

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

other popular media, including TV shows, both live-action and animated, and several movies.

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.

- What is going on, Ruff? What is Dennis doing right now?

- Mr. Wilson (sleep). Dennis (bother) him. He (want) to play. He (play) the doctor and he (shine) a torch in Mr. Wilson's eyes and mouth and nose. He (put) his hand on Mr. Wilson's forehead and (think) he is warm. Dennis (decide) that his friend (need) an aspirin. Mr. Wilson is old and he (keep) a lot of medicine on his nightstand. Dennis (try) to open the aspirin bottle. Oh, no! All the pills (fall) on the floor! Dennis (believe) it is okay to give one to Mr. Wilson anyway. He (try) to put a pill in the old man's mouth but Mr. Wilson (not open) it. Dennis (have) an idea. What (he/do)? He (climb) on Mr. Wilson. And he (take) a slingshot out of his pocket. He (aim) and... he (shoot) a pill right into Mr. Wilson's throat! Mr. Wilson (scream) and Dennis (run) away back to his house and me!



newspapers, in 48 countries and 19 languages. The comic strip became so successful that it was adapted to

3

Dennis (prank) on people but this time, his mother (play) a trick on him, with the carrots in the cookie jar!

Mr. Wilson (be) gardening. He (water) his garden in the evening. Look! He (trim) his plants right now.

Grandpa Johnson (be) with the Mitchells. This week (he/stay) with them for a few days to see his grandson.

