

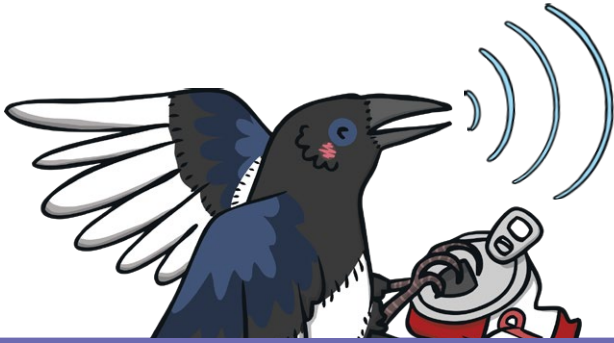
Magpie Facts: Part A

Bird Family: Crows

Science Name: Pica pica

Life Span: 3 years

Sound: Loud, chattering cackle



Nests: Built in trees



Tail: long



Beak: Black, thick



Colour: Black and white (with some blue and green)



What They Eat:



Minibeasts in summer



Plants in winter



Small animals all year round

Magpie Facts: Part B

Magpies mostly live in Europe and North America. There are lots of magpies in the UK.

Magpies look black and white from a long way away. When you are close to them, you can see their wings have a blue shine and their tails look green.



Magpies are omnivores. (They eat meat and plants.) In winter, they mostly feed on berries, plants and seeds. In the summer, they catch and eat beetles, flies, caterpillars, spiders and worms. Magpies sometimes eat other small animals, like mice and birds. When they have more food than they need, they hide spare food in holes in the ground.



Some humans like magpies because they eat insects which can damage plants.

Some people do not like magpies because they steal other birds' babies and eggs. They also take things that they want, like food or objects.

Magpies usually lay their eggs in April. The female bird sits on the eggs to keep them warm for around 18 days before they hatch. The eggs are blue-green with brown spots.



Sequence the Sentences

Can you put the start of the story in the right order?

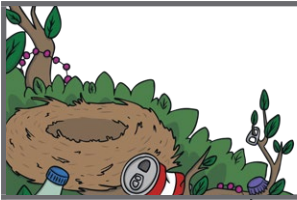
Cut out the sentences on the next page. Place them in the correct order below.

When you are sure you have the correct order, glue the sentences down.

★ **Challenge Task** ★

Write a sentence to say what you think will happen next in the story.

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As the days went by, Morris collected more and more gifts.



Morris took the can home to his nest.



Morris had so many gifts that they went all over the floor.



Some humans threw a can out of their car window.



Morris went to the edge of the wood to look for treasures.










Morris cleaned up the can and put it in his display.



Morris took treasures left by humans after their picnic.

Sequence the Sentences **Answers**

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	As the days went by, Morris collected more and more gifts.
	Morris had so many gifts that they went all over the floor.

★ Challenge Task ★

Write a sentence to say what you think will happen next in the story.

Example answer:

Morris collected so many items that there was not much room to move in the woods and it looked horrible. All the other animals were cross with Morris because he had spoilt their homes. Morris was sorry. Humans came and cleaned up the forest and Morris never made a mess again.

Show Your Understanding


Part A

1. Cut out the jigsaw pieces on the following page. Match up the questions to the correct answers and stick them in the box below to create your Messy Magpie jigsaw puzzle!

Who is the main character in the story?

Morris the Magpie is the main character.


2. Write one question you would like to ask Morris.
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Magpies collect colourful, shiny and bold objects.



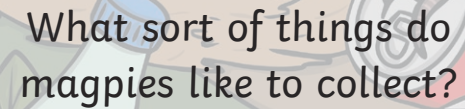
What 'gift' is thrown out of a car window for Morris?



He takes them home to his nest.



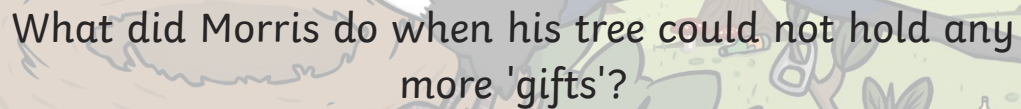
An empty drinks can is thrown from the car.



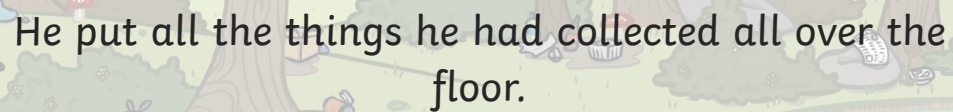
What sort of things do magpies like to collect?



Where does Morris take the shiny objects he finds?



What did Morris do when his tree could not hold any more 'gifts'?



He put all the things he had collected all over the floor.

Show Your Understanding

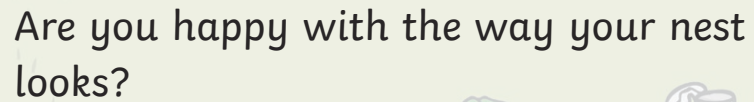
Part B

1. How do you think Morris would answer these questions? Cut out the jigsaw pieces on the following page. Match up the questions to the correct answers and stick them in the box below to create your Messy Magpie jigsaw puzzle! (You will need to write in the answers for some of the questions yourself.)

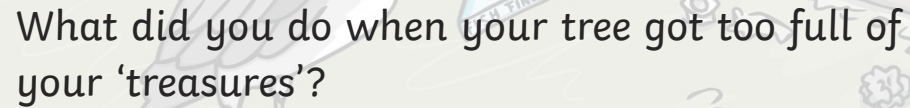
What sort of things do you like to collect, Morris?

I really like to collect shiny, colourful and bold objects. I love things that gleam!





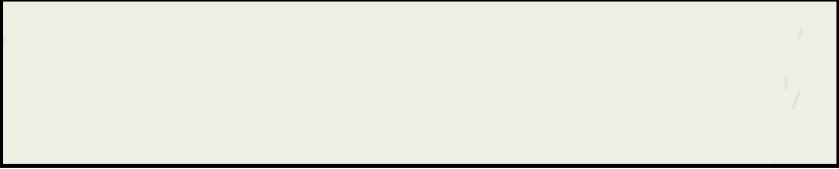
Are you happy with the way your nest looks?



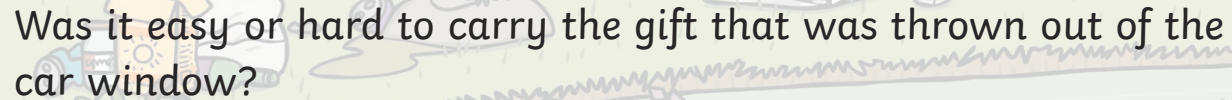
What did you do when your tree got too full of your 'treasures'?



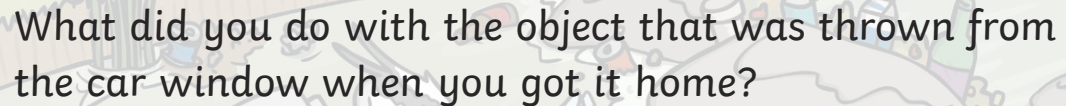
I think it looks amazing. It is full of all my beautiful things.



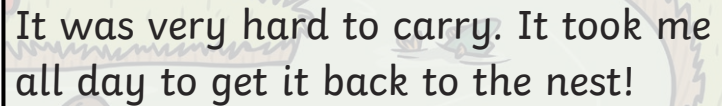
I gave it a good clean and then I put it on display in my nest. It looks fabulous!




Was it easy or hard to carry the gift that was thrown out of the car window?



What did you do with the object that was thrown from the car window when you got it home?



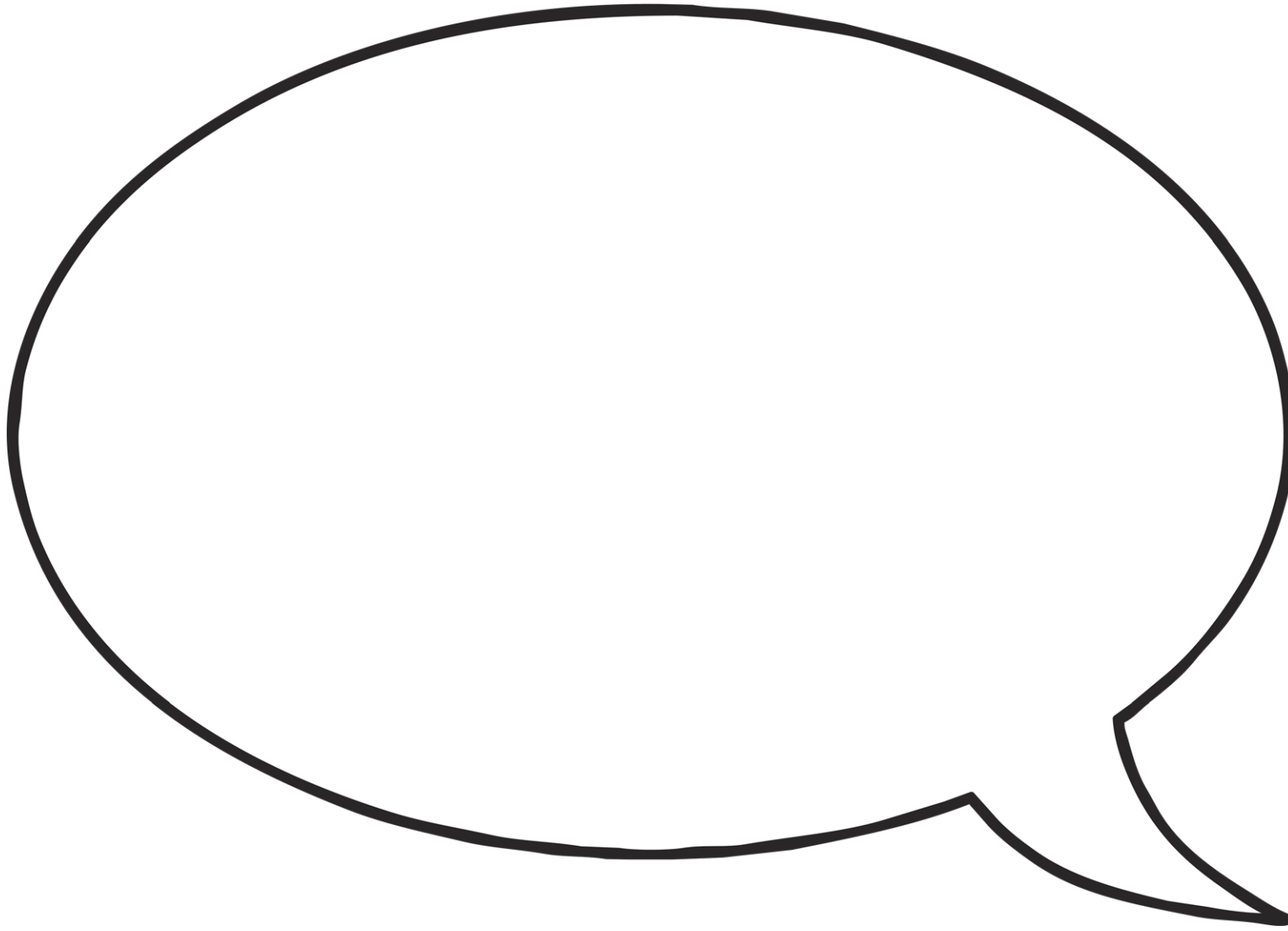
It was very hard to carry. It took me all day to get it back to the nest!



What things did the humans leave behind for you after their picnic?

Challenge Task

Imagine you are a hedgehog who lives in the woods with Morris. Write down what you might say to Morris about what is happening to the woods. Do you think Morris' nest is beautiful? Are you happy that he has brought his 'treasures' into the forest?



Answers

Part A

1. Cut out the jigsaw pieces on the following page. Match up the questions to the correct answers and stick them in the box below to create your Messy Magpie jigsaw puzzle!

Who is the main character in the story?	Morris the Magpie is the main character.
What 'gift' is thrown out of a car window for Morris?	An empty drinks can is thrown from the car.
Where does Morris take the shiny objects he finds?	He takes them home to his nest.
What did Morris do when his tree could not hold any more 'gifts'?	He put all the things he had collected all over the floor.
What sort of things do magpies like to collect?	Magpies collect colourful, shiny and bold objects.

2. Write one question you would like to ask Morris.

Example answer: *What is your favourite treasure that you have found and why?*

Answers

Part B

<p>Was it easy or hard to carry the gift that was thrown out of the car window?</p>	<p>It was very hard to carry. It took me all day to get it back to the nest!</p>
<p>What did you do with the object that was thrown from the car window when you got it home?</p>	<p>I gave it a good clean and then I put it on display in my nest. It looks fabulous!</p>
<p>What things did the humans leave behind for you after their picnic?</p>	<p><i>They left such wonderful things such as a shiny lid, a lovely bottle, a beautiful fork, a dazzling can, a jar, a bottle and some fantastic cartons.</i></p>
<p>What did you do when your tree got too full of your 'treasures'?</p>	<p><i>I started to spread all my lovely things all over the floor.</i></p>
<p>I think it looks amazing. It is full of all my beautiful things.</p>	<p>Are you happy with the way your nest looks?</p>

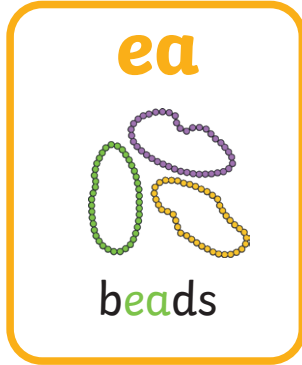
Challenge

Example answer: *This might look good to you, Morris, but all the animals think the woods are looking very messy now. Look at all the rubbish on the floor and in the stream. It is spoiling our woods! Our home is less green than it used to be and you keep making it worse. I don't think your nest looks beautiful at all and I wish things could go back to the way they used to be. You're making your friends very sad.*

The /ee/ Sound

Part A

The /ee/ sound can be written in lots of ways, e.g. 'ee' or 'ea'.



1. Here are some words from 'The Messy Magpie' that have the /ee/ sound in. Can you highlight the letters that make the /ee/ sound in each word? One has been done for you.

seem gleam tree see cleaned green seen

2. Choose the correct word from above to fit into each of these sentences.

a. Morris loves to collect things that _____.

b. Morris' nest is in a _____.

c. The things _____ like gifts to Morris.

d. Have you _____ how messy his tree looks?

e. What 'treasures' can you _____ in the nest?

f. Morris _____ all the 'treasures' in his nest.

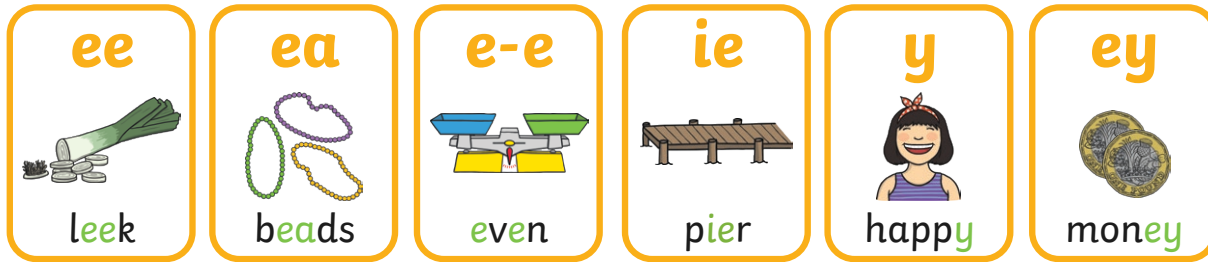
g. The wood where Morris lives was nice and _____.

3. What other words can you think of which contain the /ee/ sound written with 'ee' or 'ea'?

The /ee/ Sound

Part B

The /ee/sound can be written in lots of ways.



1. Here are some words from 'The Messy Magpie' that have the /ee/ sound in. Can you highlight the letters that make the /ee/ sound in each word? One has been done for you.

seem heavy family many believe retrieve these

2. Write a sentence for each of the words above, based around the story of 'The Messy Magpie'.

Example: *The family seem to be enjoying their picnic.*

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

d. _____

e. _____

f. _____

Challenge Task

What other words can you think of which contain the /ee/ sound with the different spellings shown above?

Answers

Part A

1. **seem** **gleam** **tree** **see** **cleaned** **green** **seen**
2. a. Morris loves to collect things that **gleam**.
b. Morris' nest is in a **tree**.
c. The things **seem** like gifts to Morris.
d. Have you **seen** how messy his tree looks?
e. What 'treasures' can you **see** in the nest?
f. Morris **cleaned** all the 'treasures' in his nest.
g. The wood where Morris lives was nice and **green**.
3. Example answers: **reeds, seed, free, knee, team, treat, leader, dream**.

Part B

1. **seem**, heav**y**, famili**y**, man**y**, belie**ve**, retrie**ve**, the**se**
2. Example answers:
 - a. The can was **heavy** to fly with.
 - b. The **family** left lots of things behind after they had finished their picnic.
 - c. There were so **many** 'treasures' that Morris had collected.
 - d. Morris did not **believe** his luck when he saw all the treasures.
 - e. He went to **retrieve** some more objects.
 - f. **These** 'treasures' won't all fit in the nest now.

Challenge

Example answers: **sleepy, meet, sleet, read, wheat, seat, eve, delete, extreme, field, thief, achieve, happy, lonely, tiny, honey, donkey, journey**.

True or False

Part A

1. Read your Magpie Fact Sheet.
2. With your talk partner, cut out the cards at the bottom of the page. Decide whether each statement is true or false. Sort the cards into 2 piles.
3. When you and your partner are sure you have sorted the cards correctly, write the numbers of the cards in the correct box below. The first one has been done for you.

True	False
1	

4. Can you use the information to help you draw and label your own picture of a magpie?

1. Magpies are part of the crow family.	2. They sing in a sweet and tuneful way.
3. They have an orange stripe on their tail.	4. Magpies live for ten years.
5. Magpies do not eat meat.	6. Magpies have orange beaks.
7. Magpies make a noisy chattering sound.	8. Magpies usually build their nests in trees.
9. Magpies eat only plants in the summer.	10. Magpies eat caterpillars in the summer.
11. The science name for this type of magpie is <i>Pica pica</i> .	12. Magpies have very short tails.

True or False

Part B

1. Read your Magpie Fact Sheet.
2. With your talk partner, cut out the cards at the bottom of the page. Decide whether each statement is true or false. Sort the cards into 2 piles.
3. When you and your partner are sure you have sorted the cards correctly, write the numbers of the cards in the correct box below. The first one has been done for you.

True	False 1

1. Magpies are herbivores	2. Magpies can only be found in North America.
3. Magpies only eat spiders.	4. Magpies help humans by protecting plants.
5. Magpies hide spare food in the ground.	6. Magpie eggs are blue-green with brown spots.
7. Magpies usually lay their eggs in the autumn.	8. The eggs take a week to hatch.
9. The female bird sits on top of the eggs to keep them warm.	10. Everyone loves magpies.
11. Magpie feathers have a blue shine.	12. Magpies steal food and eggs from other animals.

★ Challenge Task ★

Can you write a list of questions about magpies, which you would still like to know the answers to?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

Answers

Part A

True	False
1, 7, 8, 10, 11	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 12

Part B

True	False
5, 6, 9, 11, 12	1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 10

What Can You See?

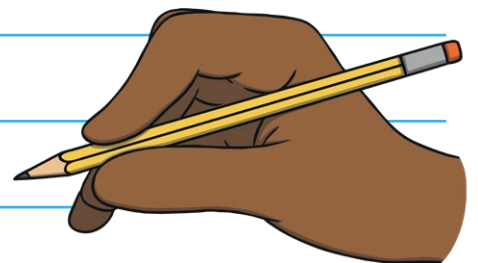
Part A

Look hard at the picture on pages 9 and 10. Imagine that you are a park ranger who works in the wood where Morris lives. You are shocked to see what has happened.

1. Write down in your notebook all the rubbish that you can see. The first two things have been done for you.

carrier bag

ring pull



2. Write down what you would say when you saw this sight.

What Can You See?

Part B

1. Look at the picture on page 5 and imagine that you are Morris. Write a description of the scene.

- What can you see?
- What can you hear?
- What can you smell?
- How do you feel?

Word Bank

grass leaves clouds trees sky car boot man woman child rug
treasures gifts presents gleaming shiny hills fresh air food

It is a beautiful sunny day. At the edge of the wood ...

Challenge Task

Can you add interesting adjectives to make any of your sentences even more descriptive?

Answers

Part A

1. Possible answers:

carrier bag	<i>plastic can holder</i>
ring pull	<i>newspaper</i>
<i>toothbrush</i>	<i>cereal box</i>
<i>plastic bottle</i>	<i>sandwich packet</i>
<i>glass bottle</i>	<i>cardboard box</i>
<i>yoghurt pot</i>	<i>takeaway box</i>
<i>string of beads</i>	<i>wrappers</i>
<i>tinfoil</i>	
<i>plastic fork</i>	
<i>tin can</i>	
<i>bottle top</i>	
<i>metal tray</i>	
<i>bin bag</i>	
<i>jar</i>	
<i>pie tray</i>	

2. Write down what you would say when you saw this sight.

This is a real mess! It's a danger to the wildlife here. I need to get this cleared up straight away.

Part B

Answers will vary.

What Can You See?













What Can You See?



Words and Meanings

Part A

1. Can you draw a line to match up the words with the right pictures? An example has been done for you.

magpie	
shiny	
nest	
wood	
car	
human	
gift	
treasures	
family	
threw	

2. Can you write some sentences using these words?

Words and Meanings

Part B

Can you decide which of the words from the story included in the word bank would make sense in each of the following sentences?

gleam	manoeuvre	display	decorate	retrieve	bursting
expanded	swoop	beautiful	special	notice	

An example has been done for you.

My mum did not **notice** that I had tidied my room.

1. The teachers worked hard together to _____ the big bookcase out of the classroom door.
2. The sack of presents was so full that it was _____ .
3. I am going to _____ my beautiful painting so everyone can see it.
4. The owl started to _____ down towards the ground.
5. I left my jumper on the playground so I went back to _____ it.
6. We made cupcakes this morning and now we are going to _____ them.
7. My aunty shines her new car to make it _____.
8. My collection of soft toys _____ so much that they would not all fit in my bedroom.
9. There is a _____ view from the top of that hill.
10. Jack put a bow on the present for his dad as he wanted it to look really _____.











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Use two or more words from the word bank in one sentence. Handy tip: Use the word 'and' to join two sentences together.

Answers

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wood	
car	
human	
gift	
treasures	
family	
threw	

2. Can you write some sentences using these words?

Example answers:

The family drove their car to the wood.

The human left shiny treasures for the magpie.

Answers

Part B

1. The teachers worked hard together to manoeuvre the big bookcase out of the classroom door.
2. The sack of presents was so full that it was bursting.
3. I am going to display my beautiful painting so everyone can see it.
4. The owl started to swoop down towards the ground.
5. I left my jumper on the playground so I went back to retrieve it.
6. We made cupcakes this morning and now we are going to decorate them.
7. My aunty shines her new car to make it gleam.
8. My collection of soft toys expanded so much that they would not all fit in my bedroom.
9. There is a beautiful view from the top of that hill.
10. Jack put a bow on the present for his dad as he wanted it to look really special.

Challenge Task

Use two or more words from the word bank in one sentence. Handy tip: Use the word 'and' to join two sentences together.

Morris went to retrieve the special object and then he went to put it on display in his nest.