Dennis the Menace

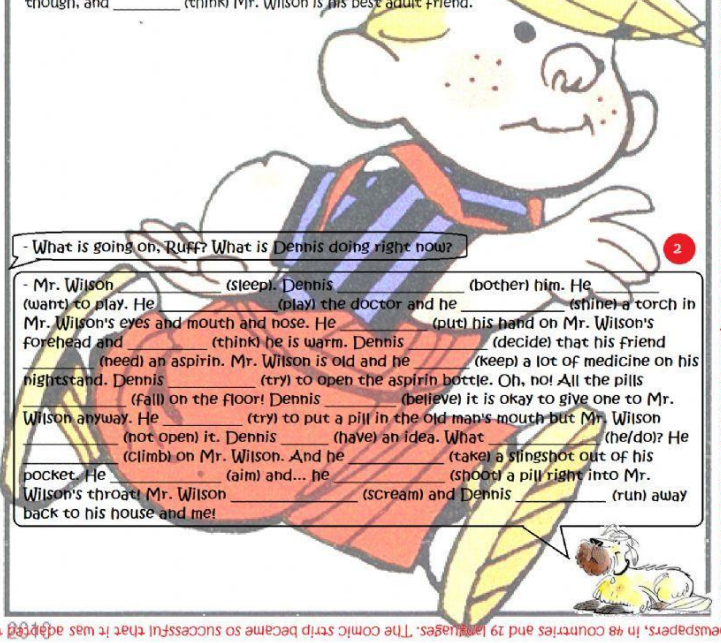
"Dennis the Menace" is a comic strip originally created, written and illustrated by Hank Ketcham in 1951. It is now written and drawn by Marcus Hamilton, Ron Ferdinand, and Scott Ketcham and appears in over 1,000 newspapers, in 48 countries and 19 languages. The comic strip became so successful that it was adapted to other popular media, including TV shows, both live-action and animated, and several movies.

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Dennis Mitchell ___ (be) a 5 1/2 year old boy. He _____ (live) with his parents, Henry and Alice Mitchell, in Wichita, Kansas, in the USA. He _____ (not have got) any brothers or sisters, but he _____ (have) a dog, Ruff, who is his best friend. Dennis _____ (wear, usually)a blue-and-black striped shirt, tennis shoes and red overalls.

Dennis is young, full of energy, enthusiastic and very curious. He _____ (say, always) what he thinks, which people _____ (hate, often)! He _____ (try, usually) to help others but he also _____ (play, sometimes) pranks on people. He _____ (get, always) in trouble and _____ (bring) chaos wherever he _____ (go), that's why his nickname is "the Menace".

The Wilsons, George and Martha, ____ (be) his neighbours. They _____ (live) next door to the Mitchell family. Martha _____ (adore) Dennis, but Mr. Wilson _____ (not like) him - or so he _____ (say)! - as he _____ (be, usually) the victim of Dennis's mischief: he _____ (get, often) hurt, or his things _____ (get) destroyed. The boy _____ (love) him, though, and _____ (think) Mr. Wilson is his best adult friend.



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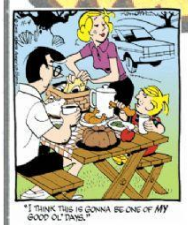
Dennis _____ pranks on people but this time, his mother _____ a trick on him, with the carrots in the cookie jar!



Mr. Wilson _____ gardening. He _____ his garden in the evening. Look! He _____ his plants right now.

Grandpa Johnson _____ with the Mitchells. This week _____ with them for a few days to see his grandson.

Ruff _____ cats. But look! A cat _____ now!



Dennis and his family _____ picnic today. They _____ in their dining room.

Alice Mitchell _____ spaghetti on Mondays. Today she _____ chicken with roast potatoes.

Martha Wilson _____ her friend. She _____ again this afternoon.

Dennis _____ his bike at the weekends. This morning _____ his skateboard.

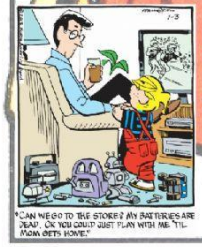
Dennis _____ to a barber for his haircut but today his father _____ his hair.



Mr. Wilson _____ his newspaper in his porch this morning. He _____ it in the kitchen.

Dennis's teacher _____ her patience with Dennis. Today she _____ because he isn't naughty.

Dennis's babysitters _____ more than once. Tonight a new babysitter _____.



Henry Mitchell _____ as an aerospace engineer. It is the weekend now and he _____. He _____ in his living room, he _____ some iced tea and he _____ a game of American football on TV. But Dennis _____ to go to the store to buy batteries.

Dennis _____ Margaret very much. But he _____ she _____ good cookies. He _____ right now.

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