

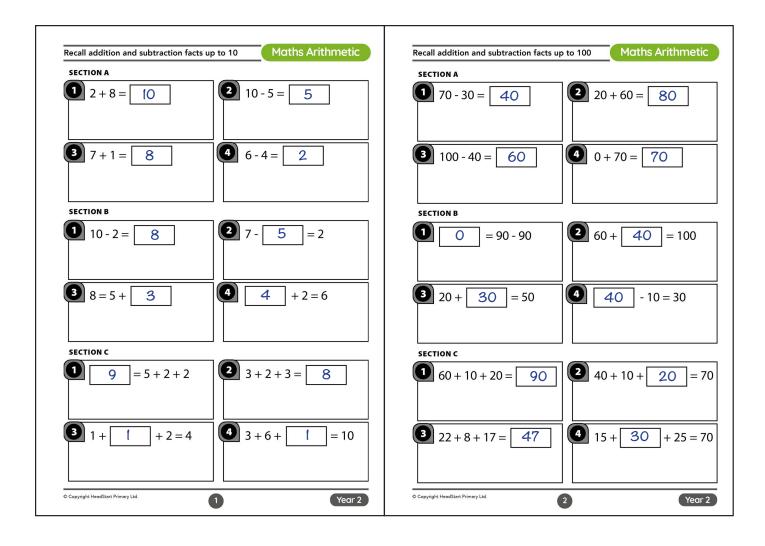
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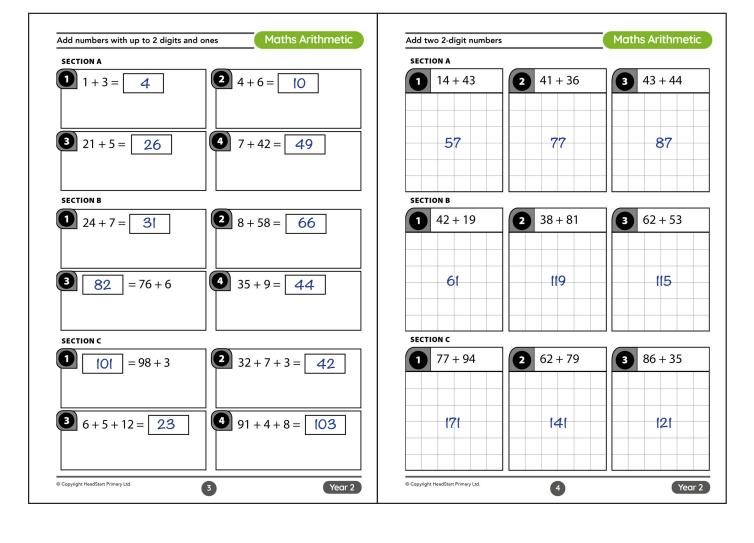
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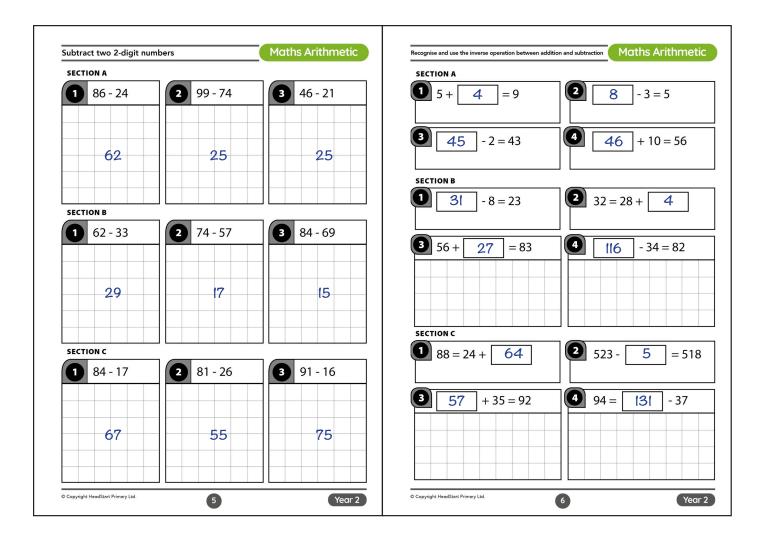
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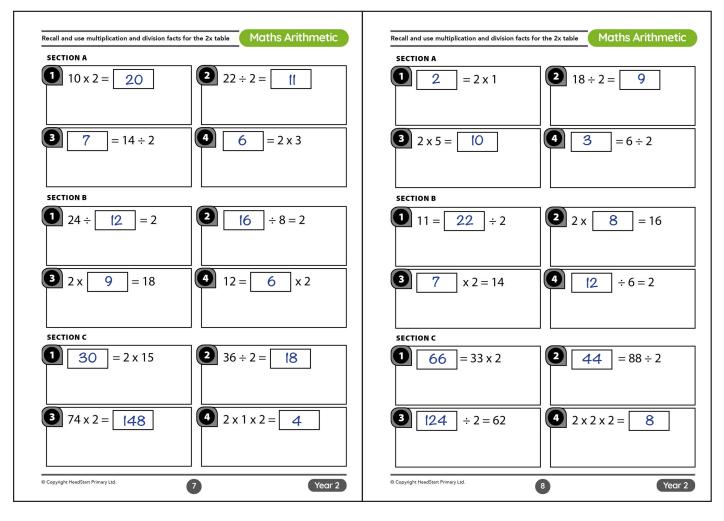


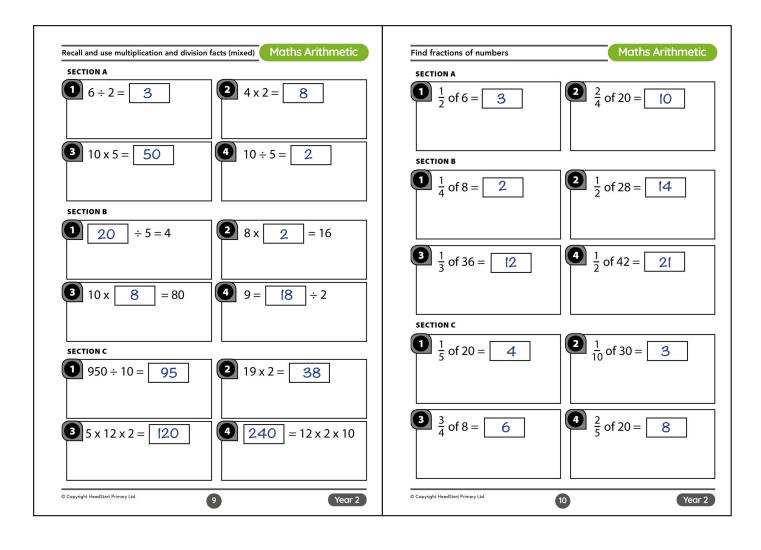
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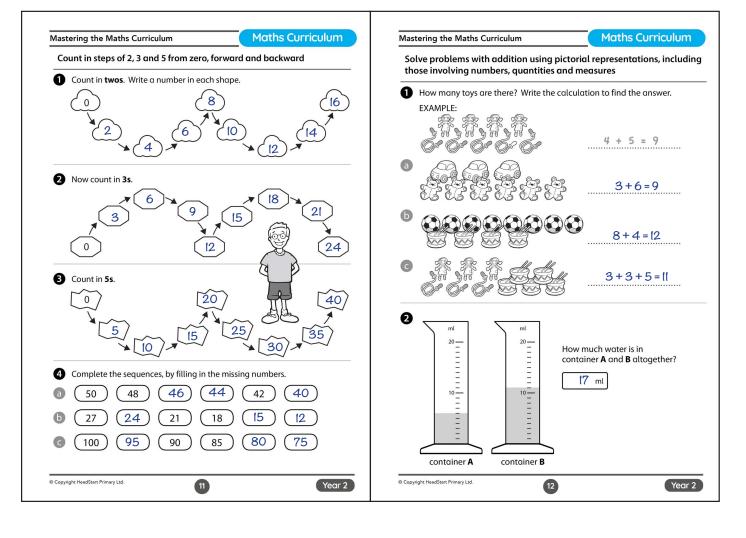


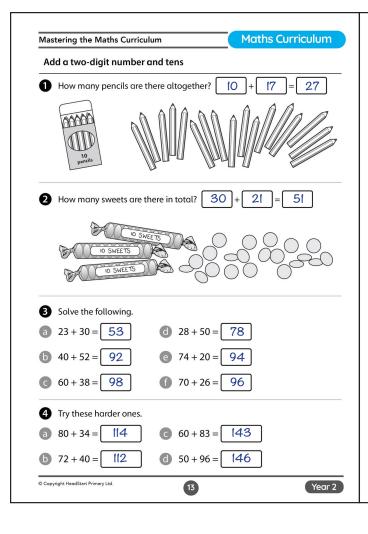


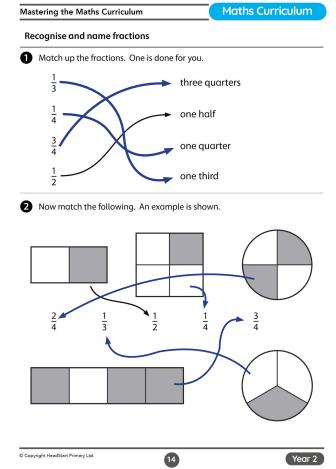


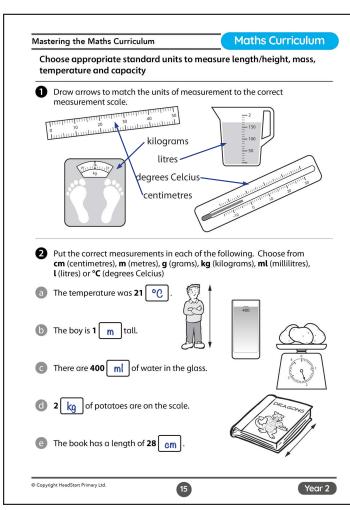


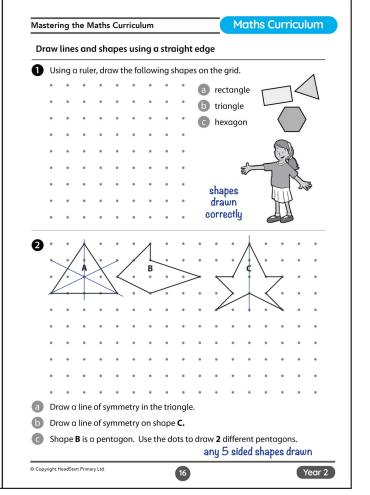


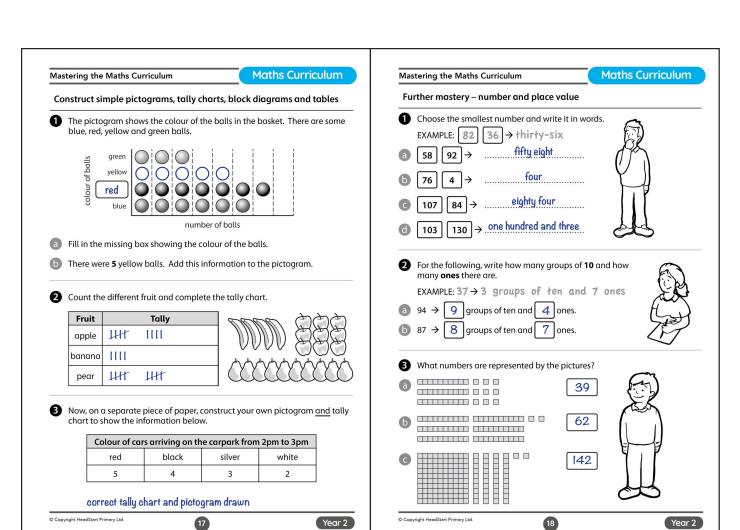


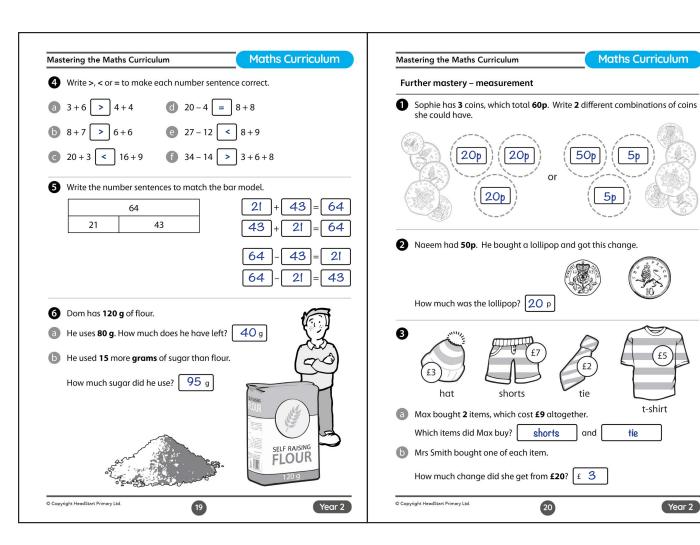












English Curriculum Reading Comprehension

A FABLE: THE MAN, THE BOY AND THE DONKEY

Read this fable (a story containing a lesson), then answer the questions.

The Man, the Boy, and the Donkey

A man and his son were taking their donkey to market. As they walked along by its side, a countryman passed and said, "You fools, what is a donkey for but to ride upon?"

So the man put the boy on the donkey,

Soon, they passed a group of men. One said, "See that lazy boy. He lets his father walk while he rides."

and they went on their way.

The man took his son off and climbed on himself. They hadn't gone far when they passed two women. One said to the other, "Shame on that lazy lout to let his poor son trudge along."

The man didn't know what to do, so he pulled his son up beside him on the donkey. When they reached the town, the people laughed and pointed at them. The man asked what they were laughing at.

The people said, "Aren't you ashamed of yourself for overloading that poor donkey of yours – you and your son?"

So they both got off and wondered what to do. They cut down a pole and tied the donkey's feet to it. Then they raised the pole and the donkey to their shoulders. They staggered along until they came to a bridge. The donkey, getting one of its feet loose, kicked out and caused the boy to drop his end of the pole. In the struggle the donkey fell over the bridge, and was drowned.

The old man and his son, feeling sad, made their way home, thinking: "When we try to please everybody, we please nobody."

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THE GREEN BLOBBY MONSTER

Here is a story with missing words. All of the words are being held up by the Green Blobby Monster. See if you can put the right words in the right places.



The Green Blobby Monster Zuzu has lost something. It isn't her favourite, snuggly blanket. It isn't her cuddly teddy _____bear____. And it isn't the __ she uses to do her squiggly hair. She's lost her Green Blobby Monster. It's time for bed. But Zuzu can't _____sleep happy until she's found her Green Blobby Monster. She looks inside her toy box . He's not hiding among the cuddly elephants and giraffes. Zuzu peers under the sofa. There's nothing there but a tiny biscuit wind-up robot, a chocolate , a book full of blobby pencils things to colour in and some colouring ____ She opens the fridge and peers inside. There's orange juice and a cheese sandwich, but no Green Blobby Monster. The apple ____pie has been eaten. She runs all over the house until she's out of _ Now it's bed time. She looks under her bed. There is the Green Blobby snoring Monster, fast asleep and making a

It goes: "Zu...zu...zu...zu...zu..."

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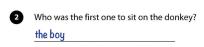
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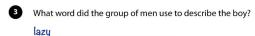
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Now check the fable again for the answers to these questions.

Who called the man and his son fools?

a countryman





Who did the man and his son see after the group of men?

Where were they when people laughed and pointed at them? in the town

6 What word tells you the man and his son found it hard to carry the donkey?
staggered

What happened to the donkey at the end?
It drowned.

What lesson did the man and his son learn?
When we try to please everybody, we please nobody.

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THE EGG AND SPOON RACE – The Start

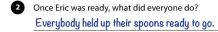
The teacher is trying to line up everybody for the egg and spoon race. But he's having trouble. Look at the order in which things happen.

The teacher, Mr Jackson, was about to blow his whistle to start the race. Then he saw that Eric had a real egg instead of a potato. Luckily, Mr Jackson had an extra potato handy and gave it to Eric. Everybody held up their spoons, ready to go. Then Bartek asked if he could go to the toilet. Mr Jackson nodded and looked at his



watch. When Bartek returned, Samira asked if she could go as well. Mr Jackson sighed. Once everyone was lined up again, Mina dropped her potato. They all waited until she had picked it up. At last, Mr Jackson blew his whistle.

When Mr Jackson saw that Eric had an egg, what did he do? He gave Eric a potato.



What did Mr Jackson do when Bartek asked to go to the toilet? He nodded and looked at his watch.

What happened after Bartek came back?

Samira asked if she could go to the toilet too.

What happened just before Mr Jackson blew his whistle?
Mina dropped her potato.



Reading Comprehension

English Curriculum

L. S. LOWRY

Read this information about the British painter, Laurence Stephen Lowry. To answer the questions that follow, you'll have to use the clues in the text.

Artist - L. S. Lowry

Laurence was born in 1887. As a child, he did not have many friends. His mother had dreamt of becoming a famous pianist, but her health was bad after he was born.



As a young boy, he lived on the edge of Manchester surrounded by trees. This became too expensive. The family had to move house. Then Laurence had to get used to seeing the smoke from factory chimneys rather than trees. Later, this was to become part of his art.

After leaving school, he studied art. He was interested in painting the landscape of factories, football crowds and working people that surrounded him. He is often described as painting 'matchstick men'.

His mother, who was ill for some time, died in 1939, before she could see how successful he had become.

He died in 1976. By then, he had done over 1000 paintings and 8000 drawings. Thirty-five years later, in 2011, one of his paintings sold for five million pounds.



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English Curriculum Reading Comprehension Do you think Laurence had a happy childhood? No. Why do you think that? He did not have many friends. / His mother's health was bad.

angry

happy

What words tell you that Laurence's mother was longing to be a great pianist?

dreamt of becoming a famous pianist

homework, she stamped her foot

and snapped her pencil.

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How do you know the family was not rich? It became too expensive for the family to stay where they lived surrounded by trees. They had to move.

How did Laurence make use of the factories he saw around him? He painted the factories and the people who worked in them.

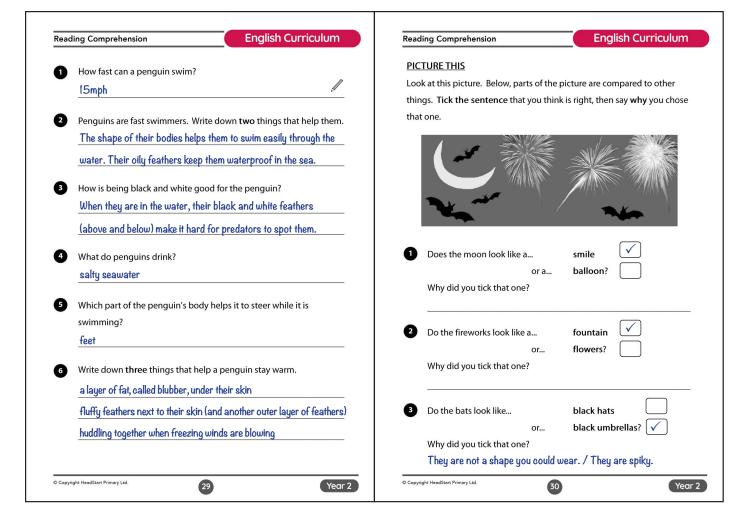
Laurence's mother never saw what a famous artist he became. Why

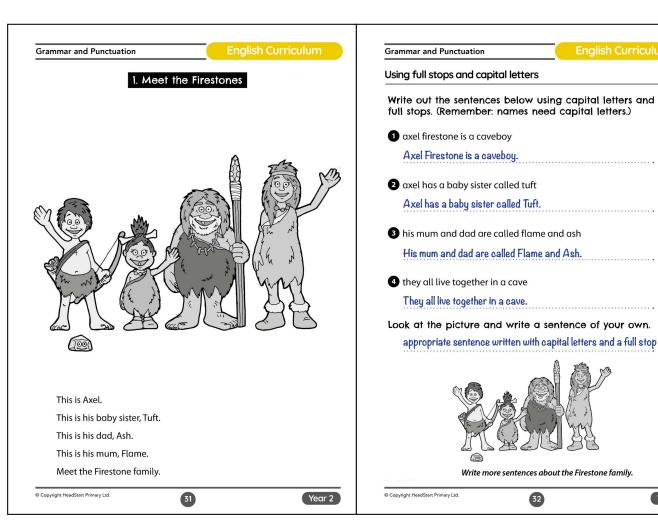
She died in 1939 (before Laurence was successful).

How do we know he spent a lot of time painting? He did over 1000 paintings and 8000 drawings.

English Curriculum Reading Comprehension **THE PENGUIN** Here is a page out of an information book about penguins. See how the picture of the penguin has labels to help you read the facts. Black feathers seen Penguins' beaks have a Penguins can't fly, from above and little hook at the end to but, instead of white feathers seen help them feed on fish. wings, they have from below make it They are also able to flippers that help hard for predators drink salty seawater. them swim. to spot them while swimming. The bodies of penguins are They have a shaped to swim laver of fat. easily through called blubber. the water. They under their skin can swim at 15 to keep them miles per hour. warm in freezing temperatures. Their feathers are oily so that They have fluffy they can stay feathers next to waterproof their skin, as while they are well as an outer swimming. layer of feathers to keep in the The feet of penguins help them to heat. grip the ice as well as helping them to steer when they are They also huddle together to stay warm. As many as 5000 penguins will crowd close together when freezing winds are blowing. © Copyright HeadStart Primary Ltd.







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Using an apostrophe for contraction

Use the contractions in the rocks to complete the sentences.













Dusk told Axel what she was going to do.

- 1 (It is) too far to walk back with these heavy baskets.
- 3 (I am)going back to get help.
- 4 We (cannot) can't both go back.
- **5** So (you are) **you're** going to stay here.
- 6 (Do not) Don't move from this spot.

Dusk left Axel to guard the baskets of fruit and vegetables.



Write the contractions in the story in full.

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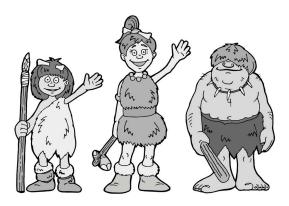


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2. Meet the Moonlights



This is Dusk Moonlight.

She lives with her mum and dad.

Her mum is called Luna Moonlight and her dad is called Sol Moonlight.

They live next to the Firestones.

They live at 2, Cave Street, Blackrock, Dinoland.

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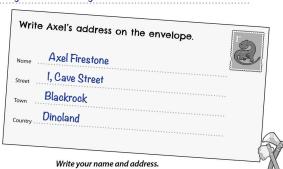
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Using capital letters for names of people and places

Write out the sentences below using capital letters for names. All the <u>nouns</u> that need capital letters have been written in bold to help you. (Don't forget the full stops!)

- 1 dusk moonlight lives at 2, cave street
 Dusk Moonlight lives at 2, Cave Street.
- 2 her friend, axel firestone, lives next door Her friend, Axel Firestone, lives next door.
- 3 axel lives at 1, cave street Axel lives at 1, Cave Street.
- 4 they live in the town of **blackrock**They live in the town of Blackrock.
- 5 they live in the country of dinoland They live in the country of Dinoland.



Grammar and Punctuation

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Writing commands

To write **commands** you need to put the **verb** (the doing or action word) at the beginning of the sentence.

Write the sentences as commands. The first one has been started for you.

1 You will stop shouting, Axel.

Stop shouting, Axel.

2 You will be brave.

Be brave.

3 You will jump on Seff's back.

Jump on Seff's back.

Axel jumped on the dinosaur's back. The sabre-tooth tiger growled at them. Dusk pointed her spear at the tiger.

4 You will get away from us.

Get away from us.

5 You will gallop off, Seff.

Gallop off, Seff.

6 You will hold on tight, Axel.

Hold on tight, Axel.

Seff galloped off and soon they were safely back home. Dusk had saved him.



Write some more commands that Dusk might say.

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