

Stone Soup

One cold, ____ (1) ____ night an old man was walking along a road. He was wet and hungry, for he had walked a long way. All at once he saw a house, and, knocking at the door, he asked the cook for some food. But she told him she had none.

“May I come in and dry myself by the fire then?” asked the old man. “Oh yes,” said the cook, “but you must not get in my way.” So the old man came in and sat down. Soon he was dry and warm. But he was still very ____ (2) ____.

Soon he said, “I am a good cook myself. I can make a lovely soup. It is called stone soup.” The cook wanted very much to know how to make such a cheap soup. So the old man said he would show her how it was done.

“Just fetch me a pot with some water in it,” he said. When she brought it, he put it on the fire. Then, taking a clean white stone from his pocket, he dropped it into the ____ (3) ____.

When the water was hot the old man tasted it. “This is going to be fine soup,” he said, “but a little seasoning would add to the taste. I see an old piece of cabbage and some ____ (4) ____ on the table. May I drop them in?”

The cook, who was watching closely, nodded, and in went the vegetables. After a ____ (5) ____ the old man tasted the soup again. “This is good,” he said, “but it wants some stirring. I see a ham bone over there. May I use that?”

Again the cook nodded and the maker of the soup began to ____ (6) ____ his soup with the ham bone. He took care to use the end with a little meat still clinging to it. Soon he ____ (7) ____ the soup again. “This is the best soup I have ever made,” he said. “But I think it could do with a little thickening. Could I have a little flour?”

The cook passed him some flour. He mixed it with water and put it into the pot. After a time he tasted the soup once more. “This,” he said, “is fit for the best in the land. A wee lump of butter and a drop of milk would make it fit for the ____ (8) ____ himself.”

The cook went to get the ____ (9) ____ and the milk. “And while you are getting those,” the old man said, “I will drop in that chicken that I see hanging over there. It can’t do any harm.”

So he dropped in the chicken and the butter and the milk, and he stirred and stirred. Soon he poured out the soup, some for the cook and some for ____ (10) ____ . He fished out the stone, dried it, and put it in his pocket.

“This soup tastes fine,” said the cook. “And to think it was made from a stone! I am so ____ (11) ____ that I have been able to learn how to make stone soup.”



Old Irish Tale

For this cloze activity, choose the best word from each box to match the numbered spaces in the story. Write the word on the line next to the box.

① sunny fine rainy cool _____

② hungry cold wet thirsty _____

③ pocket sink lemonade water _____

④ onions dirt stones bubble gum _____

⑤ day year time week _____

⑥ spill hit drink stir _____

⑦ drank stirred tasted spilt _____

⑧ cook King dog Tom Cruise _____

⑨ milk soup bottle butter _____

⑩ King Lassie her himself _____

⑪ Write three different words that could be used to complete space (11).

Moving on

Draw the ingredients for Stone Soup beside the pot.



Greeting Cards

To dear Superman
I hope you are feeling better after
your dose of kryptonite.

**When you are feeling ill
Don't fly to the nearest window sill
Just take it easy
And before you know
You'll soon be up and on the go.
GET WELL SOON**

Lois and Jimmy
P.S. Have you seen Clark Kent
lately? He seems to have been missing
since you became ill.



Dear Christopher

BON VOYAGE

As you sail across the seas,
Don't be shaking at the knees.
With Nina, Pinta and Santa Maria,
It won't be long 'til again we see ya.

Don't fall off the end of the
world if you can help it.

All our best wishes,
King Ferdinand and
Queen Isabella

To Jack

Hope you still remember me
after your bump on the head.

**GET WELL SOON
The well is deep,
The hill is steep,
When you fall down,
You should stay on your feet.**

Do you need any more vinegar
and brown paper? If you do I
will bring them next visit.

Love Jill

To Neil,
Wishing you a safe and
successful trip,
Wherever you may go,
Whatever you may do,
When we're looking at the Moon,
We'll be thinking of you.
BON VOYAGE
From all the staff at the space
school

P.S. BRING US EACH A PIECE OF
MOON ROCK FOR OUR GARDENS.

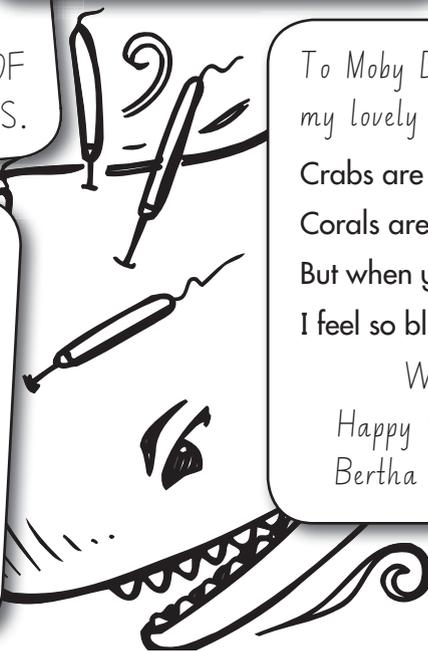
To dear Ned

**When it's your birthday
And you thought we'd forgot,
Just remember that we
Still love you a lot.**

from Ma, Pa and all the Kellys
We hope you like your new steel suit and
helmet and hope it's not too heavy.

To Moby Dick,
my lovely white whale
Crabs are red
Corals are too,
But when you are away
I feel so blue

With all my love,
Happy Valentine's Day,
Bertha the Blue Whale



Each greeting card can be answered with a thank-you note. Who do you think has answered these notes? Fill in the missing words.

① Dear Folks,

Thank you for the card. The new _____ fits nicely. Although some of the _____ need tightening, it's not too _____ for me. Will be going down to the Glenrowan Hotel for a bit of a party. See you soon.

Love, _____

② Dear NASA,

Really loved the card. Am writing this in zero gravity, so sorry if the writing is a bit scrawly. Buzz and Mike send their best. We hope to be orbiting the _____ in a few hours. From here there looks to be plenty of _____ to send back.

Best wishes, _____

③ Dear Miss Lane,

I was glad to get your get _____ card. Now that the _____ has been put back into its lead box I have been feeling very much _____ and should be back to my super-human strength. Sorry, I haven't seen Clark, but I seem to remember that he was going on a holiday. Thank Jimmy for remembering me too.

Keep writing, _____

④ Dear Friend,

I have just received your card. Thanks to a bandage of _____ paper soaked in _____, my head is not so sore. That is the last time I am going up that hill to fetch _____. I am looking forward to seeing you again soon.

⑤ My Darling Valentine,

Roses are red, begonias need rain,

I love you because you're as _____ as a train. Love, _____

⑥ Dear King and Queen,

Thank you for your note. The crew and I are confident of _____ new lands across the _____. We hope to get to India or China by travelling west. Will get in touch as soon as we return.

Your obedient servant, _____

Moving on



Fold a piece of card in half and cut out a shape that shows the kind of greeting you are making, e.g. a heart shape for Valentine's Day, a rabbit or egg for Easter, or a child's shape for Children's Week. Make up a poem to someone special to write in your card.

Anzac Biscuits

Makes about 48 biscuits

Ingredients

1 cup of plain flour

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup of sugar

1 cup of rolled oats

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup of coconut

1 tablespoon of golden syrup

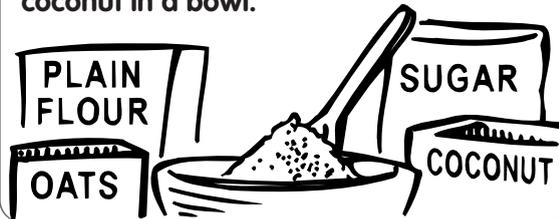
125 grams of butter

$1\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoons of bicarbonate of soda

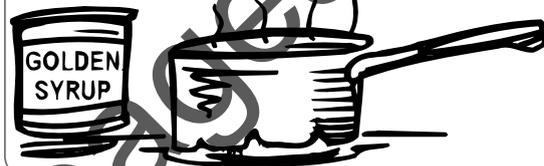
2 tablespoons of boiling water

Method

Step 1 Mix the flour, sugar, oats and coconut in a bowl.



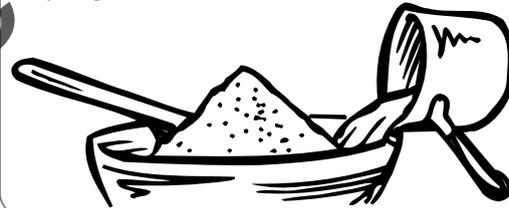
Step 2 In a small saucepan, melt golden syrup and butter over gentle heat.



Step 3 Mix bicarbonate of soda and boiling water in a cup. Add to the saucepan (it will froth and bubble). Remove from the heat.



Step 4 Pour this mixture into the bowl of dry ingredients. Stir to mix.



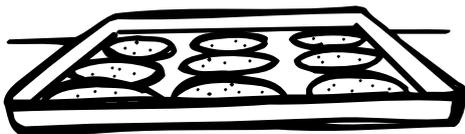
Step 5 Grease a baking tray with butter. Place small spoonfuls of the mixture onto the tray.



Step 6 Bake in an oven at 150°C for 20 minutes.



Step 7 Allow to cool before removing from the tray.



Step 8 Store in a biscuit tin. Makes a great snack after school or for playlunch.



Warning: This activity should only be done under adult supervision.

Answer these questions about the recipe for Anzac Biscuits.

- ① What type of flour is used?

- ② What are the dry ingredients?

- ③ What is the golden syrup heated with?

- ④ How many dozen biscuits does this recipe make?

- ⑤ Why is the baking tray greased?

- ⑥ What four ingredients “froth and bubble” when mixed together?

- ⑦ In which step are the dry ingredients mixed with the rest of the ingredients?

- ⑧ What must you do after the boiling water and bicarbonate of soda are added to the mixture?

- ⑨ How would you apply the butter to grease the baking tray?

- ⑩ For how long should the mixture be baked?

- ⑪ If you wanted to make twice as many biscuits, write how much you would need of the following ingredients.
rolled oats _____ coconut _____
golden syrup _____ bicarbonate of soda _____
- ⑫ Approximately how many small spoons of the mixture are placed on the tray?

Moving on

Write out the recipe for one of your favourite foods or cut one out from a magazine and paste it onto a sheet of paper. Compile the grade's recipes together to make a Grade Recipe Book.

Also have a go at making the Anzac Biscuits.

● **Comprehension Focus:** Literal Questioning



Hatches, Matches and Dispatches



BIRTHS

BEAR (Bruin) To Mother and Father Bear, a dear baby son, weighing 15 kilos. Dark fur and brown eyes just like his mum. Thanks to Woodland Hospital and Dr Grizzly.

It's a girl!

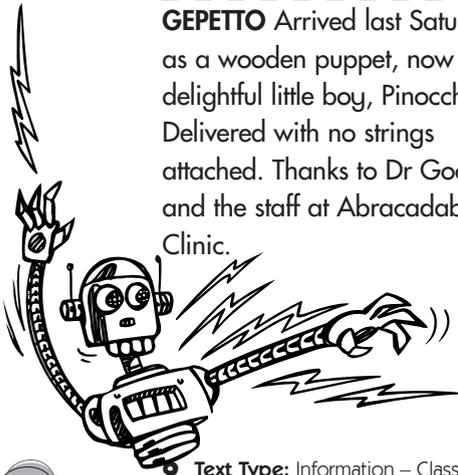
BELL (Ringling) At last a darling daughter, Tinker, with perfectly formed wings and surrounded by magic. Weighed in at 5 g. Thanks to the doctors and nurses at Fantasyland Hospital and to Jiminy Cricket for driving the Bells to the hospital.

GUMNUT (Gumleaf) To Mr and Mrs Gumnut, two delightful gumnut babies, Snugglepot and Cuddlepie. Thanks to Dr Stork and the staff at the Bush Nursing Hospital.

It's Twins

MARIO (Scalati) Alfonso and Carla welcome their twin boys Mario and Luigi. Many thanks to the computerised delivery room at Computerland Hospital.

GEPETTO Arrived last Saturday as a wooden puppet, now a delightful little boy, Pinocchio. Delivered with no strings attached. Thanks to Dr Goodfairy and the staff at Abracadabra Clinic.



ENGAGEMENTS

BEAUTY-BEAST It is with great surprise that the parents of the beautiful Beauty announce the engagement of their daughter to the Beast. (Yuk!) We hope they will in some way find happiness.

BONNEY-TEACH Mr and Mrs Ethan Bonney are proud to announce the engagement of their pirate daughter Ann to the one and only 'Blackbeard', Edward Teach. May they have many little cabin boys and girls. Big party tomorrow night on board the *Jolly Roger*.

LANE-KENT Mr and Mrs George Lane announce the engagement of their daughter Lois to Clark, only son of Mr and Mrs Kent of Iowa. They will marry at the Metropolis City Mission on 15 December.

MONTAGUE-CAPULET Juliet Capulet and Romeo Montague announce their engagement even though their parents do not approve. They are to be wed in Verona Cathedral on 21 May.

DEATHS

CAPULET, Juliet Died tragically on 11 October at the Mantua churchyard. Taken so soon after her engagement.

If only we could tell you how Sad we are to lose you now.

CYBORG, Terminator Lost in the line of duty and scattered all over the place.

If you thought we were scared You were right.

The Cyborg gave us An awful fright.

Rest in Pieces.

EAST, Wicked Witch Sadly missed by her loving sister, the Witch of the West. Killed accidentally by a falling house.

A curse upon that Dorothy girl for her attack upon my defenceless sister.

KONG, King In New York on 12 October, as a result of a fall from the Empire State Building.

While people gape

At this huge hairy ape,

Please don't forget,

He might have been your pet.

Sadly missed by all his fans on Skull Island.

MAN, Invisible Died from unseen causes at his home in London. Sadly missed by his family and friends. The funeral will be held as soon as his body is located. Rest in Peace.



Who received a notice ...

① ... congratulating the two pirates because they are getting married?

② ... congratulating a gumnut mother for having two babies?

③ ... saying how sad she was that her sister had been killed?

④ ... for having a baby girl born with wings?

⑤ ... for both an engagement and for the death of their daughter?



Quick-answer questions:

⑥ From where did King Kong fall? _____

⑦ Who was broken into pieces? _____

⑧ Who did Baby Bear look like most? _____

⑨ Whom did the Witch of the West blame for killing her sister?

⑩ What were the names of the Mario twins? _____ and _____



True or false?

⑪ The Invisible Man cannot be buried now. _____

⑫ Pinocchio now has strings. _____

⑬ Romeo and Juliet were to be married in May. _____

⑭ Blackbeard's real name is Ethan Bonney. _____



Moving on

a Make up some more 'hatches, matches and dispatches', that is, birth, engagement and death notices. What would you say about Robin Hood and Maid Marian's engagement or Bart Simpson's birth?

b Make up your own birth notice or the birth notice of one of your friends, saying where and when you were or he/she was born. Look at some real birth notices for ideas.

She's Sinking

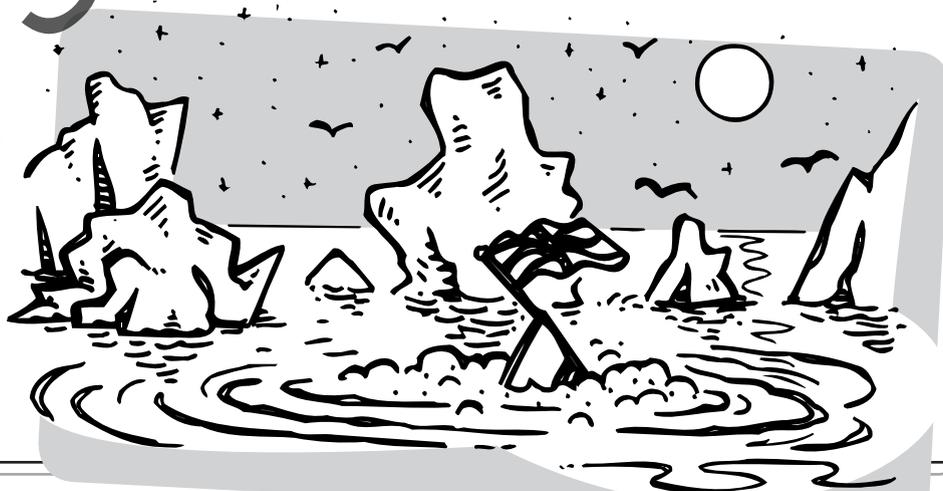
"We're sinking!" The cry echoed over the chilly waters of the Atlantic Ocean. The impossible was happening! The *Titanic*, the ship they said would never sink, was going down into the icy cold depths with 1500 people on board.

Four days earlier on the 10th of April 1912, the *Titanic*, under the command of Edward J. Smith, had left Southampton, England, for New York on its maiden voyage. This passenger liner, as tall as an eleven-storey building, had everything – a gymnasium, a miniature golf course, squash courts, a swimming pool, a palm court, a restaurant that could seat 550 diners, and even a grand staircase. The 294-metre-long vessel was the biggest and most luxurious ship ever built.

On that tragic night, a sailor on watch observed a huge iceberg looming ahead. Too late! The *Titanic* struck with a sickening thud and the massive iceberg sliced a gash almost a hundred metres long in the side of the ship.

An SOS was immediately sent out to ships in the area. Because they thought the *Titanic* was unsinkable, the White Star Shipping Company had not planned for any such emergency, and there were nowhere near enough lifeboats for all the people on board. Only 705 people were rescued. The others perished in the freezing waters of the North Atlantic Ocean.

The *Titanic*, "the ship that would never sink", had sunk within three hours of striking the iceberg.



It's your turn to supply information about the sinking of the *Titanic*.

① Complete the Table of Information.

Name of Ship	
Name of Shipping Company	
Length of Ship	
Date of Maiden Voyage	
Captain's Name	

② Where was the *Titanic* sailing to on its maiden voyage?

③ Approximately how many people were on board the *Titanic* when it left Southampton?

④ Why do you think the *Titanic* hit the iceberg?

⑤ Why did so many people die?

⑥ What is the signal 'SOS' a call for?

⑦ The *Titanic* is referred to as a ship and also a liner in the passage. Words similar in meaning are called synonyms. Can you find another word in the passage similar in meaning to 'ship'? _____

⑧ Find words in the passage that mean:

a cut _____

b died _____

c first _____

d cold _____

e crisis _____

f saved _____

Find a copy of the Morse Code alphabet. Write a message to a friend using this code. Be prepared to write a reply in Morse Code.

Moving on

A Letter from the First Fleet

New South Wales

24 February 1788

Dear Mum, Dad and Mary,

Here I am in another country. I always wanted to travel, but I would have preferred to do so under different circumstances. We have been in this land for five weeks now and although they make us work very hard, it is certainly better than sitting in an English gaol!

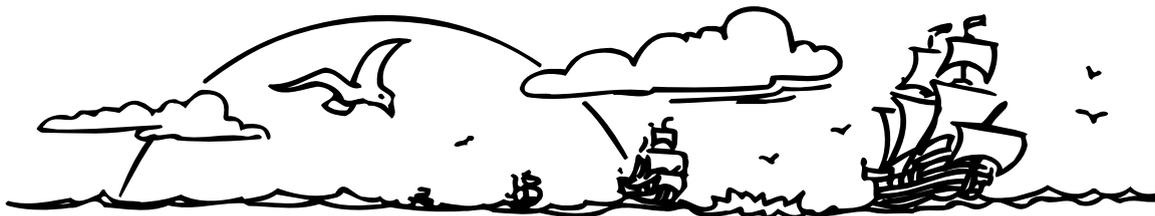
Let me tell you about the journey. It took us over 8 months to reach the settlement. We left Portsmouth Harbour on Sunday the 13th of May and arrived on the 20th of January. There were 11 ships carrying over 750 prisoners of which about 200 were females. The ship I was on was called the *Friendship*. The convicts were of all ages. One young lass was only 17 years old. She, like myself, was sentenced to seven years' transportation. Her crime – stealing clothes! There was even one woman who was 70 years old. Her crime – stealing cheese! Some of the convicts are very desperate types and very few can read or write but a lot are like myself, poor unfortunates who were forced to steal in order to feed their families. Life on board was very tough, but at least we were better fed than when in gaol. We made three stops on the journey – Santa Cruz on the Canary Islands, Rio De Janiero in Brazil and Cape Town on the southern tip of Africa. We encountered many storms and huge waves would crash overboard. One poor soul was washed overboard. I overheard one officer say that 36 people died on the voyage over. As I mentioned earlier, we landed on the 20th of January at Botany Bay. However one ship, HMS *Supply*, landed on the 18th. We were only here a few days, as the Governor, Arthur Phillip, decided that the land was too sandy and the bay not deep enough for future fleets, so we moved further up the coast, and on the 26th we landed at a place they are calling Sydney Cove.

I'd better finish now as I am running out of space. I do not know if or when this letter will reach you. Please don't worry about me. I look at this transportation as a second chance. Miss you all but I don't think I will ever return to England. I will serve my time here and then hopefully I will be able to start a new life for myself in this new land.

Take care of yourselves.

I love you all,
Edward

Read Edward's letter and answer the following questions.



- ① What was the name of the ship on which Edward travelled to Australia?

- ② How long had Edward been in Australia?

- ③ What crime had Edward committed and what was his sentence?

- ④ About how many convicts were on the First Fleet?

- ⑤ What do you think were some of the hardships that the convicts on the First Fleet faced?

- ⑥ How was Edward different from most of the other convicts?

- ⑦ Why did the First Fleet move from Botany Bay to Sydney Cove?

- ⑧ How does Edward view his future?

- ⑨ Find the word in Edward's letter that means:

a trip _____	b prisoners _____	c met _____
d robbing _____	e preferable _____	f kinds _____

Moving on



On a map of the world show the journey of the First Fleet. Mark in the same stopovers they made on the way.

Reading Award

Psst

Have you heard that

has surely and
successfully
completed a
sensational
_____ weeks of

Comprehension Once a Week
Book 5

Signed: _____

Date: _____

