

Reader: Mr. Bean*Introduction before reading*

Who is Mr Bean?

The series:

Mr. Bean is a British comedy television series of 14 half-hour episodes starring Rowan Atkinson as the title character.

The series follow the adventures of Mr. Bean, described by Atkinson as "a child in a grown man's body", in solving different problems from everyday life and often causing disruption in the process.

The series is very popular in the UK. It started on January 1st 1990 and the last episode was released in November 1995.

The series has received a number of international awards. The show has been sold in 200 territories worldwide, and has inspired two films and a cartoon series.

The characters:Mr Bean:

Mr Bean lives alone in his small flat in London, and is always wearing his tweed jacket and a red tie. He also usually wears a digital calculator watch (which he does not like to lose). Mr. Bean rarely speaks, and when he does, it is generally only a few mumbled words.

Mr. Bean often doesn't seem to know the way the world works, and the programme usually shows his attempts at what is normally a simple task, such as going swimming, using a television set, redecorating or going to church. The humour largely comes from his original (and often absurd) solutions to problems and his total disregard for other people when solving them.

Teddy:

Teddy is Mr. Bean's teddy bear, perhaps Mr. Bean's best friend. The bear is a dark brown, knitted bear with button eyes. Mr. Bean often pretends it is alive. Mr. Bean behaves as if the bear is real, buying it a Christmas present or trying not to wake it up in the mornings.

The car:

Mr. Bean's car is a Mini 1000. The Mini has a number of innovative security measures, for example Bean uses a bolt-latch and padlock, rather than the lock from the car, and removes the steering wheel instead of the key.

