



# The old man and the jungle

**A** Look at the pictures and find the words.

headache earache cough toothache cold stomachache

The old man and the child live in the jungle. The jungle is their home. They like listening to the tall banana trees when they move in the wind. They like listening to the blue parrots and the noises of all the other jungle animals and birds. They like growing vegetables in the old man's jungle garden and making and eating sweet jungle fruit cake.



They like finding beautiful little orange flowers and putting them in their hair. They like drinking water from the waterfall from the big, round jungle leaves. They like walking by the long, slow, blue river and talking to the ugly, fat crocodiles and watching the small, yellow fish swim here and there, here and there, in the water. And they both love sitting quietly in the sun.

But one day in the jungle, there was no sun in the big jungle sky. The old man wasn't happy about that. He sat in his old chair and didn't move. The child came and sat down on the green grass next to him.

What's the matter, Old man?

'Have you got stomach-ache? My brother gets stomach-ache sometimes when he eats too many mangoes.'

'A stomach-ache? Oh, no! My stomach is fine, thank you,' answered the old man.

'Well, have you got an earache?' the child asked. 'My mother gets earache sometimes when I play my jungle drums too loudly.'

'An earache? Oh, no! My ears are fine, thank you,' answered the old man.

The old man and the child stopped talking and went and sat in the tree. They listened for the parrots and the noises of the other jungle animals and birds but the parrots didn't come.

'Well, have you got a toothache?' asked the child. 'My cousins get toothache sometimes when they drink too much lime juice.'

'Toothache? Oh, no! My teeth are fine, thank you,' answered the old man.

'Have you got a headache, then?'

'No.'

'A temperature? A cold? A cough?'

'No.'

The old man and the child stopped talking and went and sat by the river. They looked for the fat crocodiles but the crocodiles didn't come and no little fish swam here and there, here and there.



Then the old man's favourite parrot flew down from the waterfall and sat on his shoulder and said, 'Getting better, getting better?'

'Yes, clever parrot,' said the old man. 'I'm better now, thank you.'

And the child and the old man laughed loudly.

'I'm very well again now,' he said. 'I'm very, very well.'

'Good' said the child.



Then the beautiful sun came out and the old man smiled.

'Are you getting better now?' the child asked.

'Yes,' said the old man.

They saw their favourite crocodile's head above the water and three little fish came and started swimming here and there, here and there, again.

They walked home, watered the vegetables and danced in the old man's garden under the sun. Then the old man and the child made the best sweet fruit cake in the jungle and ate it all ...

'Ate it all? Ate it all?' the parrot said.

'Be careful, Old Man! Too much cake! Stomach-ache!'



**B** Put the sentences in order.

- A The child and the old man sat in a tree.
- B The parrot sat on the old man's shoulder.
- C There was no sun in the sky.
- D The child and the old man looked for the crocodiles.
- E The child asked about earache.
- F The child and the old man made a fruit cake.
- G The child sat down on some grass.

**C** Read and complete the words.

- 1 They drink the water from the waterfall.
- 2 The old man grows v \_\_\_\_\_ in his garden.
- 3 The leaves in the jungle are r \_\_\_\_\_ and green.
- 4 The old man thinks the parrot is c \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 The child sometimes plays d \_\_\_\_\_ very loudly.
- 6 When the old man s \_\_\_\_\_, he looks happy.

