

Mr Gum and the Biscuit Billionaire



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Fiction — novel extract

Cross-curricular links:

- Art (illustration)
- PSHE (boredom)

Introduction

Mr Gum and the Biscuit Billionaire is the sequel to *You're a Bad Man, Mr Gum!*, which was Andy Stanton's first book. The *Mr Gum* series has now been published in over 30 countries and has won several awards, including the Roald Dahl Funny Prize. The books are set in a weird and wonderful imaginary world, where animals can talk and some people are only a few centimetres tall. This extract introduces pupils to this world and to the book's heroine, Polly.

Answers

1. E.g. The animals aren't behaving normally. For example, the fox is acting like a human and the rabbits are making bird noises.
2. E.g. Because nothing exciting happens in the town. OR E.g. Because big Jake hasn't been around.
3. b. adventures
4. E.g. Some words like "round" and "an" are missing letters. The author did this to show that Polly has an accent which means that she doesn't always pronounce the start and the end of her words.
5. E.g. To show that Polly is feeling bored.
6. E.g. Yes, because she's "brave", "honest" and "true". She also likes having adventures, so I think she would be fun to play with.
7. Any appropriate answer. E.g. Yes, because it seems like Polly is about to have an adventure. She seems like a fun character and I want to know what happens to her.