

Exercise 1: Read the story.

This Isn't A Story, Is it?

Yesterday was a most unusual day. Wherever Richard the Penguin went he was asked questions. He was cycling along an ice floe, on his way to his traditional Saturday-morning visit to the igloo library, when a seal shouted out, 'You're Richard, aren't you? My brother is in your How To Watch Out For Polar Bears class!'

Later, Richard was by himself at the library, and, as he was looking at the books about human beings and their ways, a seal pup appeared at his side. She said, 'You're quite tall, aren't you? Would you get *How To Fly* down from the top shelf?'

In the supermarket, where Richard went for some fish cereal, other penguins kept saying, 'It's hotter than normal today, isn't it?' or 'This weather is great, isn't it?' Richard didn't think it was great because he was very concerned about global warming, but he didn't say anything.

By the time Richard got home, he was wondering why people seemed so keen on asking him things. He had no idea. Just then, his dad came in from the large chunk of ice he had been sitting on, and said, 'Hi, Richard. You aren't hungry, are you? If you are, I'll make us some fish soup and we can chat about the day. Now, if you're lucky, I may have some prawns in here.' It was only when Richard was in his bedroom that night, and undressing before going to sleep, that he realised that the sentence on his T-shirt read, 'You're asking me a question, aren't you?'



Exercise 2: These events from the story are jumbled! Put them in order

A seal pup asks Richard to help her.

Richard's dad says he would make something to eat.

Richard begins cycling to the library.

Richard meets a seal.

Richard goes to the supermarket.

Richard sees the sentence on his T-shirt.

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