

READING SECTION

Part 1

Student's name:

1. Read the story of Big Nose and the Storm Maker.

Big Nose and the Storm Maker

No-one knew Big Nose's real name but everyone knew that he had the biggest nose in the village. His nose was enormous and everyone laughed and pointed at it. 'Look at that big nose!' they called.

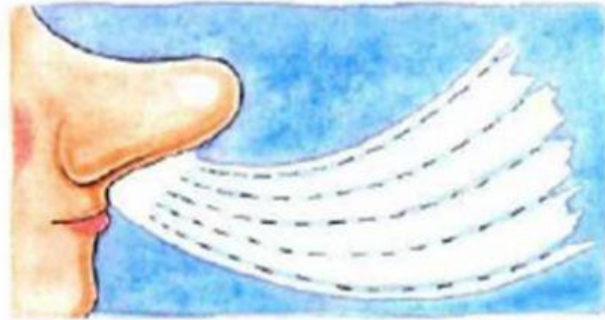
This made Big Nose unhappy, so he only went into the village when he needed to buy chocolate or a new handkerchief.



The part of the country where Big Nose and the villagers lived was by the sea. There were no hills there, just fields where the farmers grew vegetables to sell in the city. Children played games outside in the streets and when the weather was warm and sunny, they ran down to the beach to look for shells or to play in the water.

Big Nose liked being on the beach too. He loved the smell of the sea and because his nose was so big, he could smell very well. He could smell the dinner that people were eating on islands that were far away and all the different fish that lived in the sea too. He liked the smell of octopuses most of all and often caught them and cooked them for his breakfast.

Big Nose could smell the difference between the north, the south, the east and the west winds too. His nose could (perhaps) smell better than any other nose in the world.



One evening, Big Nose was walking on the sand, enjoying the smell of the salt in the sea and the warm south wind, when suddenly the wind changed and started blowing from the north. Big Nose shivered. He looked at the sky and smelled the air. 'Oh no!' he thought. 'I know that smell and I know that sound in the wind too. It smells like and it sounds like the Storm-Maker.'



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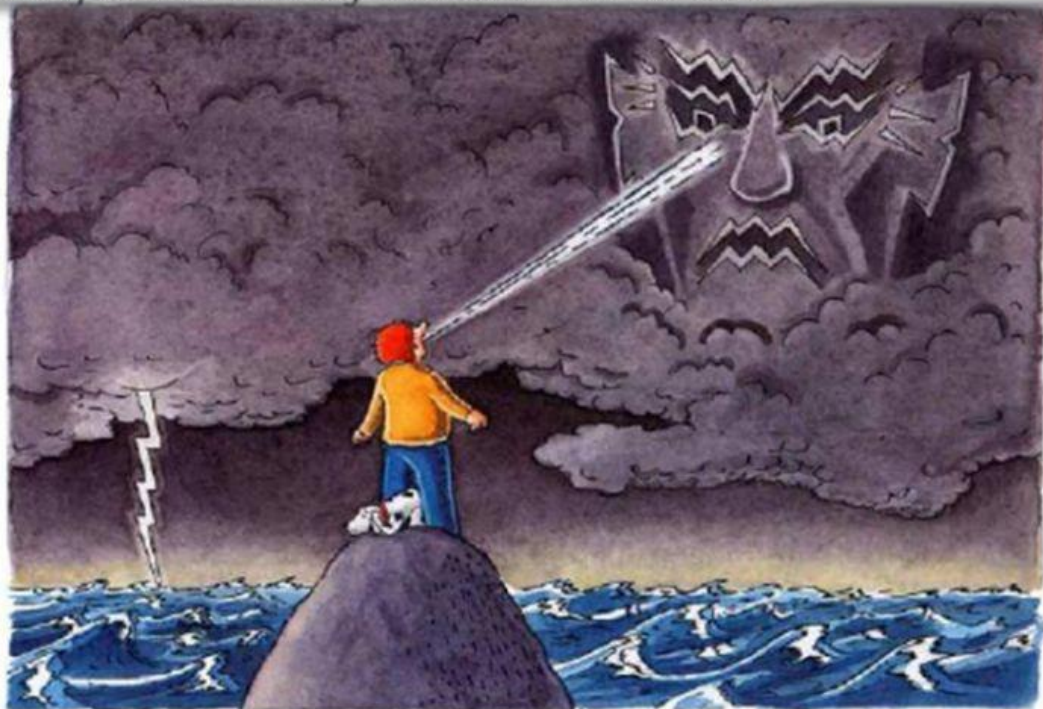
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But the Storm-Maker didn't listen. It began to mix up the winds with its enormous spoon to make big black clouds, and the rain came down like waterfalls. The waves in the sea got bigger and bigger and Big Nose suddenly saw lightning that looked like a big silver knife cutting through the dark grey sky. Then he heard thunder that sounded like the angriest, most frightening drum in the world.

Big Nose got angry too. He stood up slowly and looked at the face of the Storm-Maker and began to whistle at it. But the Storm-Maker still didn't go away. The sand blew and blew, the wind got stronger and stronger and the rain got heavier and heavier.

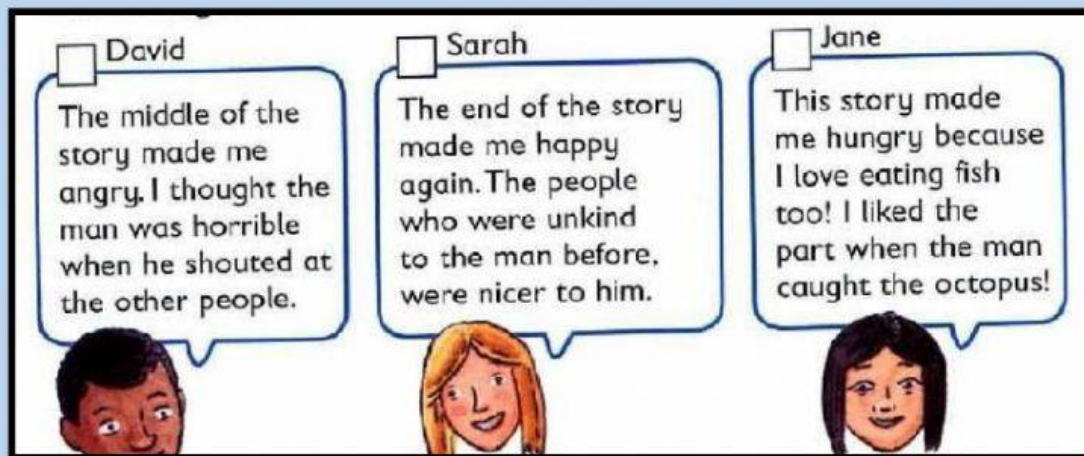
Back in the village, hats and leaves and umbrellas were flying away in the wind. Children were hiding under tables and parents were brushing the rain water away from their doors and worrying about the vegetables in their fields.

Big Nose climbed to the top of the highest rock on the beach and looked straight into the eye of the Storm-Maker. He took more and more air in through his enormous nose and whistled more and more loudly until his whistling was louder than the wind.



In the end, the Storm-Maker put its enormous hands over its enormous ears and slowly, slowly, turned away from the sky over the village. Its black clouds disappeared and the wind was quiet again.

2. Who is talking about the story of Big Nose and the Storm Maker?
Tick the right box:



3. Read the story again and complete the gaps.

The people in the village _____ at Big Nose.

- a. laughed
- b. shouted
- c. waved

The villagers grew _____ in their fields.

- a. sunflowers
- b. vegetables
- c. fruits

Big Nose likes eating _____ for breakfast.

- a. rabbits
- b. octopuses
- c. onions

Big Nose made the _____ go away!

- a. wildfire
- b. storm
- c. village



This is the end of the Reading Section.

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