- **A** ☐ 300 years.
- **B** ☐ 200 years.
- **C** ☐ 350 years.

3 The Otis' ghost is
- **A** ☐ blue.
- **B** ☐ red.
- **C** ☐ white.

4 Mr Ghost has got
- **A** ☐ chains.
- **B** ☐ shoes.
- **C** ☐ tea.

5 Eton is near
- **A** ☐ Rome.
- **B** ☐ Windsor Castle.
- **C** ☐ New York.

2 Match the pictures with the words. Now listen to the noises and write the number next to the picture.

the wind	chains	the clock	ghosts

a.  ☐ .....

b.  ☐ .....

c.  ☐ .....

d.  ☐ .....

3 Act the story.

STUDENT A: You are Mr Otis

STUDENT B: You are Mrs Otis

STUDENT C: You are Mr Ghost

STUDENT D: You are Virginia

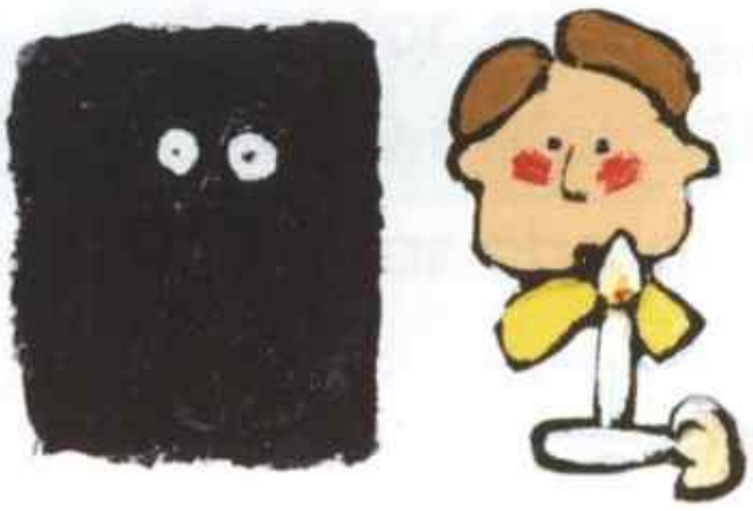
STUDENT E: You are Mrs Umney

STUDENT F: You are Washington

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Pictionary 4



dark / light



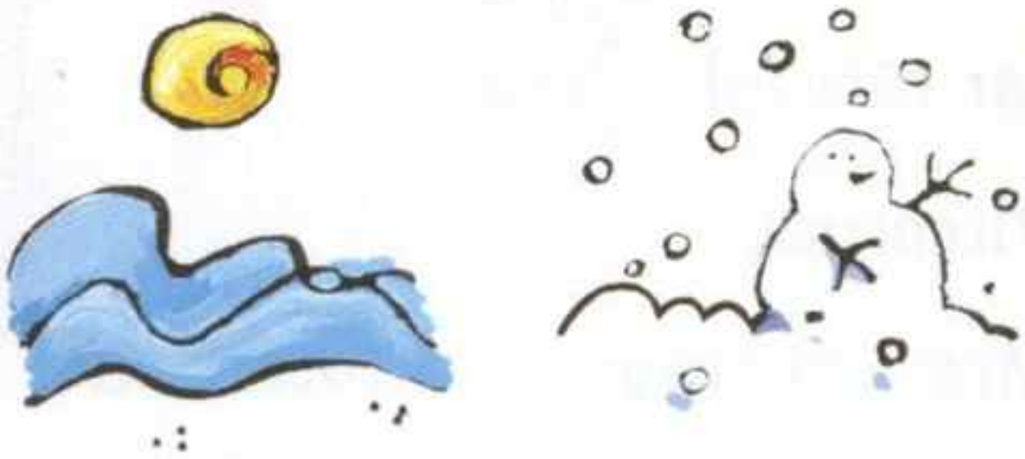
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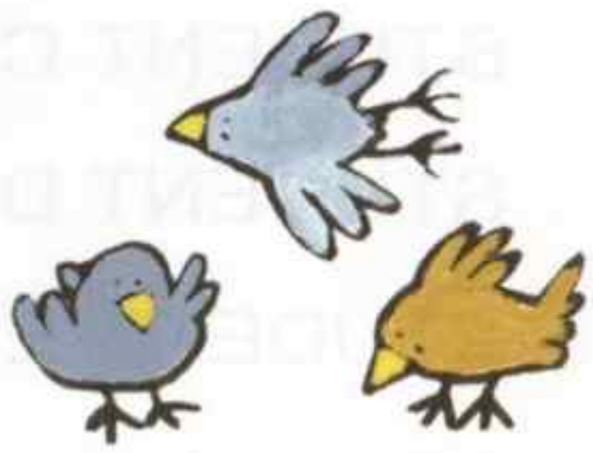
storm = rain /
thunder / lightning



garden: blue, pink,
white flowers



summer / winter



birds

CHAPTER 4

Sir Simon's world

Mr Ghost: Miss Virginia, Miss Virginia, wake up!

Virginia: Who's that?

Mr Ghost: It's me!

Virginia: Hello Mr Ghost. What are you doing here? It's late. Aren't you tired?

Mr Ghost: Yes, Miss Virginia but I can't sleep.

Virginia: That's terrible. Sit down! What's your real name?

Mr Ghost: It's Sir Simon de Canterville.



Virginia: Listen! What's that?

Mr Ghost: It's a storm... can you hear the rain and thunder and see the lightning?

Virginia: It's so dark! Do you like the dark?

Mr Ghost: Well, Miss Virginia, ghosts live in the dark.

Virginia: I prefer the light and the sun. I love summer.

Mr Ghost: In my world it's winter all the time.



Virginia: Poor, poor ghost. It's so sad.
Virginia: Don't cry, Sir Simon! Can I help you?
Mr Ghost: I'm so tired. I want to sleep.
Virginia: Is there a place where you can sleep?
Mr Ghost: Yes, there is.
Virginia: Where is it?



Mr Ghost: It's a little garden with blue, pink and white flowers. Birds sing there day and night.

Virginia: Can we go there?

Mr Ghost: Children can't go there, but they can cry for ghosts.

Virginia: I can cry for you, Sir Simon.

Mr Ghost: Can you dear?



Virginia: Good morning, Mum.

Mrs Otis: Are you OK, dear?

Virginia: Yes, Mum. What time is it?

Mrs Otis: It's ten o'clock. It's late!

Virginia: Where are the twins and Washington?

Mrs Otis: Outside. They are ready to go to Windsor.



Washington: Bye, Mum and Dad. Bye, Virginia. Come to visit us in Windsor.

Virginia: Yes, alright. I'll come next summer.

Mrs Umney: Goodbye, boys. Take care!

Washington: Goodbye, Mrs Umney. Here's some 'Superwhite' for you.

Mrs Umney: Thank you, Washington.

Everybody: Goodbye.



1 Choose the correct answer.

1 Mr Ghost's real name is
- **A** ☐ Sir Henry.
- **B** ☐ Sir John.
- **C** ☐ Sir Simon.

2 This is
- **A** ☐ rain.
- **B** ☐ lightning.
- **C** ☐ a stain.

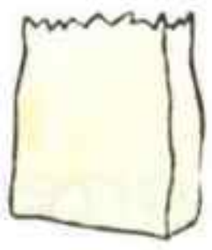
3 Virginia loves
- **A** ☐ the dark.
- **B** ☐ summer.
- **C** ☐ winter.

4 In the garden there are
- **A** ☐ blue, pink and white flowers.
- **B** ☐ white and red flowers.
- **C** ☐ green and yellow flowers.



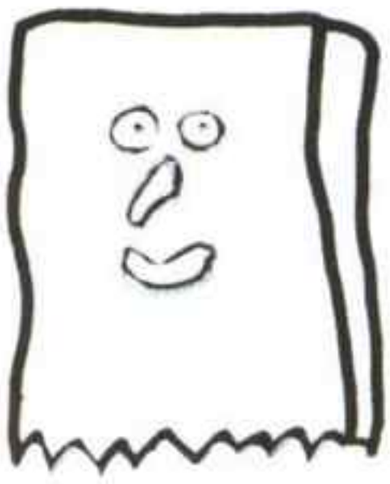
5 Virginia can
- **A** ☐ cry for Mr Ghost.
- **B** ☐ sing to Mr Ghost.
- **C** ☐ play tennis with Mr Ghost.

2 Make your ghost mask.



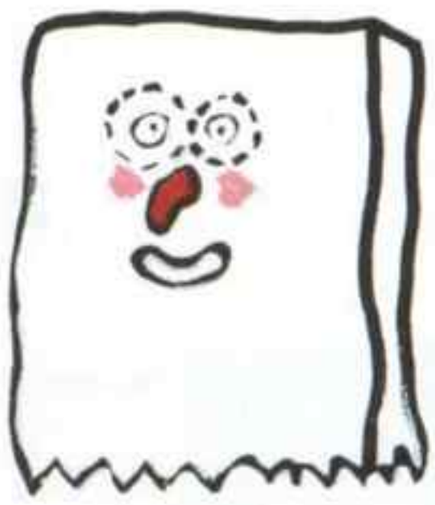


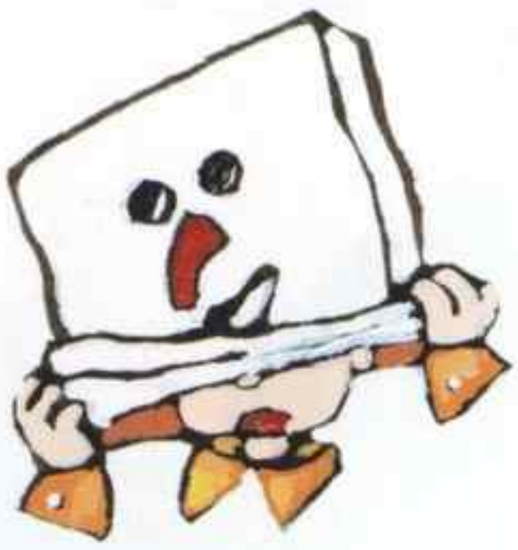
You need: a large white paper bag – crayons – scissors 

1 

Draw the eyes, nose and mouth on the paper bag.

2 Cut out the eyes and mouth and colour the mask.



3 

Put on your mask.

Let's play!

Ask your school-friends: 'Who am I?' When they guess, remove your mask. The last person to wear the mask is the winner. Good luck!

3 Act the story.

STUDENT A: You are Mr Ghost
STUDENT B: You are Virginia
STUDENT C: You are Mrs Otis
STUDENT D: You are Washington
STUDENT E: You are Mrs Umney
STUDENT F: You are Mr Otis
STUDENT G: You are Stars
STUDENT H: You are Stripes

Pictionary 5



church



ancestor



fairies



witches



elves

CHAPTER 5

Goodbye Sir Simon!

Mr Otis: Ladies and gentlemen, welcome to my church.

Mrs Otis: Come here, Virginia. This is the Duke of Canterville.

Virginia: Good morning, Duke.

The Duke: My name is Cecil.

Mrs Otis: Let's go, Duke Canterville! Lunch is ready.

The Duke: Thank you, Mrs Otis.



The Duke: Do you like Canterville Chase, Mrs Otis?

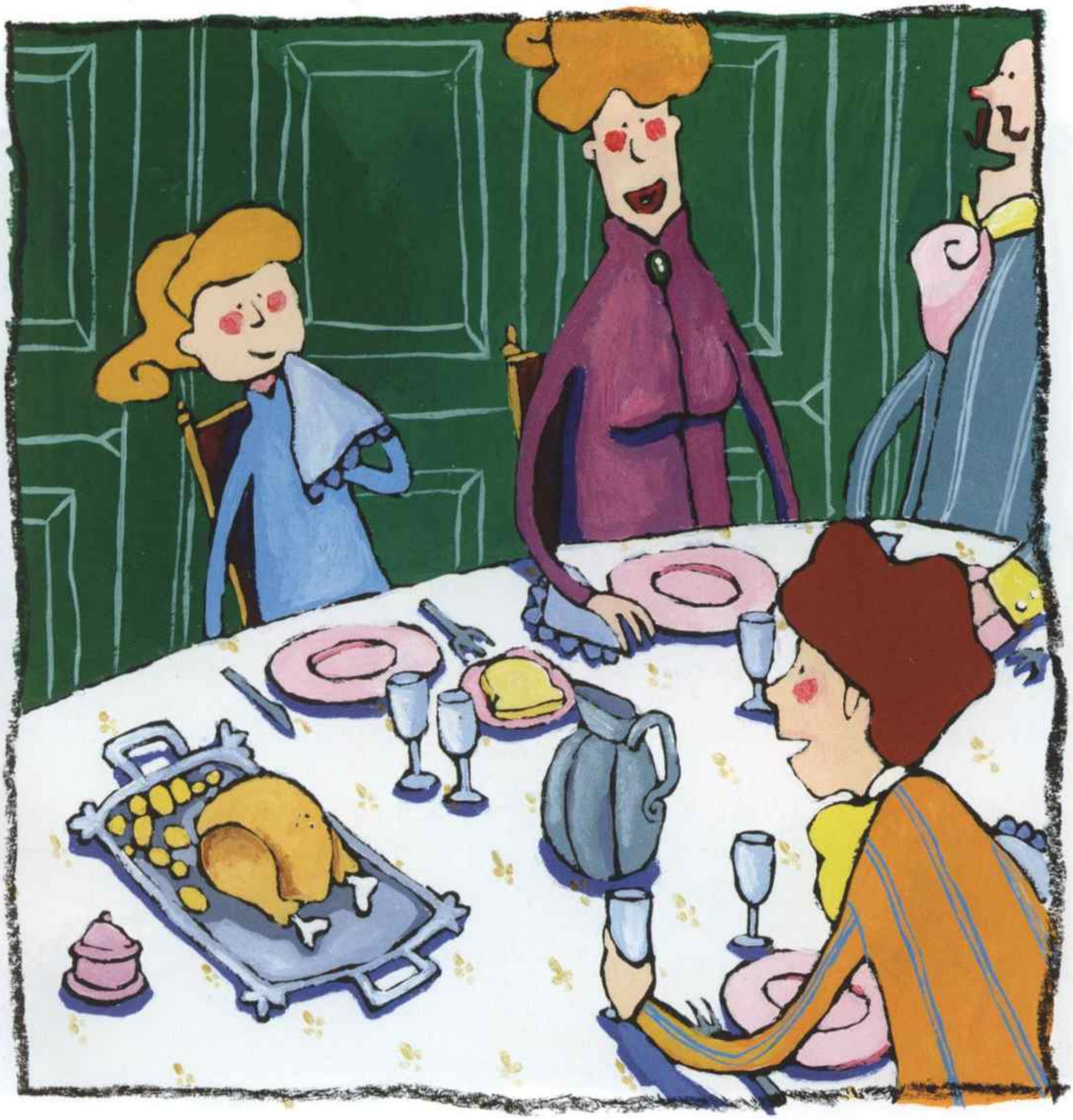
Mrs Otis: Yes, we all like it. Virginia loves England.

The Duke: What about the ghost? Is he quiet now?

Mr Otis: Oh yes. He's very quiet because he oils his chains. He doesn't visit us very often.

Mrs Otis: And there's no stain now!

The Duke: Jolly good!



The Duke: Is England different from America?

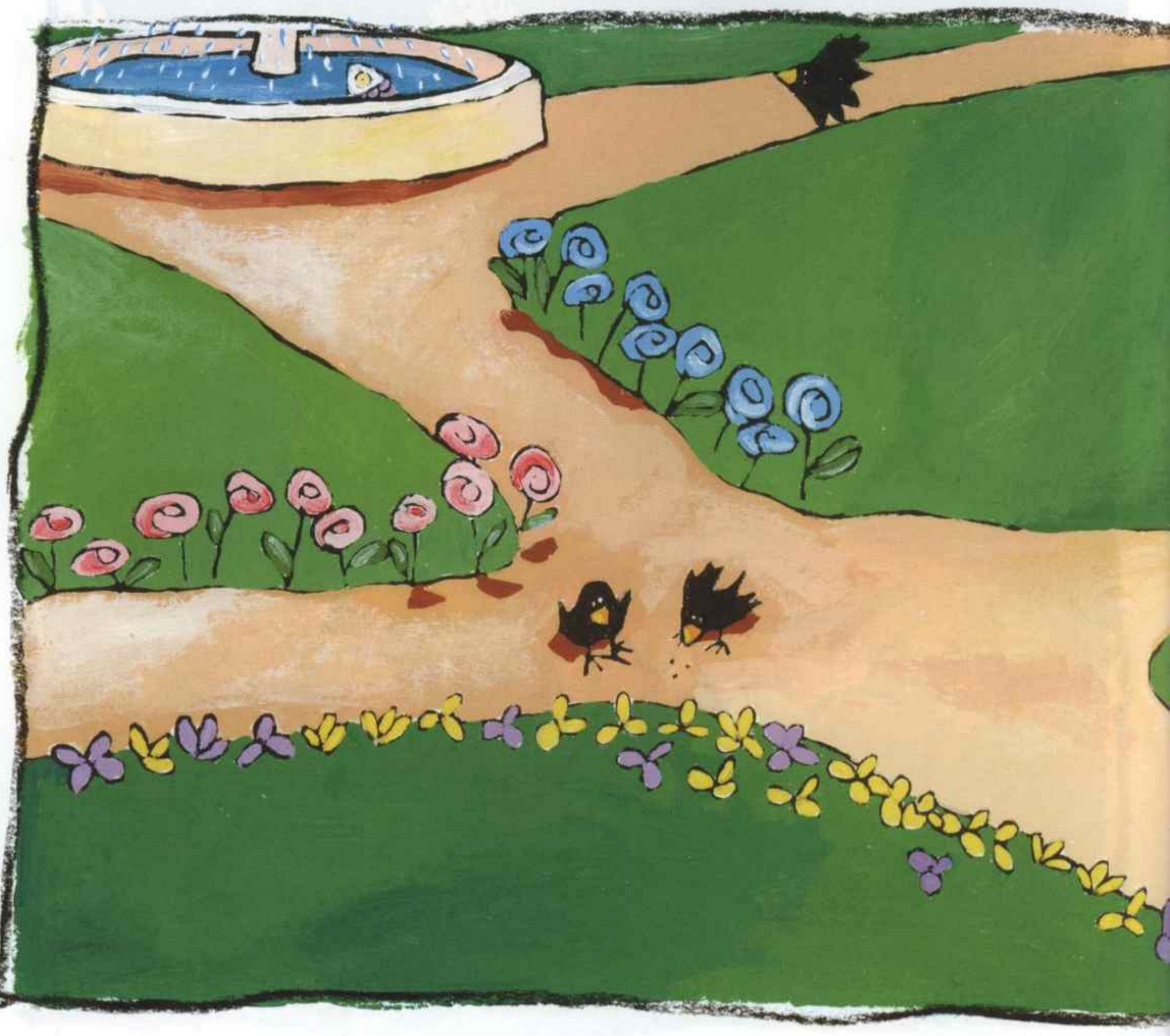
Virginia: Oh, yes! Very different. America is a big country and it's new! But England is full of history!

The Duke: And ghosts!

Virginia: I like ghosts. Our ghost is a gentleman!

The Duke: Is he? I know he walks at night in the dark. He moans and his chains make a terrible noise.

Virginia: This is only part of his story! He's a very sad ghost. He can't sleep.



The Duke: Sir Simon is my ancestor. He's over 300 years old.

Virginia: He's very old!

The Duke: In England we have ghosts and fairies and elves. They live in the woods.

Virginia: In America we have witches. They live in forests and they prepare magic herbs.



Virginia: Look at the flowers, Cecil! I love blue, pink and white flowers.

The Duke: Do you like white roses?

Virginia: Yes, I do.

The Duke: This is for you, Virginia.

Virginia: Thank you, Cecil. It's lovely.



Mr Ghost: Virginia, Virginia, I'm happy because you cry for me. I can sleep now.

Virginia: Where are you?

Mr Ghost: In the garden. Miss Virginia, this box is for you.

Virginia: Oh, look at the diamond ring and the earrings. They're beautiful! Thank you, Sir Simon. Goodbye!



1 Choose the correct answer.

1 The Duke's name is
- **A** ☐ Frank.
- **B** ☐ George.
- **C** ☐ Cecil.

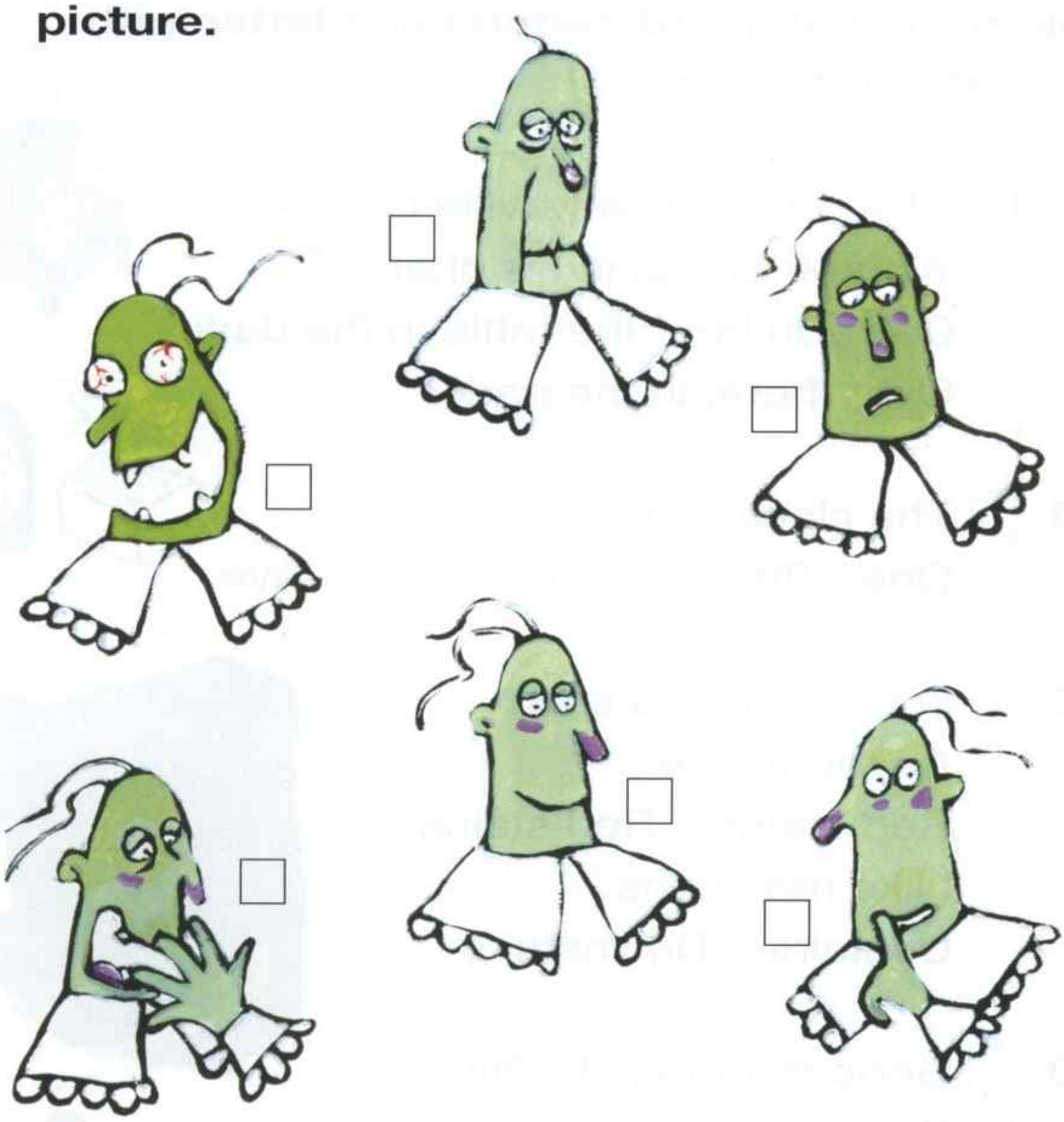
2 Fairies live in
- **A** ☐ America.
- **B** ☐ England.
- **C** ☐ Australia.

3 Witches prepare
- **A** ☐ roast beef.
- **B** ☐ magic herbs.
- **C** ☐ tea.

4 Virginia likes
- **A** ☐ white roses.
- **B** ☐ yellow roses.
- **C** ☐ red roses.

5 Sir Simon gives Virginia
- **A** ☐ colours.
- **B** ☐ white roses.
- **C** ☐ a diamond ring and earrings.

2 Listen and write the number next to the right picture.



3 Act the story.

STUDENT A: You are Mr Otis

STUDENT B: You are Mrs Otis

STUDENT C: You are Virginia

STUDENT D: You are the Duke

STUDENT E: You are Mr Ghost

Mr Ghost's song

Look at the song and match each letter with the right number.

A ☐ Welcome to Canterville Chase
With Mr Ghost in his chains
Can you hear the rattle in the dark
Over there, in the park?



1

B ☐ The clock strikes five
One Two Three Four Five



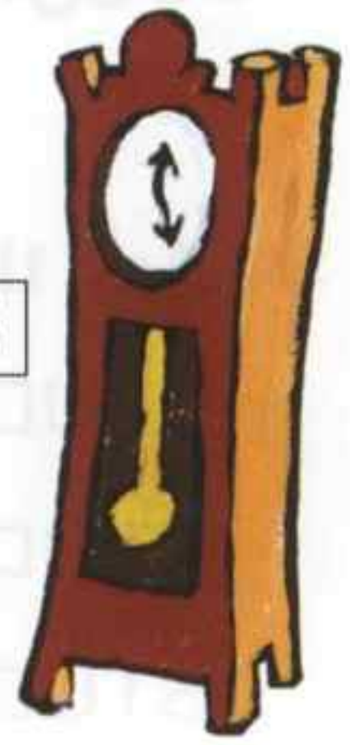
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C ☐ Look! Here's a stain
As red as fire
Red stains Red stains
I like red stains
Upstairs Downstairs



3

D ☐ Good morning Mr Otis
Be quiet, Mr Ghost
Sun Oil, Superwhite...
Ssshh! Be quiet!



5

E ☐ Good morning sweet Virginia
This is for you
And...
Thank you!



4

Copy the song into your notebook and draw the ghost.



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