

1. One fine morning, Humpty Dumpty was enjoying a leisurely stroll through the park.

2. After walking for half an hour in the baking sun, Humpty began to get tired.

3. He decided to take a rest upon a rickety, old, sandstone wall.

4. The wall was not strong enough to support such a rotund egg as Humpty and it collapsed under his, not so insignificant, weight.

5. Poor Humpty, who had not long recovered from a previous fall down the stairs, cracked into a hundred pieces.

6. Although the king's men arrived quickly at the scene, they were unable to save the unfortunate egg-man.

7. Hickory Dickory Dock, a rather fickle mouse, decided to run up the old grandfather clock one lunch time.

8. The old grandfather clock, that had once belonged to the Grand Old Duke of York was an ancient time-piece which chimed on the hour.

9. Unfortunately, he miss-timed his adventure and the clock began to chime as he reached the top.

10. The clock, which had stood in the hallway for at least 50 years, rang out seventeen times in total.

11. The terrified, tiny, brown mouse quickly scurried back down the clock and returned to his warm, safe, homely hole in the skirting board.

12. Following his terrible fright, his paws were shaking and his heart was pounding.

13. While most children have cats or dogs as pets, Mary had a little lamb.

14. The lamb, whose fleece was as white as fresh snow, insisted on following Mary everywhere she went.

15. One day, the lamb decided to follow Mary all the way to school.

16. The school rules clearly stated that pets, including lambs, were not allowed at school.

17. Discovering the lamb underneath her desk, Mary's friends were delighted by the new addition to their class.

18. They laughed, played and danced with the lamb all morning long.

19. Although her friends were delighted, her teacher was not best pleased to discover Mary's lamb at school and sent him home.

20. The lamb was devastated, mean old teacher, and cried all the way home.