# The worm farm

"Good afternoon, class. Stand in a straight line, please!" Mr. Bell shouts. "Let's go to the Green Corner!"

The children love visiting the school garden, so they run off quickly. There are chickens, beehives, a wonderful flower garden – and, best of all, there is a huge worm farm.

Mr. Bell is a teacher with a white, round head and not much hair. It is a hot day and the top of his head is pink. Very pink. He looks a bit like an upside-down triangle: wide at the top and narrow at the bottom.

It is not easy looking after twenty schoolchildren full of energy. Well, it is twenty-one children ... but no one notices the small boy with long, mousy brown hair. The boy is small and thin – but he is strong. He is very shy. He is new at school and does not have any friends.







### Who are you?

When Mr. Bell arrives at the garden, he sees children running everywhere. The chickens are out in the garden. Mr. Bell takes a deep breath and shouts. "Catch the chickens now! We don't want them to eat the worms in our worm farm."

The children run after the mother hen and her babies. "Shoo!" they shout.

As usual, the boy is on his own. He walks over to the worm farm and looks through the glass. "Do worms have families?" he wonders.

He picks up a worm. It is cold and slimy. Then he licks it with his tongue.

"Look – it's the new kid! He likes licking worms!" Ali says. "Awesome!"

Everyone stares at the boy.

"You're cool!" Ali says. "But who are you?"

## After reading

1	Choose	True False
	1. It is morning.	
	2. The children find the school garden boring	g.
	3. Mr. Bell is wide at the top.	
	4. There are 21 students in the class.	
	5. The chickens run after the children.	

#### 2 Answer

- 1. What can you find in the Green Corner? Write 3 things.
- 2. What does the boy look like?

6. Ali likes the new boy.

- 3. What does Mr. Bell see when he arrives at the garden?
- 4. What is the word for a female chicken? \_
- 5. Do you know the word for a male chicken? Choose.
  - bull rooster tom

## 5 Match description and word

wonder • lick • arrive • stare • shout • notice • look after



- 1. Talk very loudly. <u>shout</u>
- 2. See and pay attention to something.
- 3. Look at something with wide open eyes.
- 4. Touch something with your tongue.
- 5. Take care of a person.
- 6. When you get to a place.
- 7. When you are curious and want to know more.

#### 6 Fill in the correct word

line • wonder • huge • who • narrow

Back to school again! I walk quickly in the	corridor.
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Outside the classroom, students stand in a straight \_\_\_\_\_\_.

On the way in, the teacher gives a \_\_\_\_\_\_ book to everybody.

The first thing I see is the picture of a boy with his schoolbag. "\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is he?"

I \_\_\_\_\_