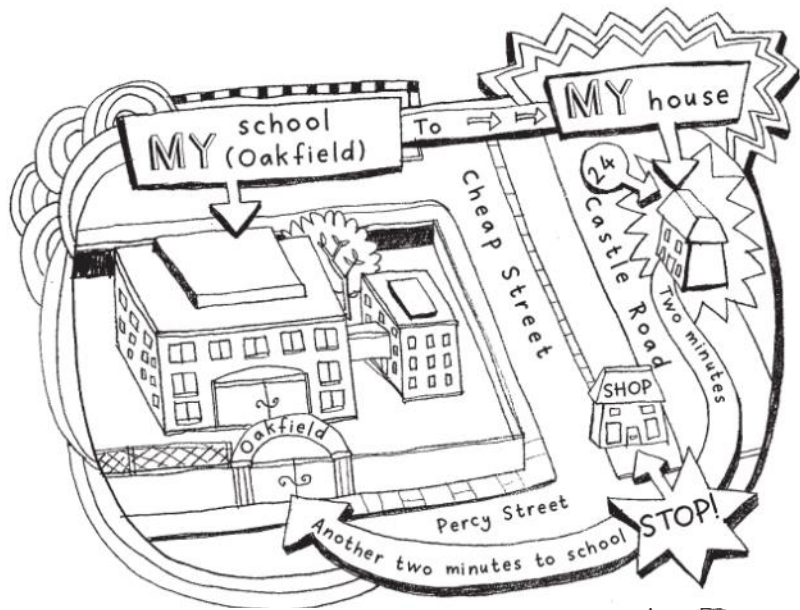






Even though I only live four minutes away from my school, I'm often late.



This is usually because me and Derek (my best mate and next-door neighbour) "chat" a bit (OK, a LOT) on the way. Sometimes it's because we get distracted by delicious fruit chews  and caramel wafers  at the shop. Occasionally, it's because I've had loads of other very important things to do.

For instance, this is what I did this morning (my first day back at school).

☀️ Woke up - 📻 listened to music
 Played my guitar
 ➡️ Rolled out of bed (slowly)
 Looked for socks 
 Looked for clothes 
 Played some more guitar 
 Realized I hadn't done my "holiday reading homework"


PANICKED ○○ - thought of good 'excuse' for lack of homework (phew!).
 Annoyed my sister, Delia. Which I admit did take up a very LARGE chunk of the morning (time well spent though).
 Hid Delia's sunglasses. ➡️ 
 Took my comic into the bathroom to read (while Delia waited outside - Ha! Ha!). When Mum shouts...

Run past Delia (who's still waiting outside the bathroom and quite cross now). Ignore her sisterly love.

CREEP! 

Save precious time by:
~~✂️~~ Not brushing hair
~~✂️~~ Not brushing teeth (for very long)
~~✂️~~ Not kissing Mum goodbye 😞
 (Too old for all that kind of thing.)
 Eat the last piece of toast, then grab my packed lunch and my bike. Shout **BYE!** to anyone who can hear me.
 Then bike to school in about two minutes flat.

Which is a **New** TOM GATES WORLD RECORD... And this is the REALLY good bit...
AMY PORTER has just arrived too!

 I am so pleased to see her after the holidays. I smile, in what I think is a nice friendly cheery way. 😊

Amy is not impressed. She looks at me like I'm weird (I'm not).

(This is a bad start to my day.)

Then it gets worse...

MONDAY

Vocabulary
Infer
Predict
Explain
Retrieve
Summarise



WHAT DO YOU ALREADY KNOW ABOUT...?

Being Late



School



VOCABULARY



neighbour –
some who
lives next door
to you

distracted –
unable to
concentrate

instance – an
example of
something

panicked–
worried or
scared of
something

impressed –
feeling/
showing
respect

What other words were unfamiliar?

Let's use a dictionary or thesaurus to
define them.

Can you see any clues within the
word to help us work out what they
mean?

SUMMARISE

Can you summarise three points we learn from this text

1.

2.

3.



TUESDAY

Vocabulary
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DO NOW



Choose the correct word for each sentence:

neighbour

distracted

impressed

My class were _____ by the topic homework I had completed.

While reading her book, Sarah became _____ by the birds singing outside.

Mrs. Poppyfield was really annoyed that her noisy _____ had woken her sleeping baby.

RETRIEVAL QUESTIONS

WHAT DO THESE MEAN AGAIN?

HOW CAN WE ANSWER THEM?



Stage 1

1. What is Tom's school called?
2. Why is Tom usually late?
3. Who is Tom's best friend?
4. What was the third thing Tom did in the morning?
5. Who is Tom annoyed with?
6. Where did Tom take his comic?
7. How long did it take Tom to ride his bike to school?

Challenge:

1. Do you think Amy Porter is late for school? Why?

WEDNESDAY

Vocabulary
Infer
Predict
Explain
Retrieve
Summarise



DO NOW

1. Find and copy one word in the first column which means the same as 'talk'.
2. Find and copy one word in the second column which means the same as 'worried'.
3. Find and copy one word in the third column tell us Tom is happy to see Amy Porter.

Challenge: Write your own Find and Copy questions.



INFERENCE QUESTIONS

WHAT DO THESE MEAN AGAIN?

HOW CAN WE ANSWER THEM?



Stage 1

1. Why is it bad that Tom is usually late for school?
2. Why did Tom panic about the homework?
3. How did Tom annoy Delia?
4. Why is Tom pleased to see Amy Porter?

Challenge:

1. How does the author make this chapter funny?

THURSDAY

Vocabulary
Infer
Predict
Explain
Retrieve
Summarise



DO NOW



Place these events in the story in the correct order:

1. Thought of an excuse for the lack of homework
2. Sees Amy Porter
3. Annoyed his sister
4. Wakes up and listens to music
5. Gets to school in 2 minutes flat

Challenge: Write your own retrieval questions.

THE BIG QUESTION



QUESTION

Is it okay to be late to school?
Explain your answer.

FRIDAY

Vocabulary
Infer
Predict
Explain
Retrieve
Summarise



DO NOW

Think carefully about what you have read and make a prediction about the following:

How will Tom's day get worse?



REVIEW

Was there anything you liked about this text?

Was there anything you disliked about this text?

Was there anything that puzzled you?

Were there any patterns or connections that you noticed?

