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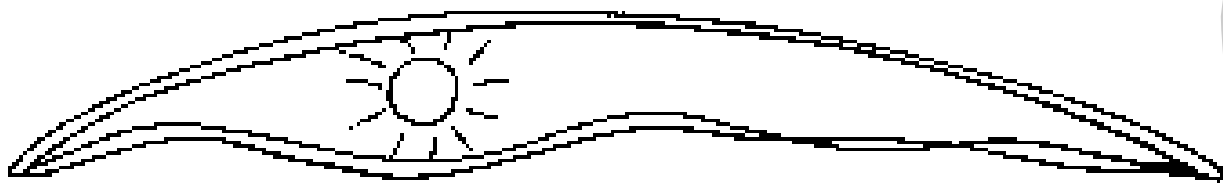
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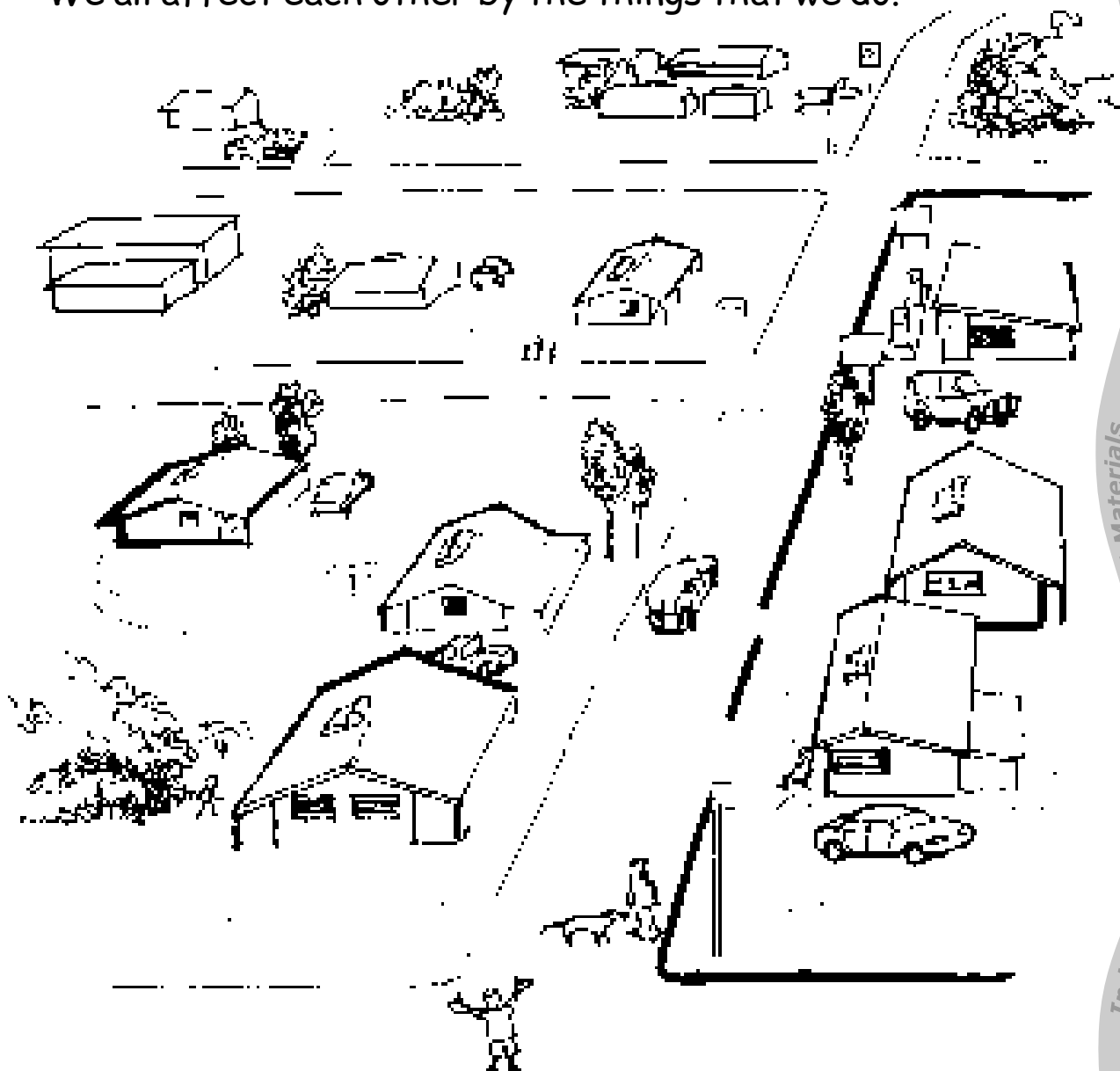
We live in a community.

The community is made up of people, houses and services.

We all know each other.

Everything we do is known in the community.

We all affect each other by the things that we do.





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What is the name of
your community?

Where is your
community?

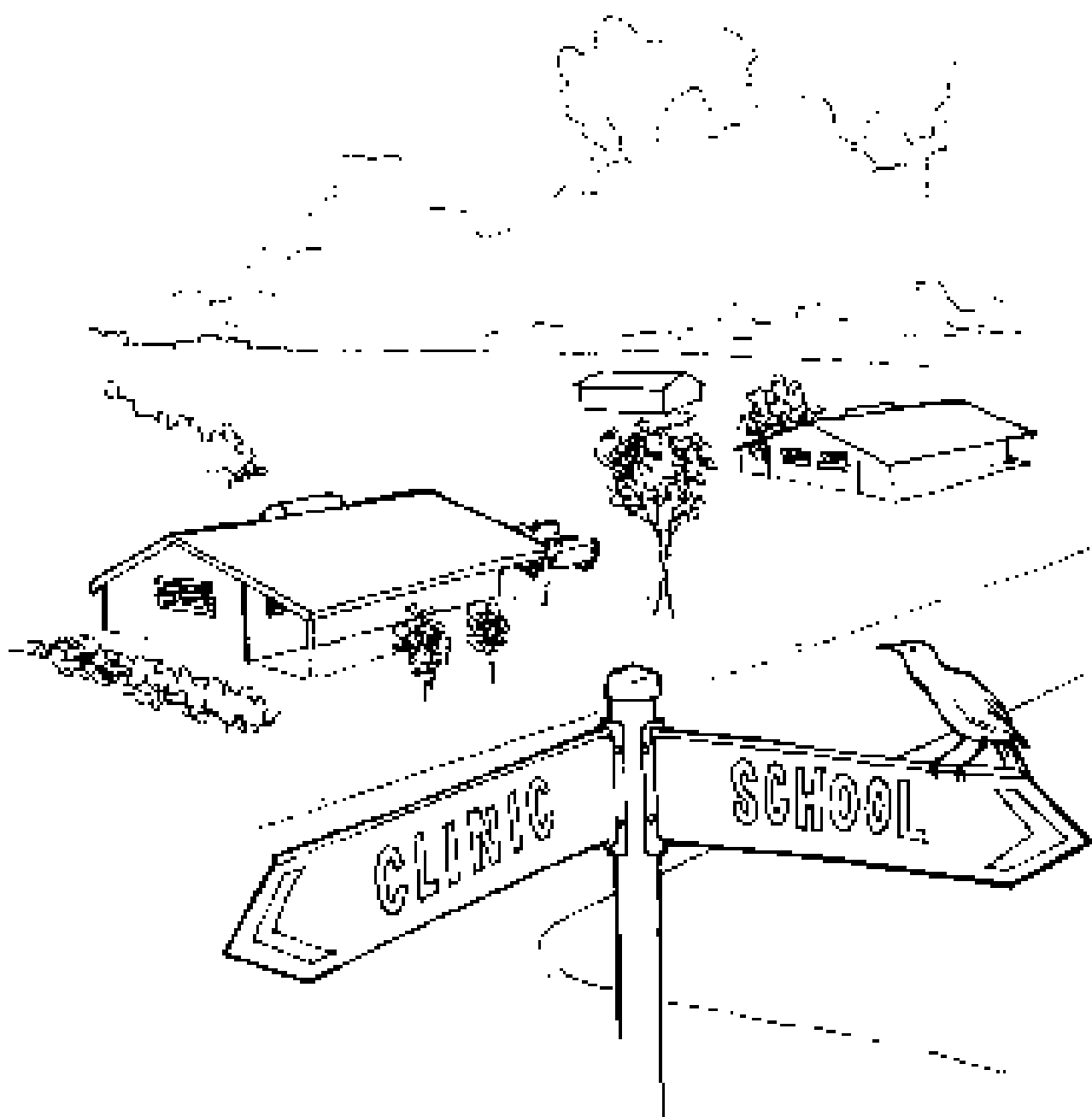
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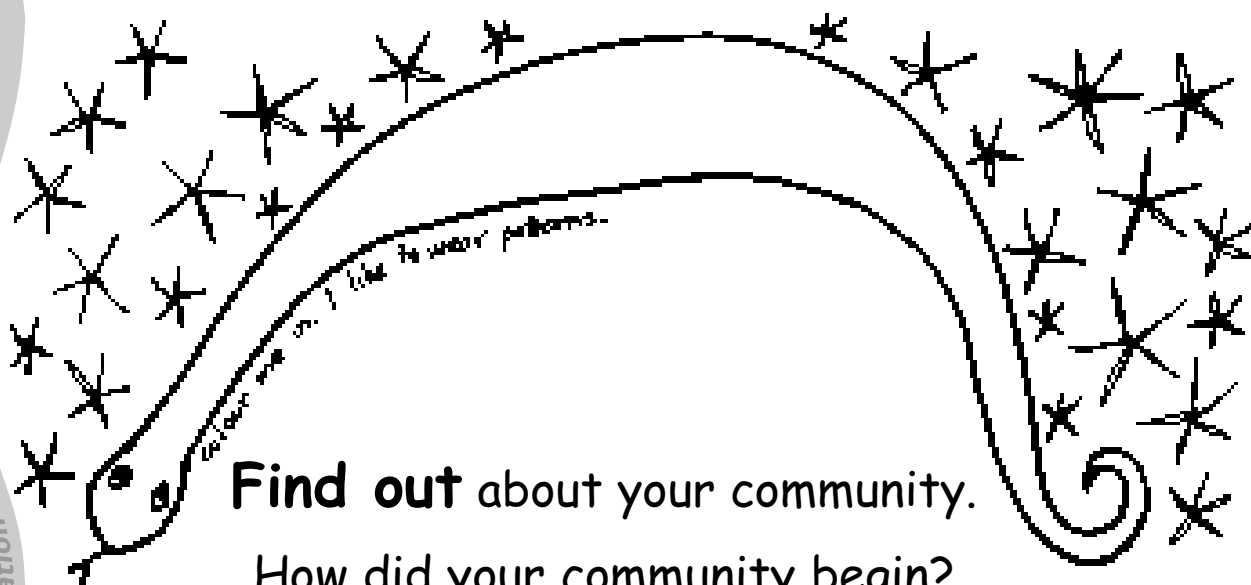


Our Community History

Every community has a history of how it came to be where it is. It could be because people used to camp there in the past and it is an important place.

It could also be that the missionaries or the government made the place so that people could have houses, health clinics and schools.





Find out about your community.

How did your community begin?

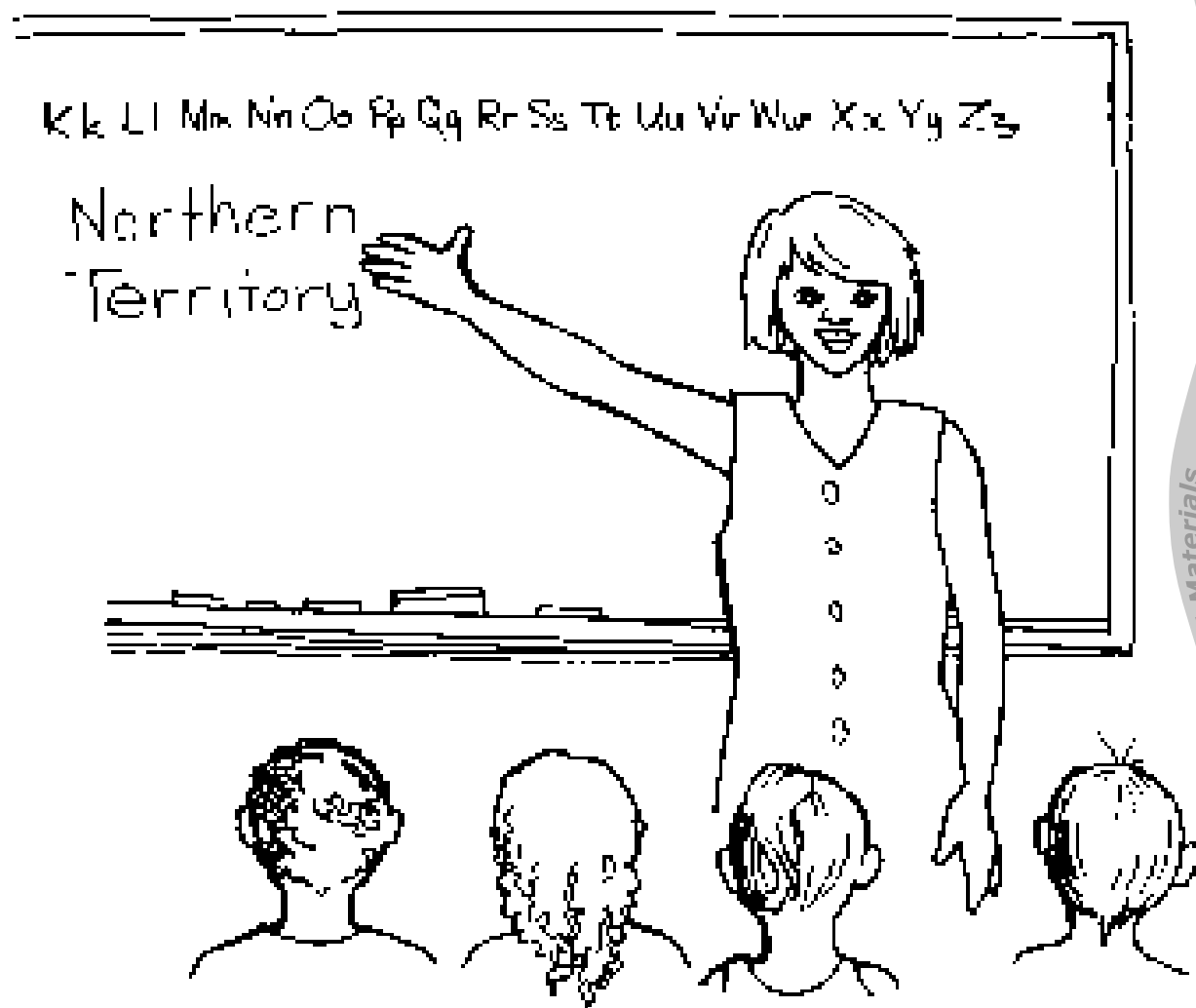
Tell the story by drawing a comic!

The School

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We go to school to learn about the world we live in.

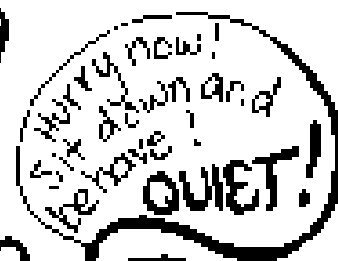
We learn to read, write, and be healthy, to support our
community and our people.

Some of our people are teachers and some teachers
come from other places.





School



What do you like about school?



How many kids are there in your school?



How many teachers are in your school?



Where do your teachers come from?

Sometimes really funny things happen at school.

School can be good fun.

We go to school to learn about ourselves and the world.

What things are you good at in school?

Why do we have to go to school?

What can we get out of going to school?

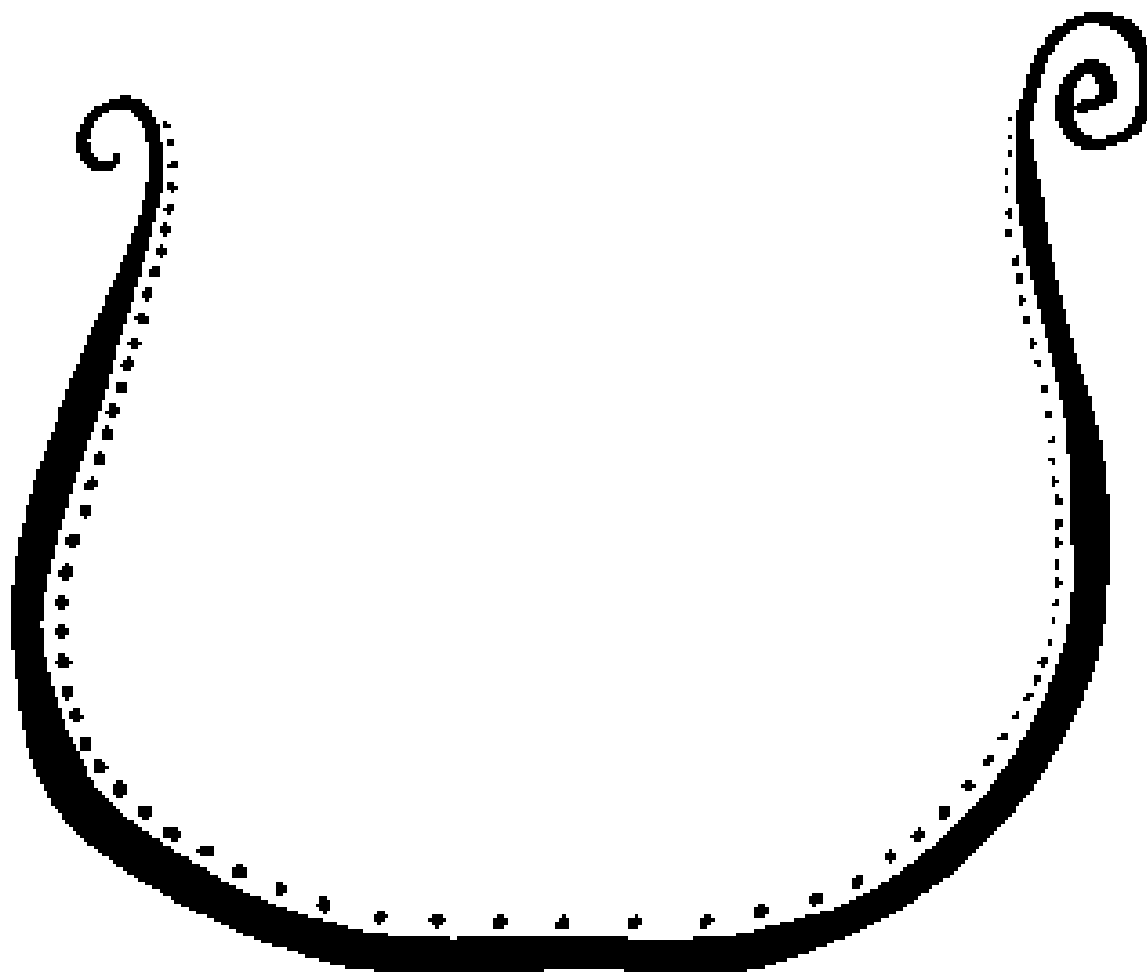
How can reading and writing help us in life?

But I don't want to go to school!

Hhmmmm - Talk about these things in class with your teacher and friends.

Think hard and be honest!

Find out what the class thinks and make a sentence below.



The Clinic

The clinic has a health worker and a nurse.

Sometimes doctors from bigger places visit our clinic to help us to stay healthy.

If people are really sick they may be taken to hospital away from the community. They will be looked after really well.



The clinic is there to help the community to stay healthy and well.



The Clinic

Draw a picture of your clinic and
some of the people who work there.....

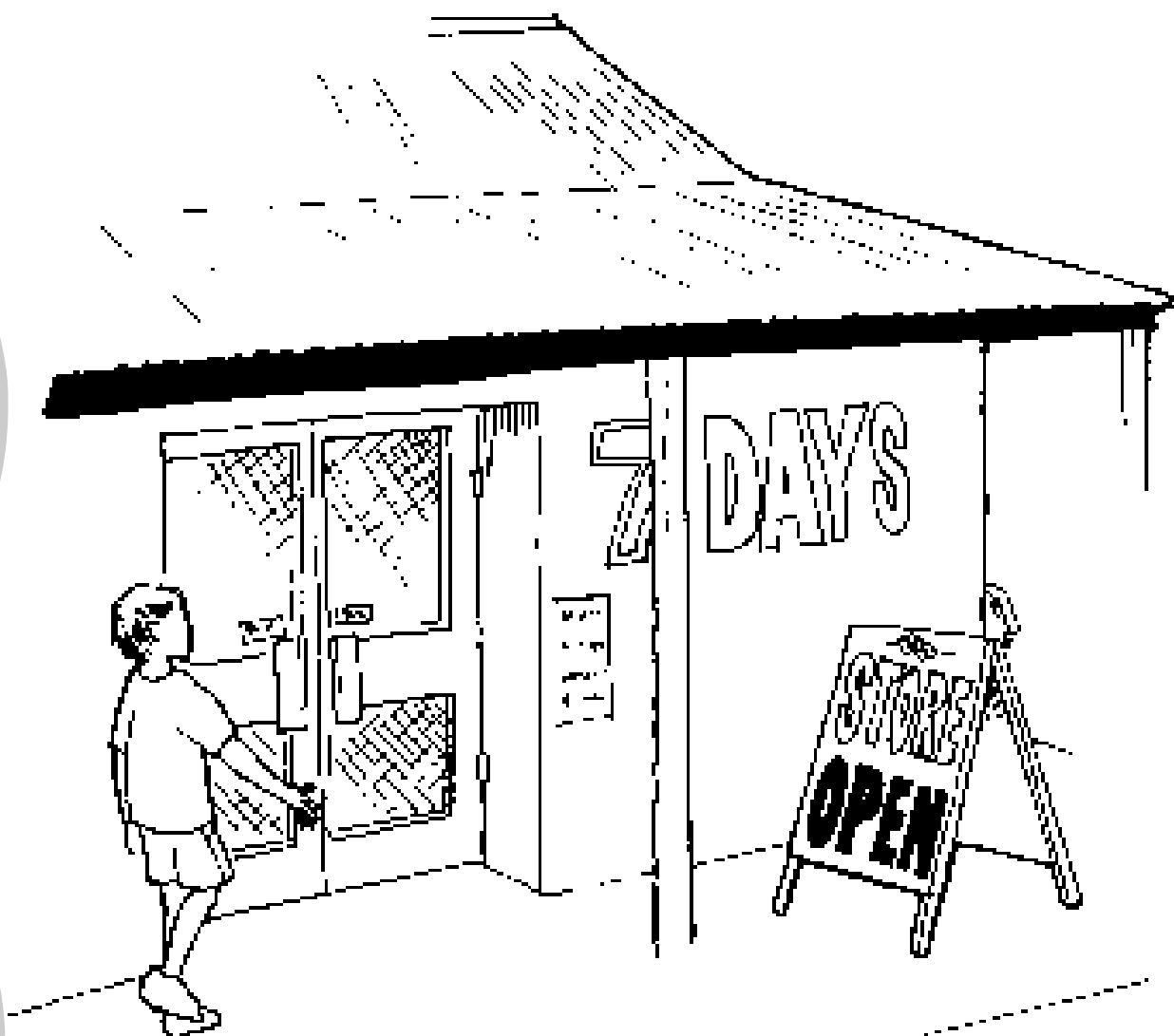


The Shop

Our community has a shop. Here we can buy food, clothes and other things our families need for each day.

Families can also buy food from larger town supermarkets. This needs careful planning as we need to take a taxi to get there or organise a lift with other families. The food is often cheaper and there is a larger choice.

Choosing and eating the right kind of food is important. So is managing our money so that we have enough to buy good food to eat.





Write down four things you can buy at the shop.

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- 2.
- 3.
- 4.



ADD up this money and buy something you would like!

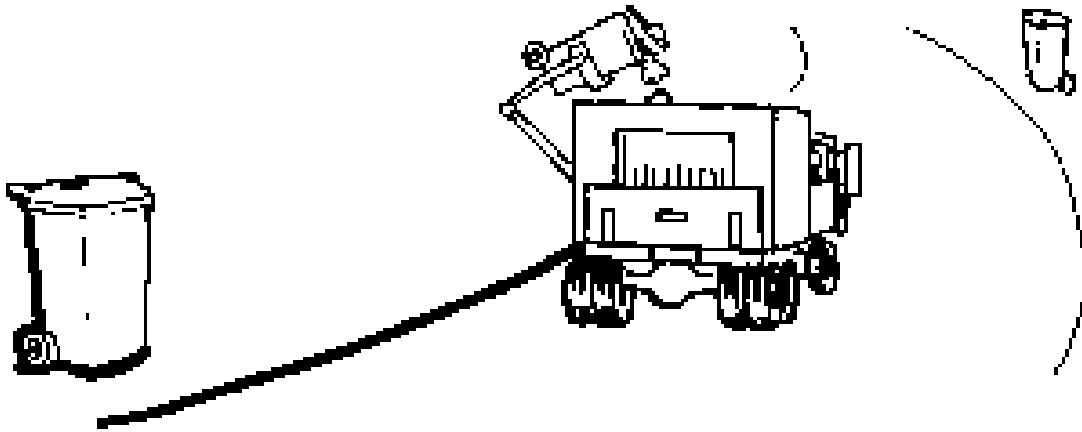
I will buy



The Council

The members of the council are elected by adults who live in the community.

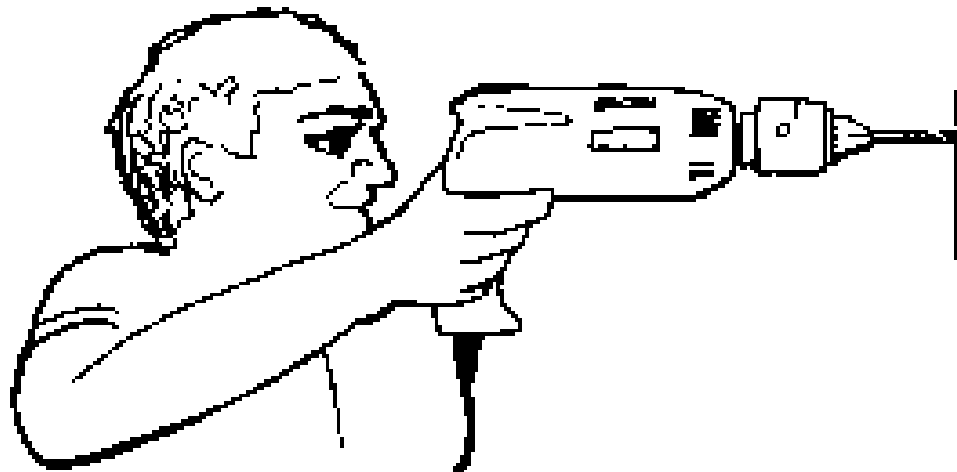
The council workers take away the rubbish and keep the streets and parks clean. The council provides some jobs for people in the community and also training opportunities.



The council talks with governments about projects for the community and the funding for these projects. The government gives money to the council so it can provide services to the community. The council has to look after the money it gets from governments properly, and employs people in the office to help them do this.

The council may also employ people from outside the community to help with management and training, like the mechanic, bookkeeper and council clerk.

When you grow up you could get a job with the council working for your community.



The Council

Draw a picture of a job you could do
at the local council.

Community Services

Our town has water, roads, parks and electricity. These things are called services.

Services for the whole of Australia are run by big businesses and government. The government gets most of the money it gives out from taxes.

The government provides the electricity and the water which the council and people living in houses then have to pay for.

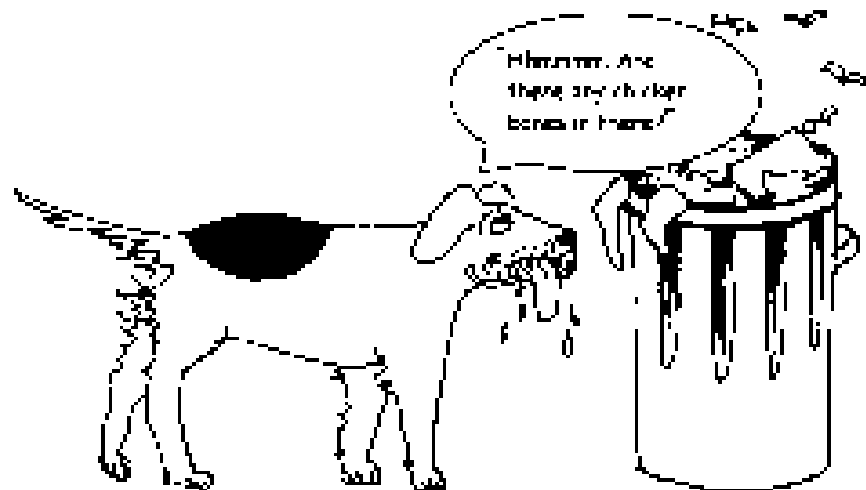
Jobs give people something worth doing and bring money into the community.

Other services are provided by the council. Some of these are garbage collection and keeping parks clean and mowed. The council employs people to help them provide these services.



Services

Write down four services provided
in your community for people



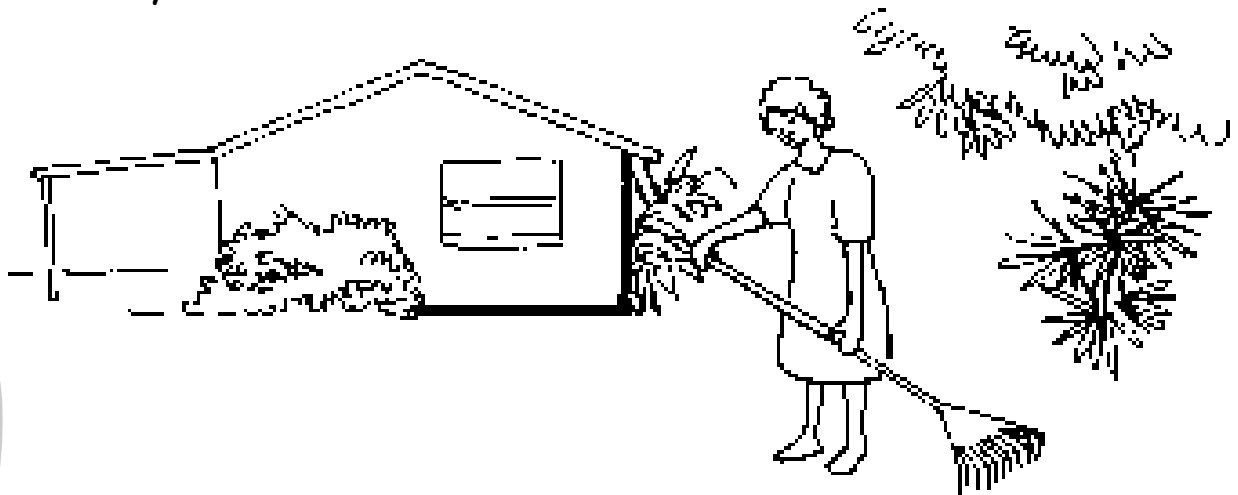
Houses

The council uses money they are given from governments to provide houses for the community.

Houses are important to our community, and we need the right number of houses so that we do not have too many people living in one house.

It is our responsibility to keep our houses clean and tidy so we can stay healthy. We can also feel good about ourselves, as this makes our community a good place to live.

Some people like to decorate their house and gardens so they can live outside as well as inside.



It is important for everyone to look after their houses to help make our community a good place to live in.

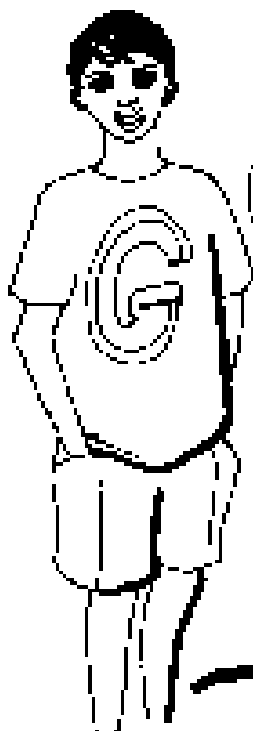
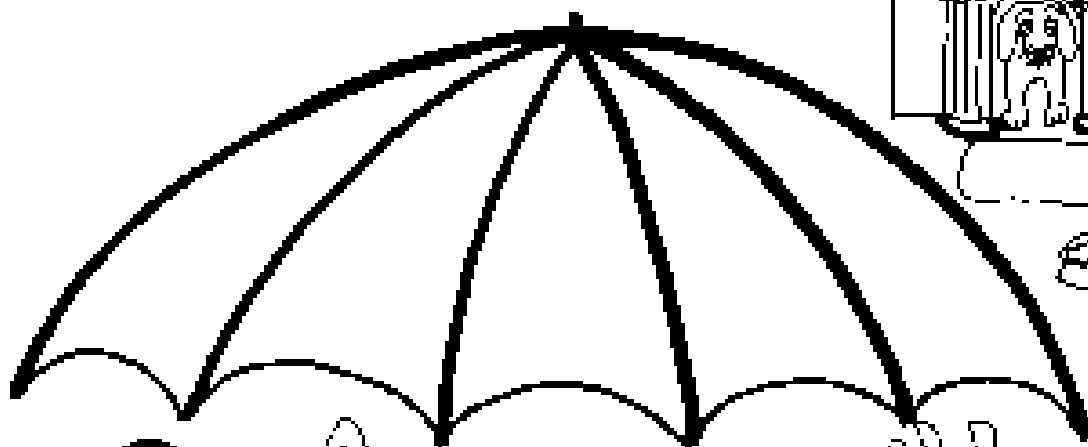
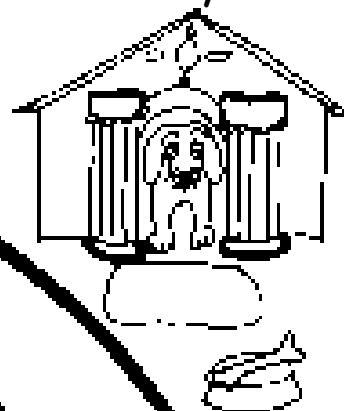


Housing

Get to it! Your task is to make a model of a house out of scrap materials.

Can you do it?

You can make a house just like your own or one you would like to live in - a dream house.



A responsible member of the community

Think about Gareth here. He's a good young bloke. He knows that he should think about how his actions affect other people in his community.



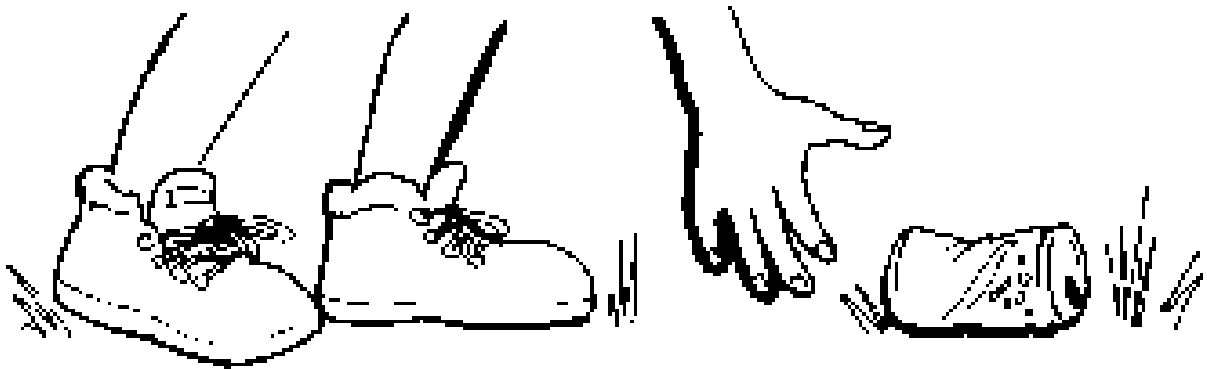
Our Responsibilities To Our Community

When people live together or near each other in a community, the things they do affect everyone around them.

People in communities have a responsibility to their community to do the right things to improve everyone's lives.

Keeping streets and houses clean and tidy are good things to do.

Helping old people, organising activities for the community and helping in the school are also good things to do.



It is not good for small children to see drunk people around their town. It can frighten them or take away their hopes for a good life in the future.



People fighting can also hurt the community and cause problems for others like not being able to sleep at night.

What if someone breaks the law and goes to jail? It's a shame job for them, their family, friends and their community.

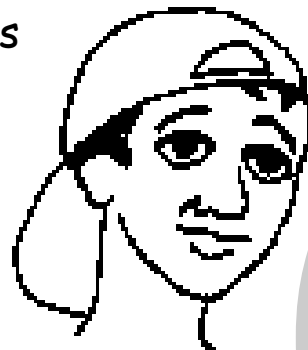
People in communities should care about and help each other.



JERRY makes mistakes. He's the first to admit it. He knows right from wrong and how the way he acts can affect his Mum and his friends. This is what helps to keep him straight.

Jerry has a hope for the future too. He believes in his future and the future of his people. He learns from his mistakes.

Write down some things that people do that can hurt a community.



Make a list of good things people do in the community.

Your teacher may let you paint a poster to hang up.

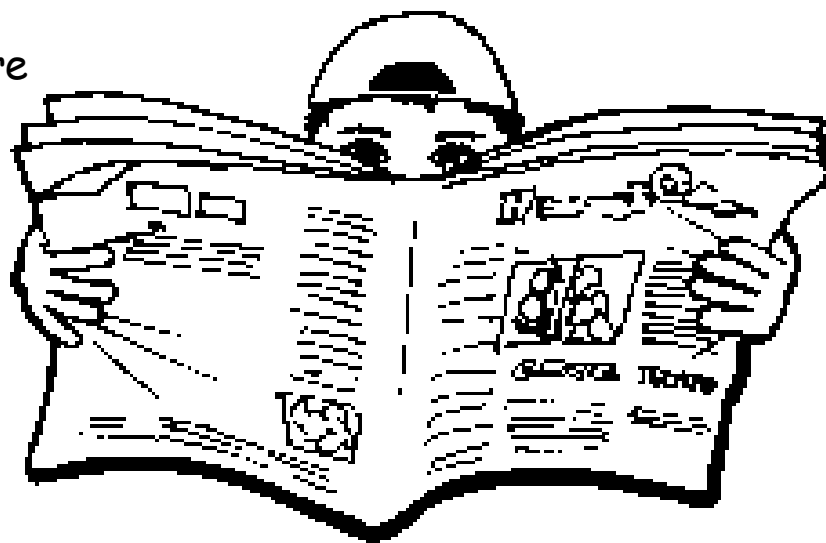


Links To Outside

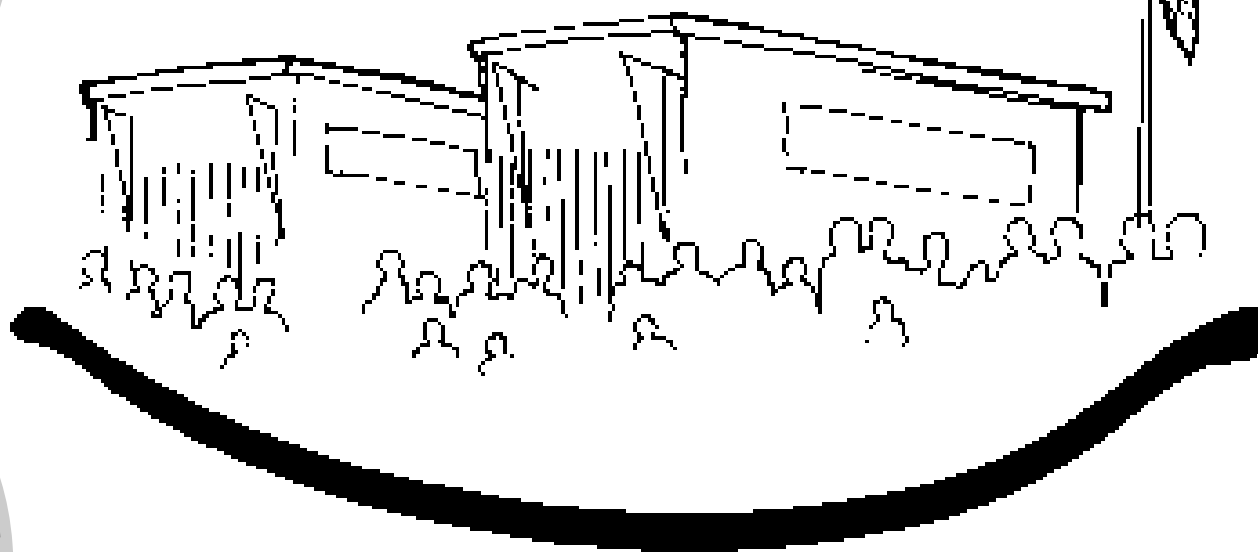
Our community has many links with the world outside our town.

Some of these links are through government departments, police, the school, the health clinic, shop and the council.

Some others are newspapers, the internet, radio, video and television.



Some communities have cultural centres and art centres, festivals and special open days so people from outside can visit.





Open your eyes!

See things the way they really are!

Everything in the whole world is linked to everything else.

Rain, birds, plants, air, lizards, water, health, you, the ocean, the internet, cities, mountains, lions - everything!

Anything that we do will make a difference to something and someone.

Even little small things - good and bad!

Here is a kind of story.

Think of saying something mean to someone.

They get upset and cry.

They run home.

Their Dad gets mad.

He breaks a branch off a tree to get a stick!

The branch had a bird's nest on it.

The egg inside falls out and cracks.

Camp dogs fight over the egg.

One of the dogs is badly injured.





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The baby bird does not grow up.
A lot of insects don't get eaten.
A mozzie plague starts.
Your baby sister gets bitten by a mozzie.
She gets an infection.

The story will go on forever. Just like all stories do.

Can you make up one of these stories?
Try and make a happy story!

Write down three links your community has to the outside world.

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Your teacher is linked to you too. What other places has he/she been to that you can learn about?

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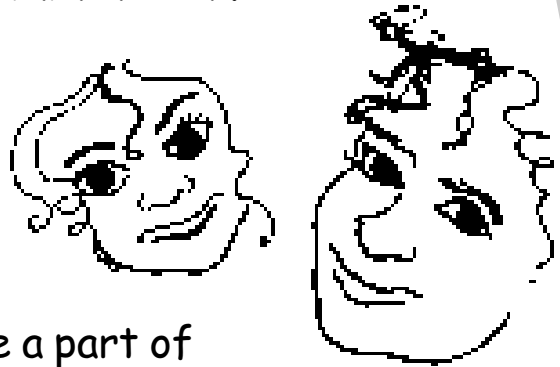
Community Kids!

Some people live in a bush community.

Some people live in a suburban community in town and others live in desert communities.

But wherever we live, and no matter how many people live in our area, we are all a part of **COMMUNITY**.

We often see each other.
We go to the same shops.
The things we do affect each other.



Communities are good places to be a part of when people can all work together and care about what happens to their families and the other people in the place they live.



Gareth and Jerry are the type of people who care about making their own lives and the lives of other people in their community better too.

They know that when people are cared for, and can care about others, they are happier.

Enjoy this story



Helping out.





One Friday afternoon Gareth and Jerry were on their way home from school when they looked over towards one of the school buildings.

There was a little boy there, one of the grade two kids.

He was crying.

"Hey, that little fellow is crying. We'd better go over and help him," said Gareth.

The two boys turned and went straight over to the small boy.

"Jerry tossed his head in a greeting and then bent down near the sobbing boy. "What's up? You need a bit of a hand there?"

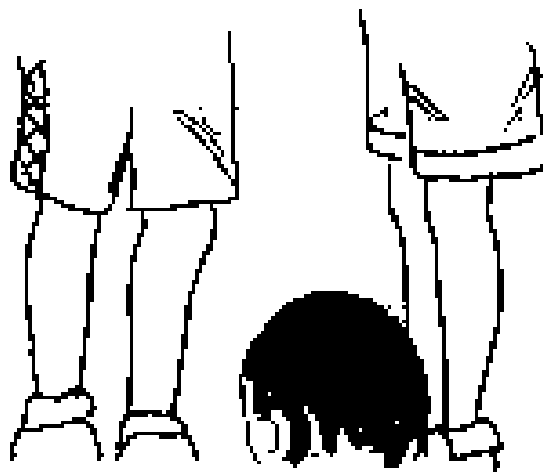
The little boy looked up.



"I know who you are," said Gareth. You are Tanya's cousin! What's your name then?"

The little boy had seen the two famous basketball players lots of times around town and at school. They were big heroes to him and he felt very, very shy.

This made him put his head down and fold his arms over his wet face.



He quietly whispered his name, "Simon."



"Hey, Man!" laughed Jerry gently. "No shame job. You are a bloke just like us, Simon. We just want to let you know we want to help you. The way we'd help any bloke in trouble. How come you are still at school and all upset?"

The boy wiped his arm across his face, clearing away the tears. He looked at the boys for a moment then turned his eyes to look down at the ground.

"I can't walk," said the boy.



Community



TOL



"Hey! You boys! What's going on? You mob look like you are laughing at that little grade two fellow Simon! He's crying."



"Yeah! Well, he's such a sook. He's crying because he wet himself. We can't help it if we think it's funny!"

The boy was being really smart. He eyeballed Jerry.



Jerry was beginning to get an idea about what was going on. This boy was the leader of the teasers.

These kids were being cruel. Just about every kid wet themselves at some time in their lives and a lot of old people did too.

"So?" Jerry asked.



"So? So we think it is funny. The kid wet himself."

"He is only a small boy. You mob make me feel shame that you are a part of my community. You should be helping him, not making it worse. Now he is really embarrassed and he'll remember it for a long time."

One of the boys looked a bit ashamed, but the one who had done all of the talking was just standing there. He looked at his mates. They both looked away.

Jerry knew he was winning.

"What have you got to say?" He turned and asked Laurie, the tallest boy.

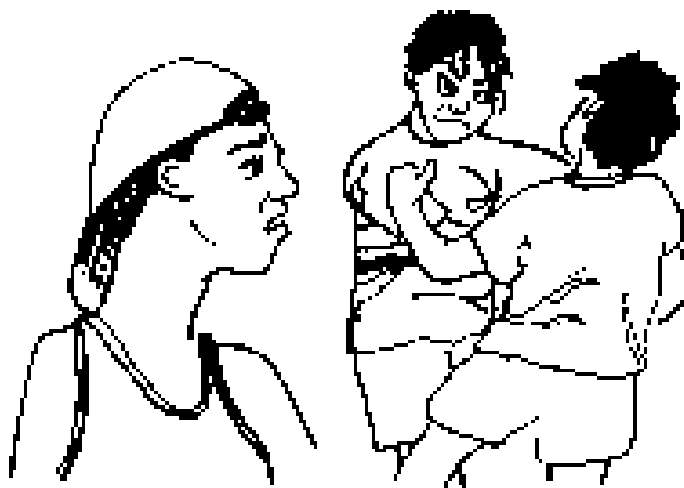
Laurie looked down.



Jerry was somebody around town, a bigger kid and a deadly basketball player. Laurie did not want to take him on and make an enemy. He nodded towards the cheeky lad, then looked straight at him. "I'm just here hanging around. It's your fault anyway, Paulie!"

"Paulie!" thought Jerry. "Millicent's little brother!"

"Hey!" yelled Paulie. Suddenly his face was like an angry mask, he pushed his mate Laurie in the chest.



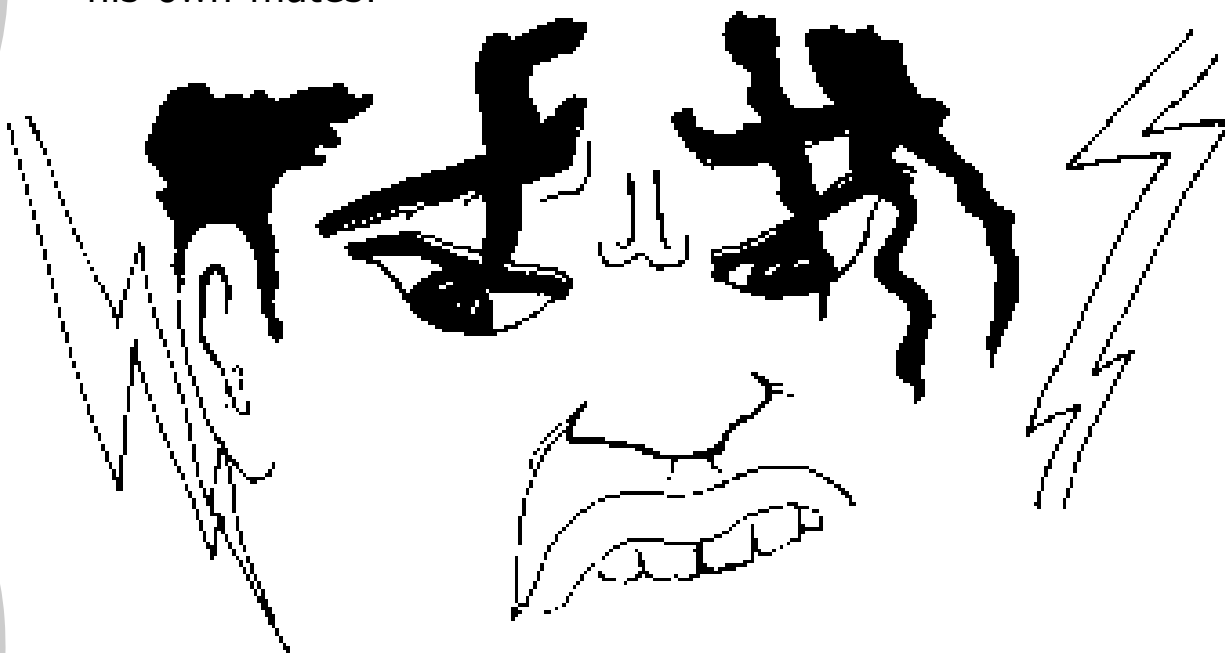
Laurie was worried, but he stood up to Paulie.

"Yeah! You now Paulie. You wouldn't let him into the toilets when he wanted to go. You wanted him to wet his pants!" Laurie came back at him.

"Is that true mate?" Jerry asked the other boy.

"I guess so. I dunno!" the lad shrugged his shoulders and looked really ashamed. But Paulie was angry. He would not back down.

"Hey! I'm not just taking all the blame. It was my idea, but you mob were all in it too. Laughing and egging me on. Now you want me to take the whole blame!" Paulie was mad. Real mad. Jerry thought he might even punch one of his own mates!



He stepped in.

"Calm down, Paulie. What you have to do is go and say sorry to little Simon. He's more grown up than all you mob put together. How would any of you take something like what you've made him do?"

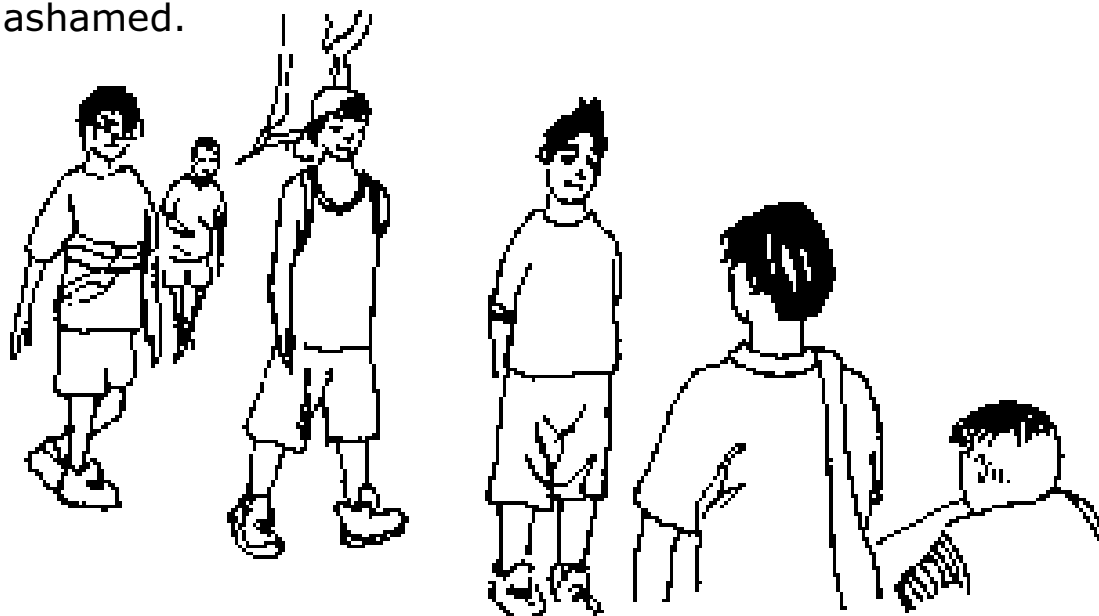
"I reckon you'd be crying now if I teased you."

"Let's go over and settle it with Simon now."

"NOW!"

They followed Jerry over to where Simon and Gareth were waiting. Paulie walked really slowly, slapping his feet on the ground.

He was still not sorry, but he could not stand up to someone like Jerry. Paulie respected Jerry and now he did feel ashamed.



Paulie did not know whether to act tough or show his shame, but he did not want to look afraid and guilty either. That would be admitting how wrong he was and that was even a more shameful thing.

Laurie walked in front.

As soon as he got to Simon he looked at him and said truly, "I'm sorry, mate. I was wrong. You're a good kid. We are just



bigger, that's all. Sometimes boys get carried away and forget about other people's feelings. You come to me if you need help from now on. I won't be picking on you again."



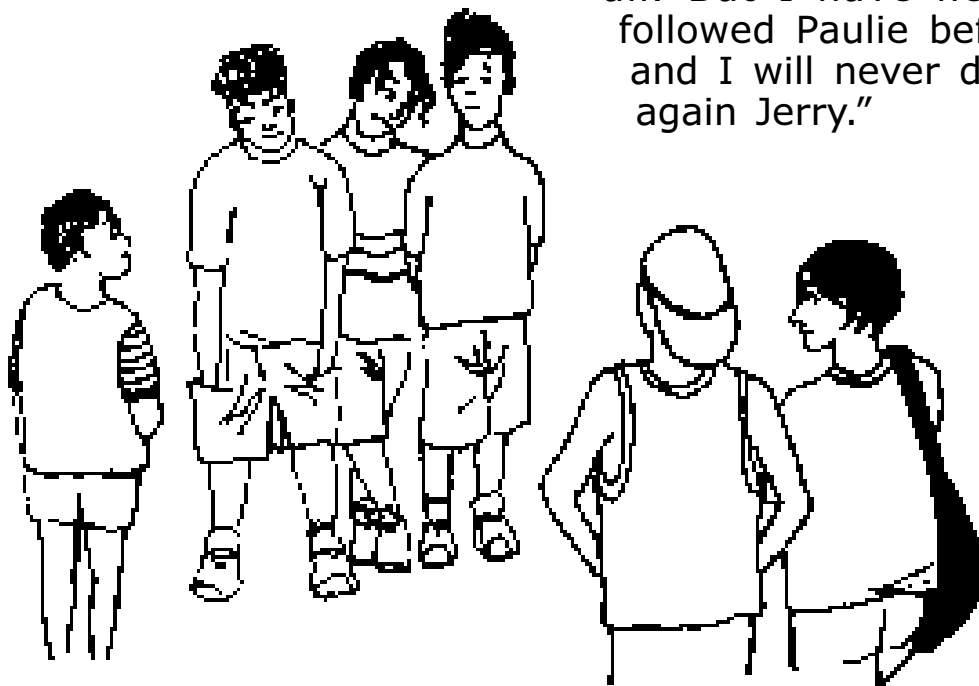
Little Simon's face was dry now and he looked up at Paulie. "You started it. You knew I needed to go to the toilet. Why wouldn't you let me in?"

"Paulie is it?" asked Gareth, who had been quiet until now. "Aren't you Millicent's brother? I'm going to tell old Marius about this. He will not be happy, Paulie, and I think Millicent will not think much of your game either."

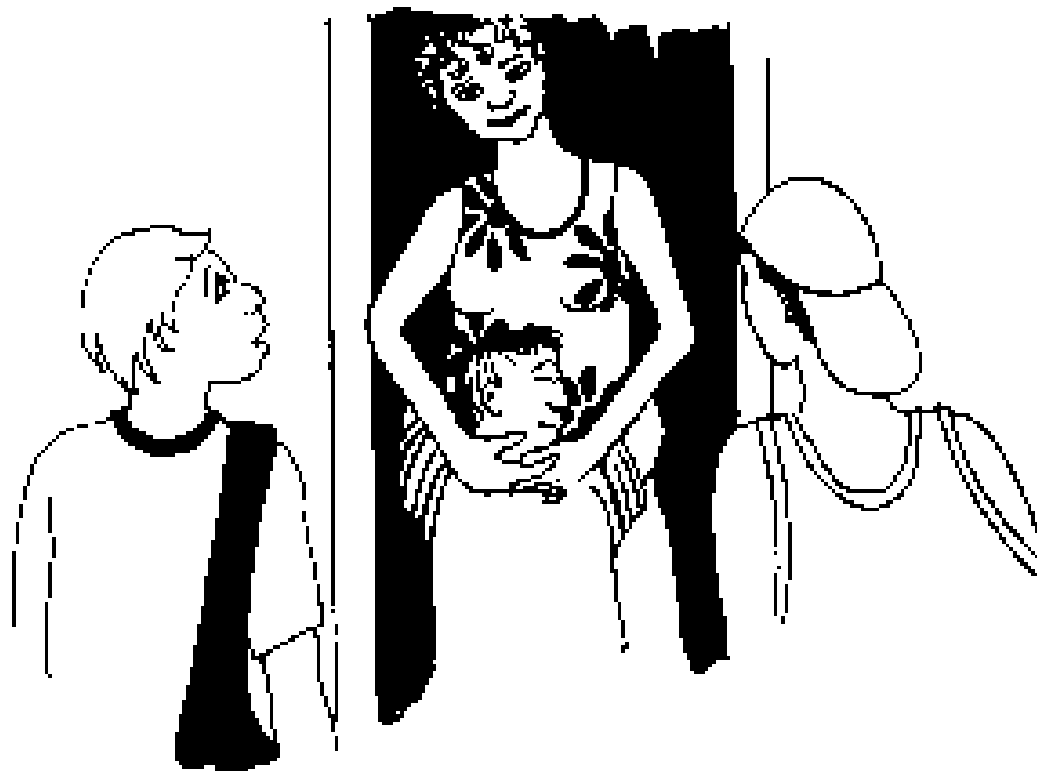


"Look. Truly, I won't be doing this again. Never," said Paulie looking Gareth straight in the eye.

"You now Paulie!" said his other mate. "You always do stuff like this, and it's always little kids too. I'm sorry Simon. I don't feel good about teasing you. It was a bit funny, that's all. But I have never followed Paulie before and I will never do it again Jerry."



Later when they had all taken Simon home, Paulie had to say sorry to him again and to his Mum. Lucky Simon's Dad was not at home or he would have got really mad. It was not the first time that Paulie had picked on Simon. "This happened one other time too," said Paulie's mum.



Gareth and Jerry let the other kids go and then decided that Marius and Paulie's family should know about what he did for fun.



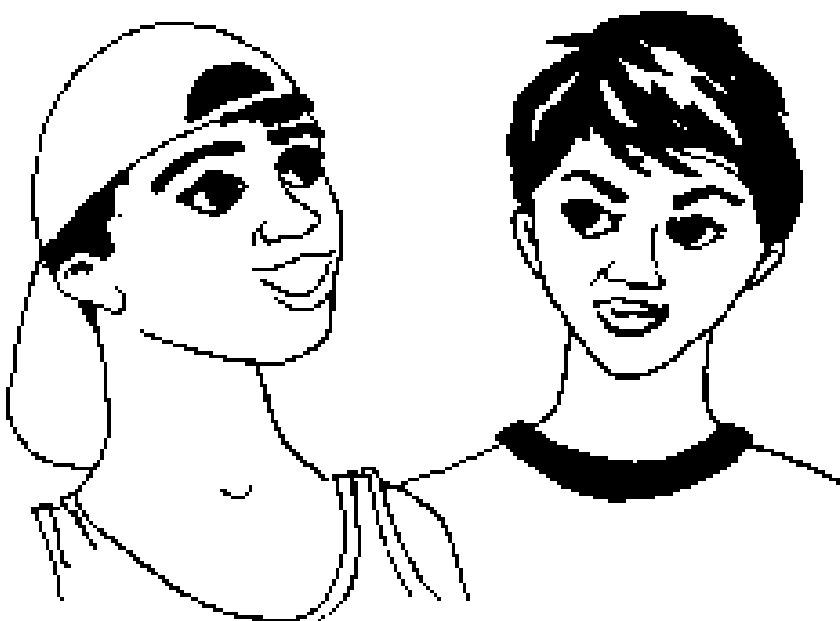
The elders of Paulie's family had to deal with him in their own traditional way.

Jerry knew that old Marius had taken the lad out bush with some other men the next day.

Paulie would be alright. He just had to work out a few things in himself.

Gareth and Jerry decided that they would help him out a bit after that and spend some time with him.

It was just all a part of belonging to the same place and all working together for the good of everyone.



- Did Gareth and Jerry do the right thing by going over to help Simon?
- Why was Simon too embarrassed to walk home?
- What had the boys done to little Simon?
- What about Paulie? Why do some boys turn into bullies?
- What did Jerry make the bigger boys do?
- Do you think that Simon would have felt better after the other boys had said they were sorry?
- What if the bigger boys had not said sorry?
- Why do you think that Marius would have taken Paulie away from school for a while?
- How does this story fit into community?

Caring and helping

Write four ways of caring and helping in your community.

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