# 3 Frank's funny shopping trip

Frank lived in an apartment on the tenth floor of a really high building.

'Frank!' his mother said one morning. 'Can you go into town and collect three things for me?'

'OK, Mum,' Frank answered. But he was more interested in his Amazing Creatures app than shopping. 'Can I go later?' he asked.

'No, Frank. Now please.' Mum answered.

'All right! What do you need?' Frank answered.

'I need a ticket to Ingsterness from the railway station. Make sure it's the cheapest ticket.'

'The deepest biscuit. Right!' repeated Frank who was still looking at his app.

'Frank, please listen carefully! I said the cheapest ticket.'

'Sorry, Mum!' Frank said.

'And they've repaired the gold stone for my bracelet. That's in the little shop between the shoe factory and the post office. Collect that too. And get some new shampoo from the chemist's. Go to the one that's next to the police station.'

'No problem!' Frank said, and with his phone in his hand and Mum's money in his pocket, he left the apartment.

The elevator wasn't working so he ran down the 142 steps to the street.

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When Frank got to the last step, he quietly repeated the three things that his mother wanted, 'the cheapest ticket to Ingsterness, the gold stone, but what was the third thing? Was it a new shoe? A nice view? No, that's silly,' he thought. 'Oh dear! I should listen more carefully.'

On his way into town, Frank met his friend, David. 'Have you seen this?' he said, and showed David the app.

'Wow!' David said.

'Brilliant, aren't they? But I've got to go now,' Frank said. 'See you!'

When Frank arrived at the ticket office in the railway station, he was still thinking about butterflies. 'I might write a story about unusual insects,' he thought.

'The cheapest ticket to insects' nests, please!' Frank asked a man in the ticket office.

'To insects' nest? Let me look in my timetable,' the man said. 'I don't know that station ... No, there's no station with that name.'

'Let me think ...' Frank said. 'We went to Ingsterness on holiday once. Is there a railway station in that place?'

'Yes!' the man answered. 'You can catch trains to Ingsterness from platform 12.'

'Great! The cheapest ticket to Ingsterness then, please! Thank you!'

Outside the railway station, Frank met his friend, Michael. 'Look!' he said.

'Amazing!' Michael said.

'I know!' Frank said. 'See you!'



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When Frank opened the door of the shop between the shoe factory and the post office, he was thinking about an eagle's huge wings and about flying like a golden eagle above the countryside. He wasn't thinking about the stone in his mum's bracelet.

'Now, what do I need to get from here? A gold something? An old something?' he thought.

'Hello!' he said, 'I'm not sure, but I think my mum's old phone is here.'

'Is it?' the woman behind the desk said. 'Wait a minute, I'll go and look in the basement!' She came back with a heavy old black telephone in her hand. 'Is this it?'

'That doesn't look right,' Frank said. 'Let me think ... You sell necklaces and rings, don't you? Oh! Bracelets too! Now I remember. It wasn't an old phone. It was the gold stone for her bracelet!'

The woman laughed and went to fetch it.

'Thanks! Silly me!' Frank said.

When Frank was walking to the chemist's he met his friend, Sophia. 'Have you seen this? It's great!'

'Cool!' said Sophia.

'I know! But I've got to go now!' said Frank. 'See you!'

Frank was thinking about flying through space with two tortoises when he arrived at the chemist's that was next to the police station. 'What could I feed them with?' he thought. Frank wasn't thinking about shampoo.



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'Hi. My mum wants something from here ... Was it some glue? A new gym shoe?' he asked the man who was tidying some shelves in the shop.

'We don't sell glue or gym shoes here. I think you've made a mistake.'

'You're right,' said Frank. 'Now, was it something blue? Or a kangaroo? Oh! I know! Shampoo! Some new shampoo, please!'

'Here you are!' the man said. 'Anything else? Soap? Bandages? Toothpaste?'

'No, thank you,' Frank said.

Outside the chemist's, Frank met his friend, Betty. He showed her the app as well.

'Really?' Betty asked. 'That's fantastic!'

'Yes! See you!' said Frank and hurried home.

The elevator still wasn't working so he ran up the 142 steps to his apartment.

'I'm home!' he called.

'Great!' Mum said. 'Did you get everything?'

'Sure!' said Frank. 'You asked me to get the deepest biscuit from an insects' nest, an old phone and your new gym shoe.'

Frank's mother looked really surprised!

'But ...' she began to say.

'Don't worry, Mum!' Frank laughed. 'Here's the cheapest ticket to Ingsterness, your gold stone and your new shampoo. No problem! But next time,' he added, 'I might write the things you need on my phone!'

'Good idea!' Mum said. 'Now show me your Amazing Creatures app again. It sounds brilliant!'

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