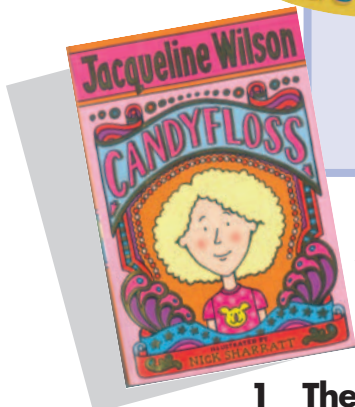


Culture 1 Let's Read!

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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 for teenagers. 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 [apartment building]. 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, England.

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

Q3:
 When I was about six years old.



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Q4:
 Yes, I was a journalist.

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

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

- A Who was your best friend at school?
- B Which is your favorite out of all of your books?
- C What was your favorite 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 Poet Laureate

The United States has an official Children's Poet Laureate. It is an award given by the Poetry Foundation. Jack Prelutsky was the first Children's Poet Laureate. The current Laureate is Mary Ann Hoberman. She has written more than 40 children's books.

 **4 Listen to Tim talking about his favorite 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	Weakest part:

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 block of flats (apartment building) made out of books?.....

2 Complete the dialogue between Floss and her teacher. Use the simple past 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 afterward.

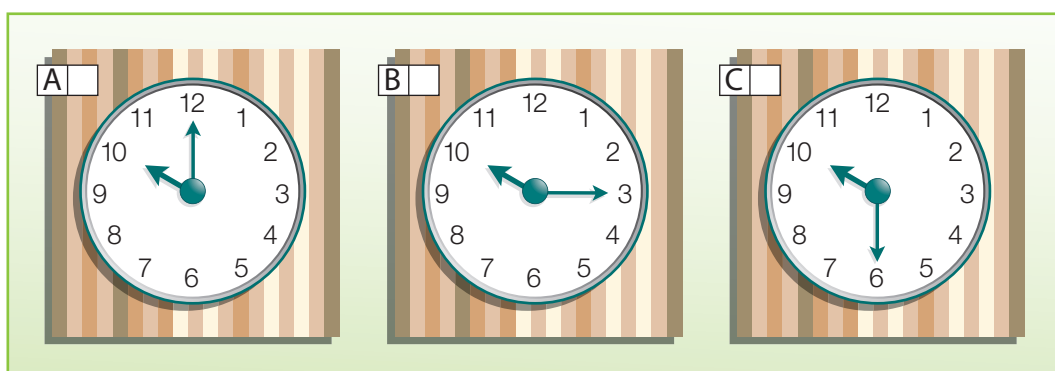
Floss We made an apartment building with some books. It ⁴..... very tall.

Teacher ⁵..... you two alone in the library?

Floss Yes, we ⁶.....



3 There was an attack at Maxwell Castle last night. Listen to find out what happened. Check (✓) one of the clocks below.



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



- 5** There were three people in Maxwell Castle on the night of the attack. 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 cell phone at 10:15 for 15 minutes. At the end of the call, I ⁴..... (hear) shots from the living room. When I ⁵..... (arrive), Captain Night ⁶..... (be) on the floor.

Sheila Shock

I ¹..... (be) in my bedroom all evening because I ²..... (have) a headache. I ³..... (fall) asleep at nine 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) lying on the floor.

Freddy Fear

I ¹..... (be) in the kitchen at 10:30 when the attack 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 call the police.



- 6** Who is the attacker? Think about the 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 and the other three are the characters from Exercises 4–5. The detective must interview each person about the attack. Start like this:

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

Colonel Red: I was ...