

All characters in this pack come in hair/skin colour variations

**A**



**B**



**C**



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# DICK WHITTINGTON

## FACT OR

There once lived a real Dick Whittington who was the inspiration for the pantomime character we know and love today. But which bits of the story are true and which are made up?

Take a look at our quick rundown of

FACT VERSUS FICTION



The real Richard Whittington lived in London in the Middle Ages. He was probably born in around 1354 and lived until 1423.



Richard was born in Gloucestershire, the younger son of a landowner. He went to London to become a mercer - someone who traded in luxury fabrics such as silk and velvet - which he was very good at and which made him rich.



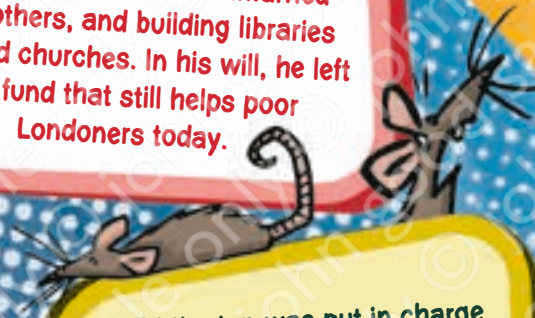
He was popular with the king, Richard II, and lent him plenty of money - a tradition he carried on with later kings Henry IV and V.

## The Facts

He was made mayor of London by Richard II in 1397 and went on to be elected three more times.

He married Alice Fitzwarren in 1402 but they never had any children, and she died in 1411.

He did lots of good things for London, such as paying for drains in poor areas, opening a ward for unmarried mothers, and building libraries and churches. In his will, he left a fund that still helps poor Londoners today.



Whittington was put in charge of the the money spent on finishing the building of Westminster Abbey.





# FICTION?

Dick Whittington first appeared onstage in England in around 1605, in a play called *The History of Richard Whittington, of his lowe byrth, his great fortune.*

Dick's cat seems to be completely made up. There is no evidence he had one in real life, and the idea may have come from a Middle-Eastern folk story that was popular at the time the real Whittington lived.

The stage version of Dick comes from a poor home, but the real one's family was actually very wealthy. It also claims he was an orphan, but he wasn't.

## The Fiction

Dick becomes a servant in the London house of Alderman Fitzwarren, where the cook is usually mean to him. In reality, the Fitzwarrens lived in a town miles outside London, and Dick was never a servant. He probably met and married Alderman Fitzwarren's daughter Alice when he was already mayor.

In the fictional version of the story, Dick is leaving London when he hears the sound of Bow bells telling him to "turn again". There's now a hospital on the site at Highgate Hill, where he's supposed to have been, called the Whittington Hospital. And there's a statue of his cat.

King (or Queen) Rat was invented as a baddie for Dick and his cat to fight in the first pantomime version in 1814. This was when the Fairy of the Bells made her first appearance too.

MEOW!



# MEETING THE MAYOR

In an exclusive interview for this programme, medieval journalist David Bumbleby talks to Dick Whittington, newly elected mayor of London, about his life. We've even managed to get a few quick questions with his cat.

Dick Whittington:

David Bumbleby:

SO, DICK, CAN YOU TELL ME A LITTLE ABOUT YOUR EARLY LIFE?

WELL, AT THE ORPHANAGE WE WERE SO POOR WE HAD TO EAT OUR BREAKFAST CEREAL WITH A FORK TO SAVE ON MILK. AT SCHOOL, I WAS ALWAYS GETTING INTO TROUBLE BECAUSE I COULDN'T EVEN AFFORD TO PAY ATTENTION. MIND YOU, I DID WIN THE AWARD FOR ORPHAN OF THE YEAR.

DW ERM...

ORPHAN OF THE YEAR? YOUR PARENTS MUST HAVE BEEN SO PROUD.

DB WHAT WAS IT THAT MADE YOU WANT TO COME TO LONDON?

DW WELL, I HEARD THAT THE STREETS OF LONDON WERE PAVED WITH GOLD. BUT WHEN I GOT HERE, THEY WERE ACTUALLY PAVED WITH PAVEMENTS. THE TOURIST BOARD REALLY NEED TO SORT OUT THEIR ADVERTISING ON THAT ONE.

DB SO HOW DID YOU FIND LONDON?

DW I JUST FOLLOWED THE SIGNS FROM GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

DB NO, I MEAN WHAT WAS IT LIKE?

DW OH, IT WAS IN A TERRIBLE STATE. LONDON BRIDGE WAS FALLING DOWN.

FALLING DOWN?

FALLING DOWN.

LONDON BRIDGE WAS FALLING DOWN?

DROVE ME CRAZY. ONE OF MY FIRST JOBS AS MAYOR WILL BE TO BUILD IT UP AGAIN. I'VE BEEN TALKING TO MY ADVISERS AND THEY SUGGEST USING STICKS AND STONES, WOOD AND CLAY, OR BRICKS AND MORTAR. THAT SHOULD HOLD IT FOR A BIT.

IN WHIT WE TRUSTE!

CAN I GET A WHIT-NESS!





DB WHAT OTHER PLANS DO YOU HAVE FOR THE CITY, NOW THAT YOU'RE MAYOR?

DW I HAVE LOTS OF IDEAS. FOR A START, I WANT TO BAN ALL PICKS AND SHOVELS - THAT'LL STOP PEOPLE DIGGING UP THE PAVEMENTS LOOKING FOR GOLD. THEN I'VE GOT THIS WONDERFUL PLAN TO SET UP A HUGE WHEEL KIND OF THING BY THE RIVER. THE IDEA IS THAT PEOPLE WILL BE ABLE TO CLIMB INTO LITTLE CARRIAGES AND GO UP IN THE SKY TO GET A GOOD VIEW OF THIS BEAUTIFUL CITY OF OURS.

WELL, GOOD LUCK WITH THAT. NOW, COULD YOU TELL ME ABOUT ALICE FITZWARREN? WHAT DID YOU SAY WHEN YOU FIRST MET HER?

I SAID HELLO.

AND WHAT DID SHE SAY?

SHE SAID HELLO BACK. I DON'T KNOW WHY SHE CALLED ME 'BACK' - MY NAME'S DICK.

DB SO WAS IT LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT?

NO, I HAD TO WALK PAST HER A COUPLE OF TIMES. BUT SHE KEPT RUNNING THROUGH MY MIND ALL THAT DAY.

REALLY? SHE MUST HAVE BEEN EXHAUSTED. NOW TELL ME, WHO IS YOUR BIGGEST INSPIRATION?

DEFINITELY MY CAT. HE'S SO COURAGEOUS AND STRONG AND I WOULDN'T BE HERE TODAY IF IT WASN'T FOR HIM.

WHY'S THAT?

HE DROVE ME HERE. I HATE DRIVING IN LONDON AND HE HAS SUCH A TERRIFIC SENSE OF DIRECTION. I THINK IT MUST BE HIS CAT-NAV.

THANK YOU, DICK. NOW, IF I MAY TURN TO YOUR CAT...

...DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY ABOUT THE RECENT EXPLOSION OF THE RODENT POPULATION IN LONDON?

MEOW.

I SEE. SO YOU FEEL THAT A CITY OVERRUN BY RATS IS UNLIKELY TO GET YOUR MASTER RE-ELECTED AS MAYOR?

MEOW.

BUT YOU BELIEVE YOU HAVE THE NECESSARY GRASP OF RODENT POLICY TO ENABLE YOU TO CONTROL THE SITUATION?

MEOW.

AND WHAT'S YOUR VIEW ON TUNA?

WELL, IT DEPENDS A BIT ON WHETHER IT'S ENVIRONMENTALLY SOURCED AND DOLPHIN-FRIENDLY, BUT BASICALLY, PUT TUNA IN MY DISH AND I'M A HAPPY BUNNY. OR CAT, TO BE MORE TECHNICALLY ACCURATE.



# THE HISTORY OF LONDON

Here are some of the key moments in London's history, in bite-size pieces!

IN TWO MINUTES

## Early London

When the Romans invaded Britain in 43AD, they decided to build a bridge across the River Thames and started a city there. They called it Londinium.

FIRE!

The river in those days was about three times wider than it is today. There has always been a London bridge since the time of the Romans.

FIRE!

The local natives, led by the warrior queen Boudicca, attacked Londinium in 61AD, burning it to the ground.

For more than 300 years, until the Romans left, Londinium was the largest settlement in Britain. You can still see parts of the old city wall today.

The Anglo-Saxons moved into the area around 550AD, calling their town Lundenwic.

After Christianity arrived, a church was built in 604AD dedicated to St Paul. Today, there is still a church - St Paul's Cathedral - in exactly the same place.

HOW FAR'S LONDINIUM?

NO IDEA! BUT LUNDENWIC'S THAT WAY!

## The Middle Ages

Disaster struck for the Anglo-Saxons when the Vikings invaded from Denmark in 842, then again in 851, taking control of London.

King Alfred the Great won the city back for the Anglo-Saxons and repaired the old Roman walls to defend it.

There was a devastating fire in 961, and a plague then another fire 20 years later.

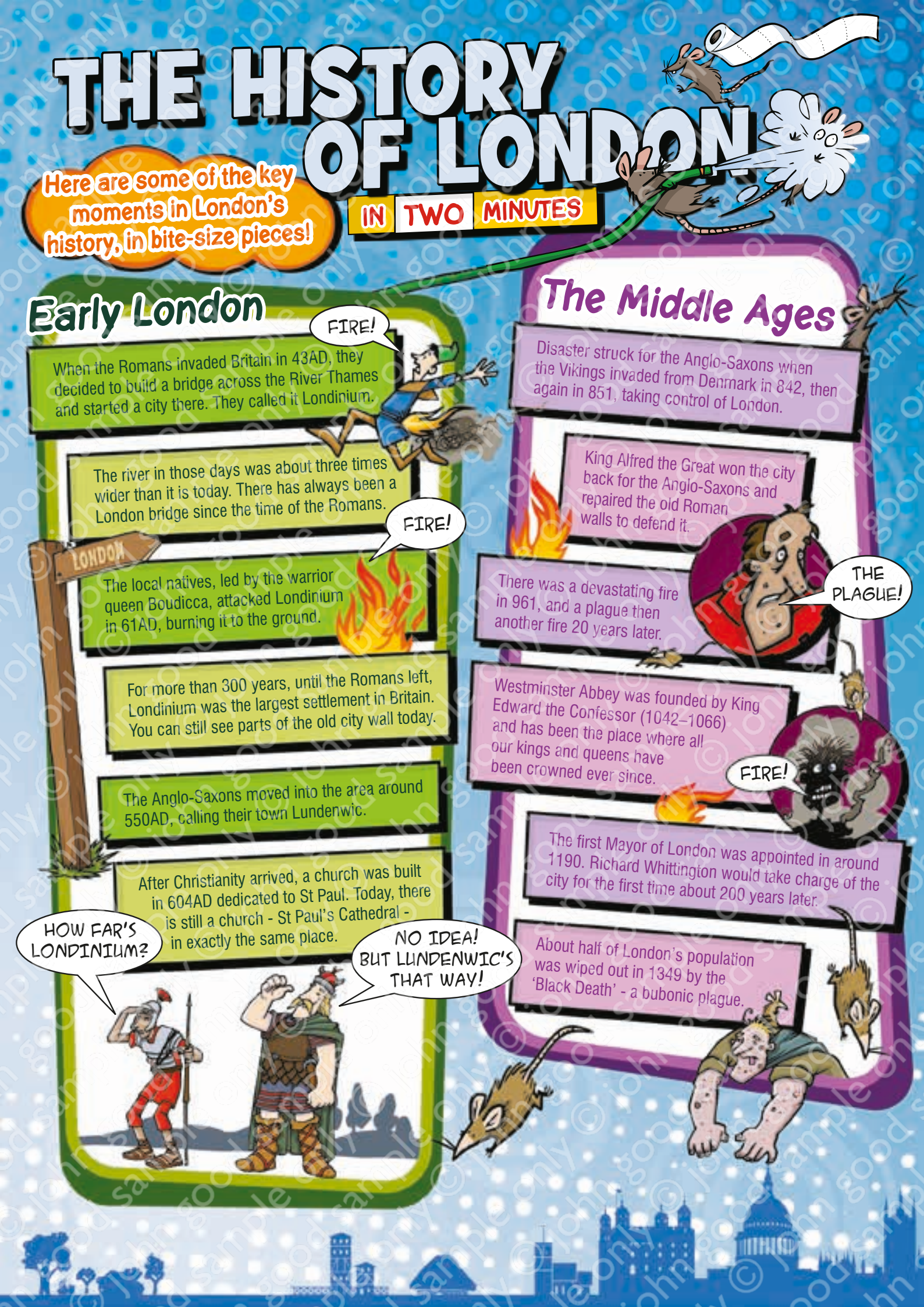
THE PLAGUE!

Westminster Abbey was founded by King Edward the Confessor (1042-1066) and has been the place where all our kings and queens have been crowned ever since.

FIRE!

The first Mayor of London was appointed in around 1190. Richard Whittington would take charge of the city for the first time about 200 years later.

About half of London's population was wiped out in 1349 by the 'Black Death' - a bubonic plague.





# The Last 500 Years

By the time of Queen Elizabeth I (1558–1603), London was a large and wealthy city at the centre of Britain's trade and government.

The city was hit by the Great Plague in 1665, followed in 1666 by the Great Fire, which was started accidentally at a bakery in Pudding Lane. The St Paul's Cathedral we have today was designed by Sir Christopher Wren after the old one burned down.

During the reign of Queen Victoria (1837–1901), London changed enormously. Street lights, buses and the Underground all began during these years.

As the capital city, London was a target during both World Wars in the 20th century. The Blitz of 1940 destroyed large parts of the city.

In the 21st century, London's skyline looks very different, thanks to the Millennium Bridge and Dome (now the O2 Arena), the London Eye, the Gherkin and Europe's tallest building, the Shard.

WHITTINGTON  
STREET DW1

CITY OF LONDON

NOT  
ANOTHER  
FIRE?!

NOT  
ANOTHER  
PLAGUE?!

AND NOW  
BOMBS?!

# The Next 500 Years...

What do you think might happen to London during your lifetime - and beyond? Maybe you'll see...

The Underground replaced by a system of overhead tubes for commuters wearing jet packs to get around.

Traffic banned completely, with only bicycles and pedestrians allowed on the streets.

London hosting the 2400 Olympics, welcomed by Boris Johnson's great-great-great-great-great-great-great-grandson.

Michael Davies  
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Here's a space to draw your own futuristic London

## LONDONIA: VISION OF THE FUTURE



# PANTO PUZZLERS

## DOT TO DOT



## ALL OF THE SAME LITTER?

There are NINE kittens on these pages. They are identical twins except for one. Can you match the pairs to spot the odd one out?



**WHITTINGTON'S WONGUE WISTER!**

When wet rats race which rat would win the rat race?

See how quickly you can say these words without getting muddled!



WHEN WET WATS WACE WHICH WAT...

OH I GIVE UP...CAN YOU DO ANY BETTER?



## THE LONDON UNDERGROUND



Start →

Queen Rat is late for work and the tube is a nightmare! Can you help her escape the rat race maze?





# PANTOMANIA!

Unscramble the titles to find out which are Dick's favourite pantomimes!



## CATTY

## CODEWORD

Dick's pet cat is in trouble. Can you figure out what he's trying to tell Dick using the code below?



Secret message: \_\_\_\_\_

## FIRST KISS OR JUST AN ILLUSION?

Relax your eyes and stare at the space between Alice and Dick.

Slowly bring the page towards your face and see them share their first kiss! Try again if it doesn't work the first time.

## ROUND

Finish



MEOW!  
DICK AND ALICE  
SITTING UP A TREE,  
K-I-S-S-I-N-G!





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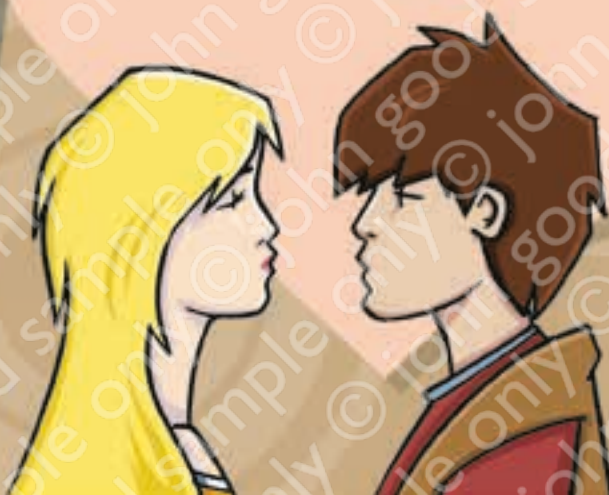
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SITTING UP A TREE,  
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It looks like King Rat is causing trouble again! In the mayhem he's causing, can you find ALL the things listed?





# MARKET MAYHEM!

6 cats

25 coins

5 pigeons

16 rats

5 eggs

1 bundle

1 chicken

1 bone



It looks like Queen Rat is causing trouble again! In the mayhem she's causing, can you find ALL the things listed?





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# WHICH SHIP SHOULD DICK BE ON DECK?

Dick is in a bit of bother and needs to escape London.  
Which ship should he and his pet cat take to get to Morocco?



DID I  
PACK ANY  
TUNA?

WHICH  
ONE?





Let's all have a right old...

# COCKNEY KNEES-UP

Now that Dick is in London, he's starting to pick up the local lingo. It's called 'cockney rhyming slang', where you substitute a word for something it rhymes with. For instance, instead of saying someone is your 'mate', you'd say they were your 'china plate'!

Can you work out what these famous cockney phrases mean by linking them to the pictures?

APPLES  
AND PEARS

APRIL  
SHOWERS

TEA LEAF

PLATES  
OF MEAT

FROG  
AND TOAD

UNCLE NED

NORTH  
AND SOUTH

DOG  
AND BONE

RUBY  
MURRAY

Now try and find the meanings  
in the wordsearch below too!

F W H I D T T I  
E L M A N G S T  
N O O C U R R Y  
O R U W N D I F  
H O T E E F A R  
P M H B A R T Y  
O T H I E F S R

STAIRS ☐

FLOWERS ☐

CURRY ☐

MOUTH ☐

THIEF ☐

BED ☐

PHONE ☐

ROAD ☐

FEET ☐



Have you found them all? There will be a secret message left over from the letters you haven't used.



# GUESS THE CAT! - CH PHRASE

Can you guess what all these famous words and phrases are from the pictures? Here they all start with the letters CAT!

PAWS ON YOUR BUZZERS...HERE'S ANOTHER CATCHPHRASE BOYS AND GIRLS!



SAY WHAT YOU SEE!





# THE CAT THAT GOT THE CREAM

## Instructions

1

Cut around all solid lines and cut slots for flaps to go into.

2

Score and fold along all the dotted lines. Tuck flap A into slot B, flap D into slot C, and flap G into slot H.

3

Stick E and F together around the neck so the collar dangles!

4

PURR-FECT! Your cat is now ready for a nice refreshing bowl of cream!

Dick's pet cat is pretty awesome. Why not make one of your own?



WOOF!

WOOF!

WOOF!

WOOF!

Remember to ask an adult to help you when using scissors.





# RAT TRAPPED

DRAT!

SQUEEZE

**SATURATE KING RAT  
WITH COLOUR**

King Rat has been eating too many saturated fats and has got himself stuck down the drain! Can you saturate him with colour too, before he escapes?

**BEADY EYE  
ALLEY DW1**

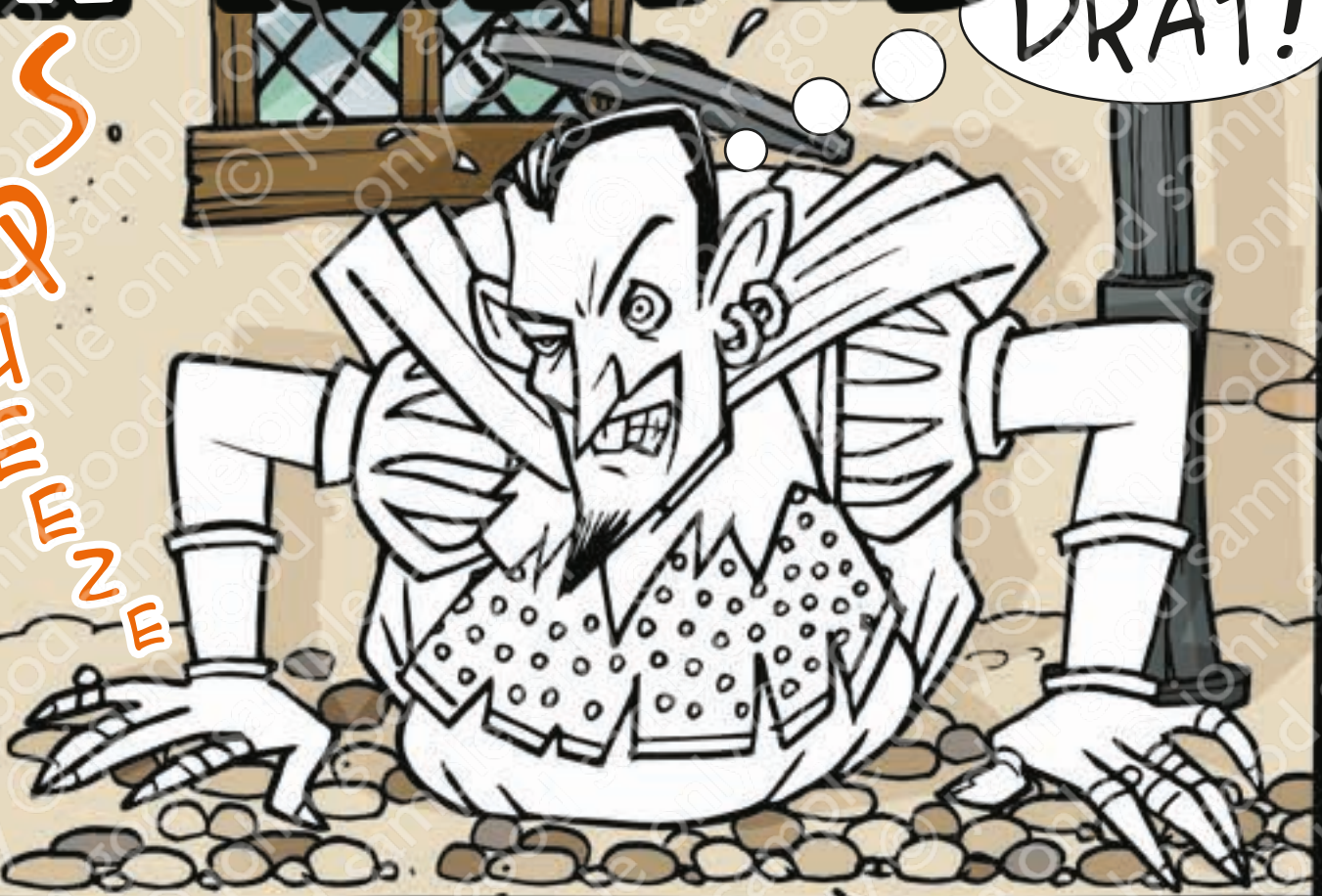
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# RAT TRAPPED

DRAT!

QUEENE



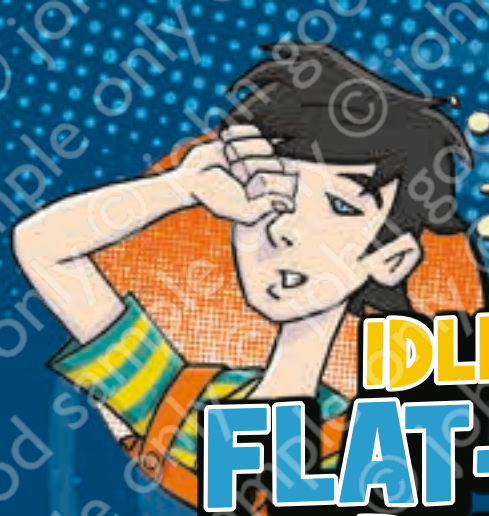
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**BEADY EYE  
ALLEY DW1**

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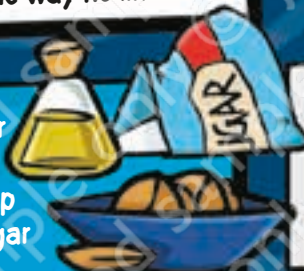




# IDLE JACK'S FLAT-CAT FLAPJACKS

These are Idle Jack's favourite treats. Quick and simple to make, with no real effort needed, just the way he likes it!



## INGREDIENTS



- 150g (5oz) of unsalted butter
- A little bit of margarine
- 6 tablespoons of golden syrup
- 200g (7oz) of soft brown sugar
- 350g (12oz) of rolled oats
- 200g (7oz) of dried apricots, finely chopped
- 110g (4oz) of flaked almonds

## HOW DO YOU MAKE THEM?

Makes: 15 flapjacks

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1. Preheat the oven to 180°C/350°F/Gas Mark 4.
  2. Grease a baking tray with some margarine. The tray will need to be at least 20cm x 20cm x 3cm.
  3. Place butter, syrup and sugar into a saucepan and let them melt over the hob.
  4. When everything has melted, stir in oats, apricots and almonds.
  5. Next, pour out the mixture into the tray. You'll need to use a wooden spoon because it will be quite sticky by now.
  5. Place the tray in the oven and bake for 15 minutes until the flapjacks turn golden.
  6. Leave to cool for half an hour before cutting into cat shapes.
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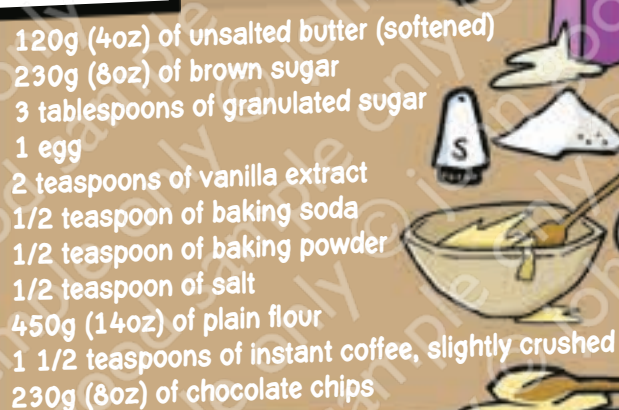


PSSST!...  
THEY'RE  
CHOCOLATE  
CHIPS REALLY

# SARAH'S RAT DROPPINGS COOKIES

Sarah the Cook is playing a joke on Idle Jack, pretending to make some cookies with rat droppings! Why not make some of these and do the same to a member of your family?


## INGREDIENTS



- 120g (4oz) of unsalted butter (softened)
- 230g (8oz) of brown sugar
- 3 tablespoons of granulated sugar
- 1 egg
- 2 teaspoons of vanilla extract
- 1/2 teaspoon of baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon of baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon of salt
- 450g (14oz) of plain flour
- 1 1/2 teaspoons of instant coffee, slightly crushed
- 230g (8oz) of chocolate chips

## HOW DO YOU MAKE THEM?

Makes: 15 cookies

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1. Preheat the oven to 190°C/375°F/Gas Mark 5.
  2. Use an electric mixer (or a fork if you're feeling strong) to cream the butter with the brown and granulated sugar until it turns nice and fluffy.
  3. Next, beat in the egg and add the vanilla extract.
  4. Combine the dry ingredients in a separate bowl and then beat it into the butter mixture.
  5. Stir in the chocolate chips.
  6. Drop large spoonfuls onto a greased baking tray. Remember to space them apart so they don't stick together.
  7. Place the tray in the oven and bake for 10–12 minutes.
  8. Leave them to cool down on a rack for half an hour.



# ANSWERS



## ALL OF THE SAME LITTER?

This little kitten was the odd one out!

## PANTOMANIA!

Ego Smoother = Mother Goose  
Net Paper = Peter Pan  
Wit When So = Snow White  
And Dial = Aladdin

## CAT-CH PHRASE

CATALOGUE  
CATERPILLAR  
CATFISH  
CAT AMONGST  
THE PIGEONS

CATHEDRAL  
CAT-O'-NINE-TAILS  
CATSEYES  
CATFLAP  
CATNAP

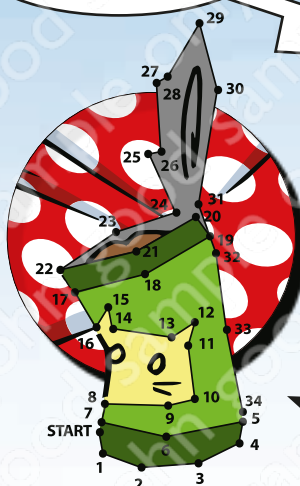
## CATTY CODEWORD

Secret Message:  
THE CAT FLAP  
IS LOCKED



## DOT TO DOT!

MEEE-OH!  
MY FAVOURITE



There is a tin of cat food in Dick's bundle

## COCKNEY KNEES UP

APPLES AND PEARS

STAIRS

RUBY MURRAY

CURRY

TEA LEAF

THIEF

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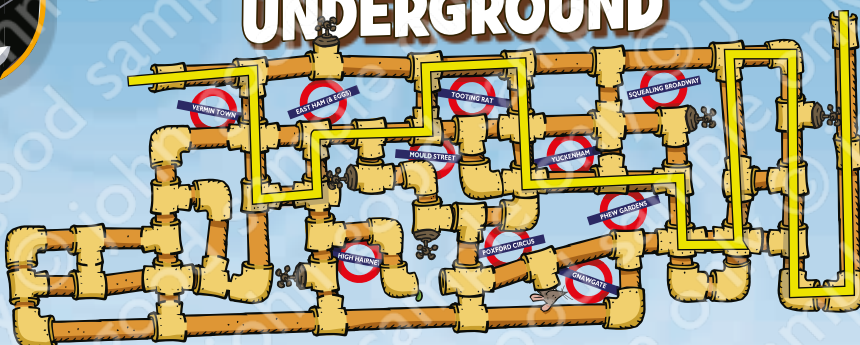
FROG AND TOAD

ROAD

FWHIDTTI  
ELMANGST  
NOCURRY  
ORUWNOF  
HOTEFAR  
PMHBARTY  
OTHIEFSR

Secret message:  
WHITTINGTON FOR MAYOR

## THE LONDON UNDERGROUND



## WHICH SHIP SHOULD DICK BE ON DECK?



IT WAS THE  
PURPLE ONE





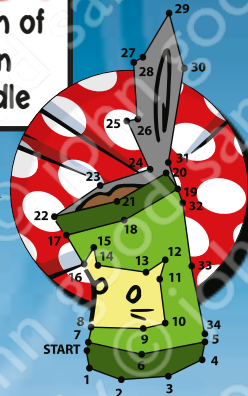
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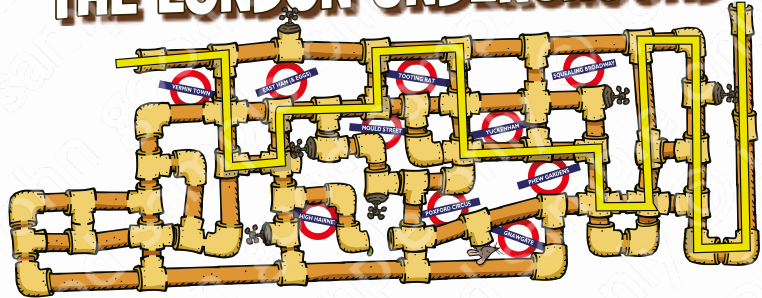


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## THE LONDON UNDERGROUND



## WHICH SHIP SHOULD DICK BE ON DECK?

Answer:  
THE PURPLE ONE!