

# The Penance

## Part 2- The Un-Beast

### Un-Beast

The word **un-beast** was an invention of the children meaning 'You are not a beast'.

The prefix **un** is generally used with adjectives, adverbs and verbs.

In English there are several prefixes along with **un** that can be used to turn adjectives and adverbs into their opposites.

holy – **un**holy

agreeable – **dis**agreeable

sensitive – **ins**ensitive

patient – **im**patient

Complete the sentences with the words in the box, and then put the sentences in the correct order to make a summary of the story.

coop (x 2)    muck (x 2)    belonged    sinking    chocolates  
presents    rifle    ladder (x 2)    staring    penance    fell  
die    pigsty    pigsties    upset    go-cart

- a. ☐ One day Octavian was out with his little daughter Olivia, and he thought that the children would like to play with her. But they ran away with Olivia on a ..... and went to the ..... .
- b. ☐ Octavian tried to make peace with the children and bought them some ....., but the children threw back his ..... .
- c. ☐ The children gave him the ..... after Octavian promised to do a particular ..... He had to stand by the cat's grave for thirty minutes and repeat, 'I'm a miserable beast. I'm a miserable beast.'
- d. ☐ So Octavian went and shot the cat with his ..... .
- e. ☐ One day Octavian discovered some blood and feathers in his chicken ..... Some animal had been killing his chickens.
- f. ☐ After Octavian had killed the cat, he saw the children ..... at him from the top of a wall. They had seen everything!
- g. ☐ Octavian came and told the children not to hurt his daughter, but Olivia ..... into the ..... .
- h. ☐ Olivia was ..... in the ..... and was going to ..... .
- i. ☐ Octavian tried to save her, but he couldn't. He told the children to hand him a ..... .

- j. ☐ The children climbed up onto to the roof of a .....  
with Olivia.
- k. ☐ Octavian looked for the animal that was the killer, and one  
day he saw a cat walking around the chicken .....  
Unfortunately, the cat ..... to the children who were  
his neighbours.
- l. ☐ Octavian asked the children's uncle if he could kill the cat,  
and the uncle said that he could but the children would be