

## Help! No TV!

*This is a story about what happened to Bob yesterday.  
Please answer the questions.*

Yesterday afternoon when I came home from school I hurried up to the television and switched it on.

But what was this? There was no picture. The screen looked like a noisy snow storm. I tried all the channels but they were all the same. Nothing!

I always watch *Junior World* that starts at half past three and I really didn't want to miss it.

*Now answer questions 1, 2 and 3.*

### 1 What sort of programme does Bob watch on TV every afternoon?

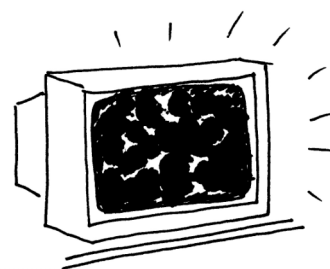
- a  A programme about animals.
- b  The weather report.
- c  A programme for young people.
- d  A sports programme.

### 2 What is the programme called?

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### 3 What was the problem?

- a  The programme was already over.
- b  It started to snow outside.
- c  Bob couldn't watch TV.
- d  The music was too noisy.



I ran over to my friend Sue who lives next door. But it was the same problem there. No picture! Then Sue said, "Why don't we do our maths homework together? We've got nothing else to do."

So we did our maths and it didn't take more than half an hour. I usually don't do my homework until much later, and then it takes much longer.

*Now answer questions 4, 5 and 6.*

**4 Who is Sue?**

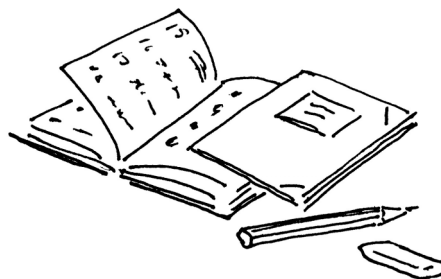
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**5 What did Bob and Sue do?**

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**6 How long did it take?**

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At around five o'clock I saw my dad coming home so I went over to our house again.

Dad was a bit irritated and asked what had happened to the television. He was trying to fix it, because he always watches *Sports Hour* in the afternoon and now he couldn't.

I told him that it was no use because they had the same problem at Sue's. So he gave it up and started making dinner instead. I helped him, and we talked about the weekend, my school, his job and lots of other things.

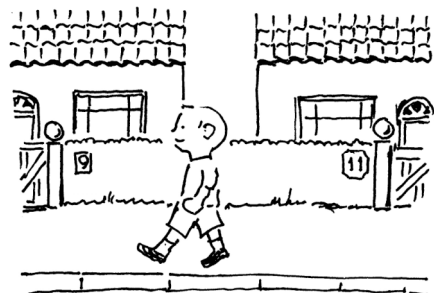
*Now answer questions 7, 8 and 9.*

**7 Why did Bob go home again?**

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**8 Why was Bob's dad irritated?**

- a  Bob wasn't at home.
- b  The TV programme was so bad.
- c  It was late and he was tired.
- d  He couldn't watch sports on TV.

**9 What did Bob and his dad do together?**

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When Mum came home, dinner was on the table. But first of all she went up to the television and tried to switch it on. When she understood that she couldn't watch the news as usual (she *hates* to miss the news!) we sat down and had dinner together. It was quite nice, really.

After dinner Dad phoned Grandma, but she didn't have time to talk to him because she was watching TV. But she told him that she had seen the news: thousands of people couldn't watch TV that day, because something had happened to the TV-mast in the storm.

*Now answer questions 10, 11, 12 and 13.*

**10 What is Bob's mum's favourite programme?**

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**11 Who had dinner together?**

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**12 Why was there no TV picture?**

- a  Grandma's television was broken.
- b  There was no news programme.
- c  Bob's dad had switched off the TV.
- d  The TV-mast was not working.

**13 Who told Bob's dad?**

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We didn't quite know what to do now that there was no TV. After a while we decided to play Monopoly. I phoned Sue to ask her if she wanted to join us. But she told me that she and her family were just starting to play Trivial Pursuit. They asked us to come over so we could all play together.

We stayed at Sue's house until 10 o'clock and had a very good time. Sue's mum won, but she promised we could play again next Saturday.

When we came home again Mum turned on the TV to watch the late news, and *it worked!*

*Now answer questions 14 and 15.*

**14 Where did Bob and his parents go?**

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**15 What did the two families do together?**

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