

# JOBS - WRITING CHILDREN'S BOOKS

## Bill Prince-Smith

Bill Prince-Smith was a farmer and a teacher and a dentist before he became a writer of children's books at the age of 60. Now, thirteen years later, he has written more than 80 books. Every day, he goes into his office and writes. In the evening, he gives the work to his wife to read. "she tells me when she doesn't like something," says Bill. "My ten grandchildren don't live near here but they also read my stories and say if they are good and bad." And so Bill has learned what young children want to read.

Bill writes about the life of his village and on the farms near it. His fifth book is his favorite: *The Sheepdog* is about a farmer and the dog that helps him. "I have always liked animals," says Bill, "and dogs are so clever, they learn very quickly."

Last year, the book was made into a film with real animals and actors. The film-makers used the latest computer technology to make people think that the animals are speaking. Bill was very pleased with the film. "Sometimes film-makers change books, but they didn't change mine and I love this film."

**Check right, wrong or doesn't say.**

- 1 Bill Prince-Smith has had several jobs.
- 2 Bill became a writer thirteen years ago.
3. Bill writes his books in the evenings.
- 4 Bill shows his writing to his wife.
- 5 Bill writes books about his grandchildren.
- 6 *The Sheepdog* was Bill's first book.
- 7 Bill prefers writing about animals to writing about people.

RIGHT	WRONG	DOESN'T SAY
X	X	X
X	X	X
X	X	X
X	X	X
X	X	X
X	X	X
X	X	X

