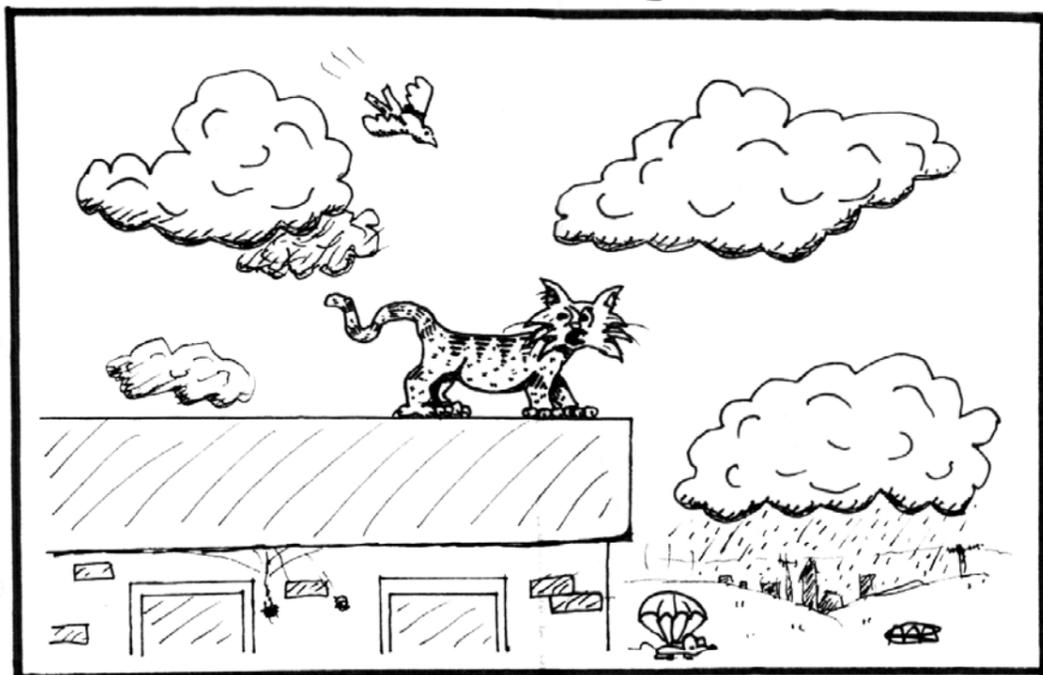




young archer

TAKE A JUMP

by alex athanasiou



"I'll jump, I swear I will, and this time I won't land on my feet!"

Driven to distraction

By Diana Cormack

"When are we going to be there?" "How much longer is it?" "Are we nearer home or nearer there?" are just some of the questions children ask when they have had enough of a long car journey. The toys have been abandoned, books read, Gameboy's over and the tapes are played out. Now is the time (if they refuse to try going to sleep!) to introduce some car games. But a word of warning is necessary here. Talk about the rules before starting to play the game and have a trial run first, to avoid World War III breaking out on your particular stretch of motorway!

A - Z Game

Using the headings of Girl's Name, Boy's Name, Animal, Plant, Place each person in turn says the name of a girl which begins with "A", then each person in turn says the name of a boy which begins with "A", followed by an animal name, next a plant name and finally a place name. Work your way through the alphabet without repeating a or copying a name. Penalty points are given if you repeat or fail to think of a name, so the winner is the person with the smallest number of points.

Plates

Another game can be played using the number plates of passing cars. Using the three letters next to each other, try to make up a short saying with them. e.g. BMH could be "Brush my hair" or "Bring me happiness". A variation of this, for better spellers or older children, is to make a word or a name out of the letters. So BMH could be "Birmingham" or "blemish" or even "big-mouth"! Using the alphabet again, each person takes it in turn to make up a sentence with each word beginning with the letter in question. e.g. Aunty Ann ate an Australian apple. Bob burst Brenda's blue balloon. King Kong knew karate.

You may have to introduce your own rules regarding words like "a" and "the".

Driven by DEC

There are plenty of songs to sing to pass the time, but things can be more interesting if someone sings a song then stops on a particular word before they get to the end of the song. The next person has to then sing a song which begins with the last letter of the previous song. So "Jack and Jill went up the hill to fetch a pail ..." can be followed by "London's burning, London's burning".

Snack in the Middle

Stuck in a traffic jam or waiting at traffic lights, you can make use of the time factor.

Everyone tries to guess how long it will be before the car in front moves or the lights change. You can shout "Change!" once, just before the car in front moves or the lights change to amber. The

winner of each round is the last person to call before the change happens, so it's all a matter of timing.

Have a great time wherever you go during the summer holidays. Try not to moan too much if the journey gets boring. Remember, you could be sitting in school instead!

clever clogs corner

When we take our cars abroad we have to put the letters GB on them.

This shows that they come from Great Britain. Which countries do cars with the following letters on them come from?

1. F
2. H
3. I
4. E
5. D
6. NL
7. S
8. SF
9. GBM
10. V

- Answers:-
1. France
2. Hungary
3. Italy
4. Spain
5. Germany
6. Netherlands
7. Sweden
8. Finland
9. Isle of Man
10. Vatican City

joke

There was a man walking down the road with his pet lion. Then this policeman drove up to him and said "You'd better take that lion to the zoo!" "ok" said the man.

The next day the man was walking his pet again. The policeman came to him in car then he said "I thought I told you to take that lion to the zoo!" The man replied "I have, now I'm taking it swimming."

by Alex Davey, aged 11, of Brownswell Road, N2.

City Walk

By Charlotte Waring, aged 9, of Durham Road, N2. On May 18th 1997 the Waring family went on a sponsored walk to raise money for the Christian Aid. There were three walks for Christian Aid, which visited all the churches in the city.

We did the Eastern walk. The starting point of this walk was the Monument to the Great Fire of London in 1666, from where we headed north through the financial heart of the city and Leadenhall Market, up to the churches around the northern wall, and then east and south to the Tower of London. We saw some interesting buildings on the walk including, The Bank of England, The Natwest Tower, the first coffee shop in London, the Tower of London and Tower Bridge.

Steeple Chase

About half the churches were open and we were able to look around them. They had interesting statues and one church had lots of model ships and boats, in some churches there was music playing. St Dunstan in the east had been bombed in the war and was mainly ruins but the tower is still standing, the weather was sunny and we had a really good walk. We finished by climbing 311 steps to the top of the "Monument". We visited 17 churches and made £335.00.

poetry corner

The Moon light

Moon light
Moon light, shine upon us every night,
Moon light
Moon light, glow upon us every night
So we could glow as you every beautiful night,
Moon light

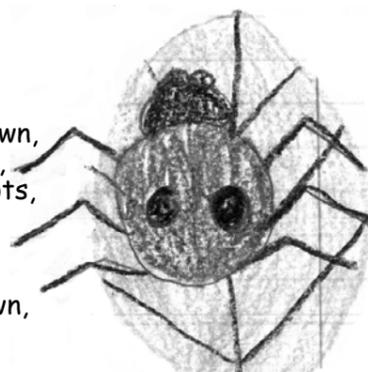
Moon light, you shine as white as snow every beautiful night,
it would be a pleasure of yours
if you shine upon us every beautiful night.

by Ahmed Bandey, aged 9, of Beresford Road, N2.

The Ladybird

Ladybird, Ladybird
The sun has come up,
And the moon has gone down,
You're creepy and crawly,
You're red with black spots,
And you have six legs,
But Ladybird, Ladybird,
The moon has come up,
And the sun has gone down,
So Ladybird,
Lay on me,
Goodnight Ladybird!

By Sasha Dalmonego and Cassey Sullivan, aged 9.



Guinea Pigs

Guinea pigs squeak, scratch and bite
didn't you know they like the light
they come in different colours
mine are black, ginger and white.

Spiders

Spiders I hate them
They're so hairy
I really, really think they're scary
They have eight legs
Some can jump
I woke up last night
and I had a bump.

By Francesca Tiernan, aged 9, of Old Farm Road, N2.

Worms

Worms wriggle in the mud
around they go tug, tug, tug
around in the mud they go.

In The Summertime

Summer is colourful, right from the start,
Flowers erupt and explode in bloom,
Getting rid of that dullest gloom.

Fun fairs, carnivals, holidays as well,
Even Victor Meldrew is feeling quite swell.
Donkey rides, golfing, swimming and fun,
I love summer, God bless the sun.

Dancing, cheering, laughing and smiles,
Walks in the countryside which go on for miles.
Bicycle rides, pony trekking too, picnics, Wimbledon,
HULLABOLOO!!!

Knickerbocker glories, ice-cream and pop,
Six weeks off school, that's a fair cop.
Sun lotioned bodies, topless women galore,
Bikini beach babes, Cor!

So that's what summer's really for!

By Craig Johnson, aged 15, Sedgemere Avenue, N2.