

It's a Poster!

Mr Bean got into bed. Before he went to sleep, he looked up at the wall opposite his bed and smiled.

Mr Bean had a great week in Los Angeles. There were only one or two accidents!

The time went quickly, and then it was the end of his holiday in America. On his last day with the Langleys, they had a big party and Mr Bean took more photos of everybody. Then they had to say goodbye.

'Goodbye, dear Mr Bean,' said Alison and the children outside the house. 'Please come and visit us again.'

'Goodbye, everybody. Thank you very much for my lovely holiday!'

David drove Mr Bean to the airport. There were no policemen there with guns this time!

'Well, goodbye Beanie,' said David, and put his arm round him. 'Have a good journey back to England. And come back ... some time in the future.'





David liked Mr Bean, but he remembered the bad times too!

‘Goodbye, David,’ said Mr Bean. ‘Thank you for everything.’

Mr Bean turned and walked away. David watched him and then left the airport.

Suddenly he felt somebody behind him. He turned round – and there was Mr Bean! Mr Bean wanted to take one last photo, and to put his arms round David too! Then he was ready to leave America.

Three Years Later ...

Mr Bean sat in his little house in England and thought about his wonderful holiday in America. Before he went to bed, he looked at the photos of his good friends, the Langleys, on his sitting-room wall. He smiled.

In Los Angeles it was a beautiful afternoon. At the Grierson Gallery, David sat in the room with *Whistler's Mother* and thought about his strange friend, Mr Bean. He looked at the famous painting and laughed.

Suddenly, his cup of coffee began to move across the table! Then the painting began to move too!

‘Oh, no!’ cried David.

Mr Grierson ran into the room.

‘The ground’s moving, David!’ he shouted. ‘The paintings! What are we going to do about the paintings?’

Before David could answer, *Whistler’s Mother* fell off the wall. Mr Grierson looked at the painting on the floor.

‘No! No!’ he suddenly cried out. ‘Look, David, look!’

David looked down. On the back of the ‘painting’ were the words: ‘*Whistler’s Mother* – a Grierson Gallery poster.’

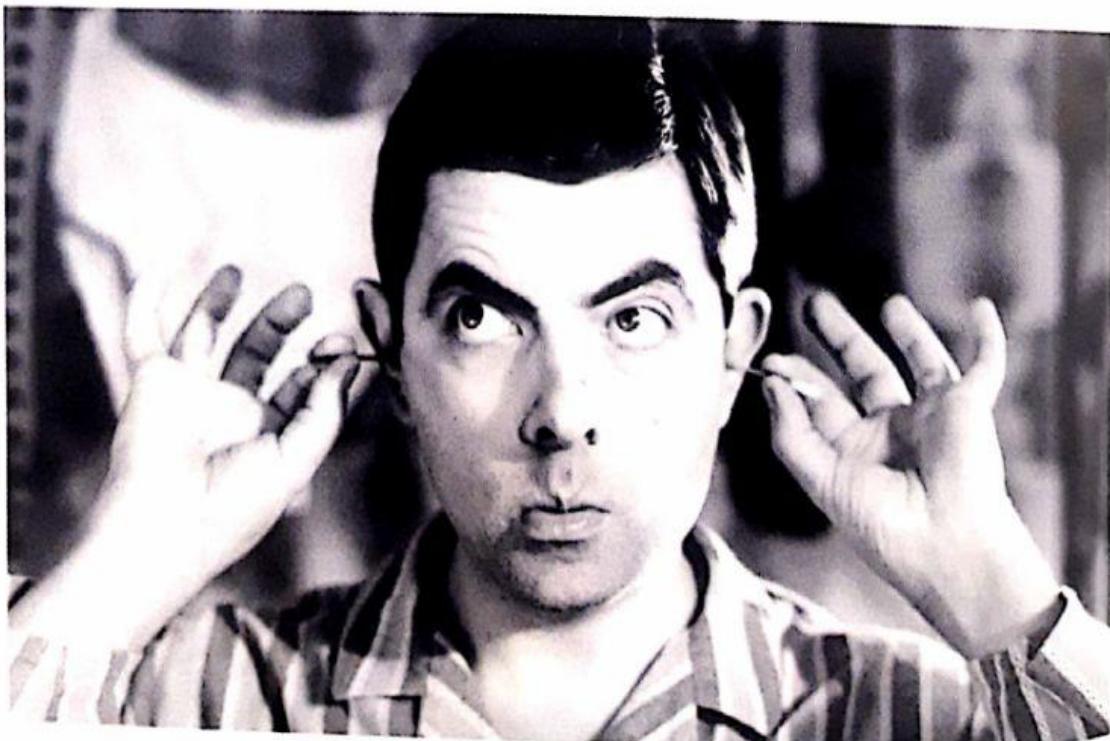
‘It’s a poster, David! A poster! So ... so ... where’s the painting?’

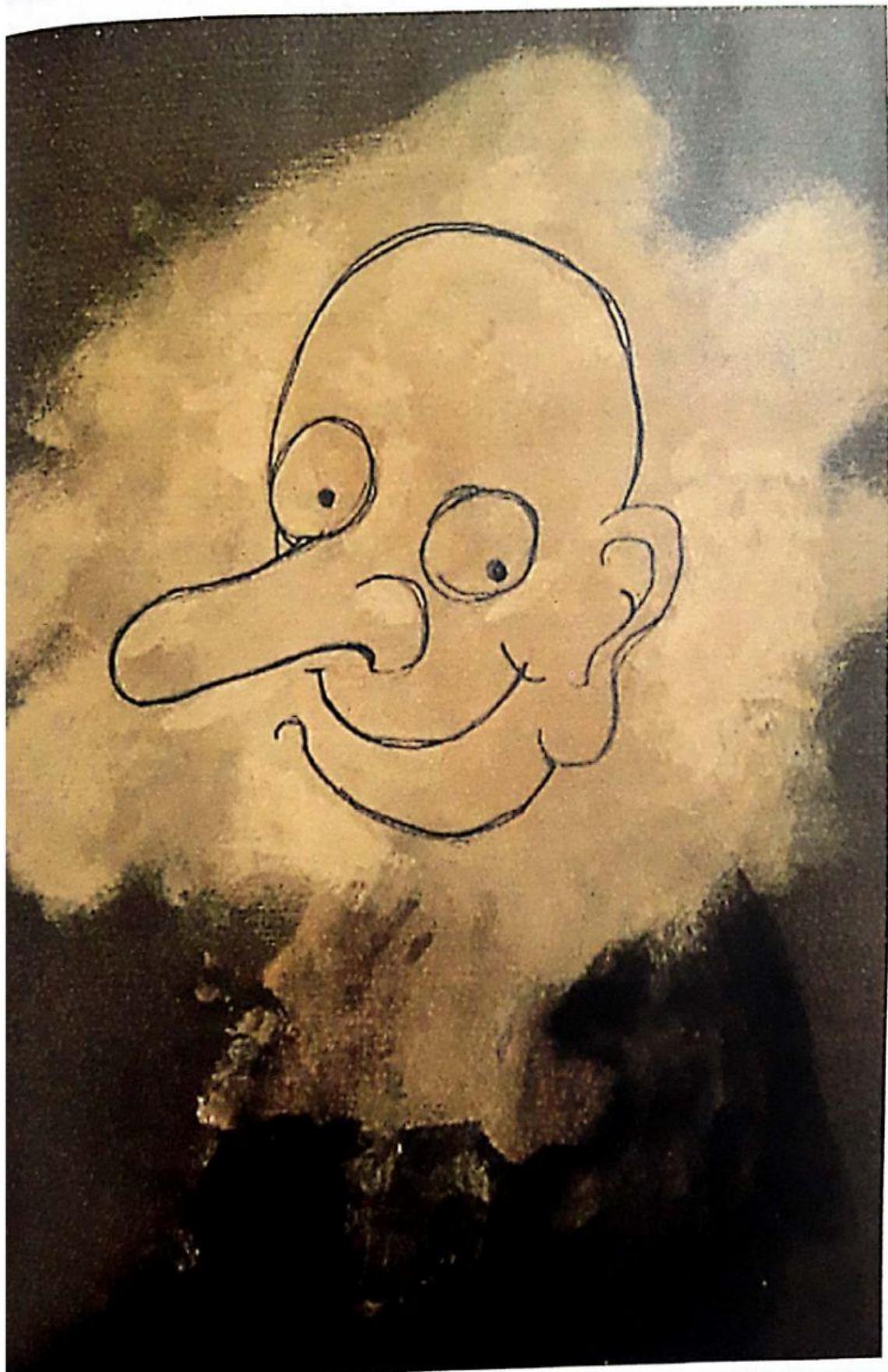
In England, Mr Bean got into bed. Before he went to sleep, he looked up at the wall opposite his bed and smiled.

‘Goodnight, old dear!’ he said, and turned off the light.

What was on the wall?

The famous painting, *Whistler’s Mother*, of course! With the funny face!





1 Talk about two of the pictures. Work with another student.

a Find a picture in the book.

Student A Ask questions about the picture and about the people in it.

Student B Answer questions about the picture.

b Find another picture.

Student B Ask questions about the picture and about the people in it.

Student A Answer questions about the picture.

2 Work with a different student and have a conversation.

Look at this picture again. Mr Bean and David are at the Grierson Gallery. A lot of important people are waiting. They want to see the famous painting. Mr Grierson slowly turns the painting round. ... What is David thinking? How does he feel? What is Mr Bean thinking? How does he feel? What do they say?



- a Discuss these questions and make notes below.
- b Have the conversation between David and Mr Bean.
- c Stand in front of the class and have the conversation again. Which two students have the best conversation?

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1 Write about the book of *Mr Bean* for Internet shoppers. Make notes about the story in your notebook.

- a Where is Mr Bean from? What is his job? What do you think about him? Is he a good man? What do other people think of him?
- b What happens in the story? (You want readers to be interested, but don't tell them everything.)

2 Write about the book.

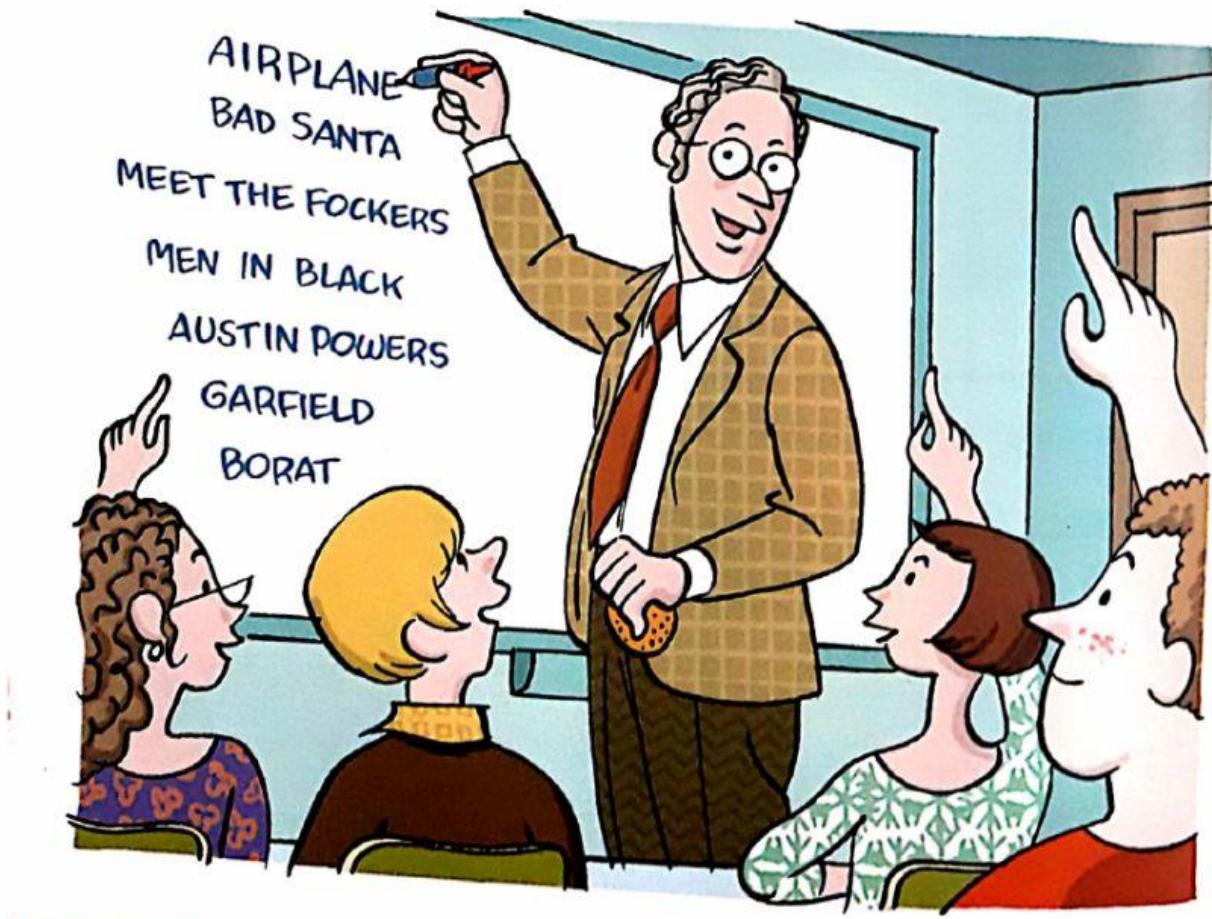
This is a very funny story about Mr Bean.

1 Tell the story of a funny film.

- Work with another student and think of a funny film, in English or in your language. Talk about the story. Why is it funny?
- Tell two different students about the film, but don't say its name. Can the other students tell you the name of the film?

2 Which is the best film?

- Tell the class the name of your film. Your teacher will write the names of the films, in English.
- When you don't know a film, ask the other students:
What's the film about?
- Write the names of the films in your notebook.
- Which of the films do you know? Give each film a number from 1 (the best film) to the highest number (the worst film).
- Ask other students about the films. Who gave the films the same numbers? Ask:
• *What's your top film?*
• *Which film did you put second (third, fourth ...)?*
• *Which film did you put last?*

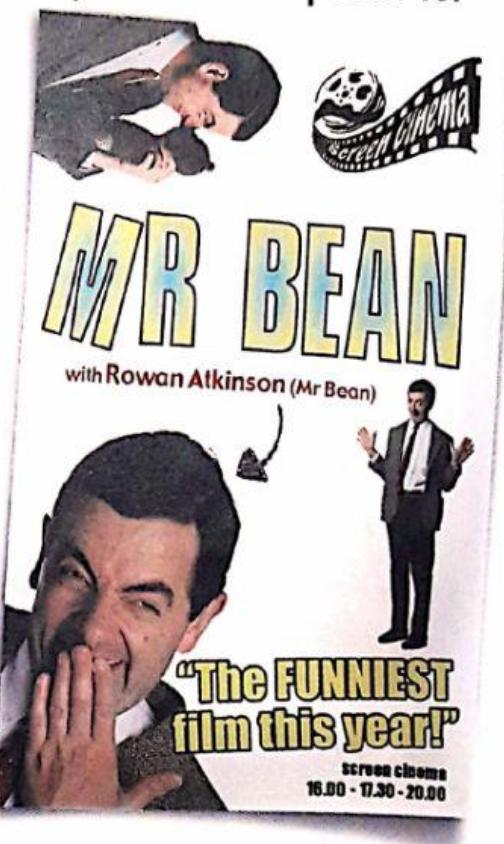


3 Work with another student with the same top film. Make a poster for your film.

a Make notes below.

- What is the name of the film?
- What will the picture show?
- Who play the most important people in the story?
- Write one or two sentences about the film, or the story. Why will people enjoy it?
- Where can people see the film?
- At what times can they see it?

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b Now find some paper and make your poster.

4 Rowan Atkinson plays Mr Bean in the film of the same name. Rowan Atkinson is famous for his work. Which famous people are in your film? You are going to give a talk about one of them.

a Who are you going to talk about? What do you want to know about that person and his or her work? Look in books and magazines or on the Internet. Here are some possible questions:

• Why is he/she famous?	• What is his/her best film?
• How famous is he/she?	• Has he/she got a wife/husband and children?
• What was his/her first film?	• What do people like about him/her?
• What other films is he/she in?	

b Now give your talk to the class.

Project *Write a review of a funny film*

5 Write a review of a good or bad funny film for a newspaper or magazine.

a Think about these questions, and make notes in your notebook

- What interesting sentences about the film can you begin with?
(Name of film) is a film for people of all ages.
- What is the story about? (But remember: people don't want to know the end of the story!)
The film is about a young man. He has a big problem: he can't find a girlfriend ...
- Who is in the film?
Steve Coogan plays the young man. He looks very strange and is very funny.
- What do you think of the film?
I like the story very much, but the end of the film isn't very good.

b Write your review here.