

## 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 – **in**sensitive

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