

It was Charlotte's first day back at school after the summer holidays and she was very nervous. "Mum do I have to go to school? Can't you just home-school me?" she complained while her mum finished styling her hair. "Charlotte, we have spoken about this! You love school! You are just nervous to go back," Mum replied. She put down the brush and went downstairs to finish tidying up the kitchen. Charlotte was a bright girl with a fantastic imagination who had always achieved good grades. Charlotte picked up her brand new, sparkly unicorn bag and headed to school.

When she arrived at school, the gates were closed. "Why are the gates closed? Is my watch wrong?" she said to herself. As she waited, her mind wandered. "Maybe the headteacher, Mrs Ranson, had forgotten to set her alarm and she is just waking up now in a panic," she said. "Perhaps the caretaker, Mr Turner, had eaten so much chocolate last night that he now has a tummy upset and can't open the school - he does love chocolate," she thought out loud. "Or... No, surely I'm not still dreaming?" she shouted as she pinched herself to check.

Just then, Charlotte heard laughing behind her coming from a familiar voice. "Charlotte, Charlotte," the voice called. Charlotte turned around, it was her mum! "Charlotte it's Saturday! School isn't open on a Saturday," mum called as she put her hand over her forehead. Charlotte blushed. "Mum, you told me it was today!" she snapped, even though she was slightly relieved as she now had another two days off. "Sometimes adults make mistakes too," her mum giggled as she opened the car door.

Lesson 2:

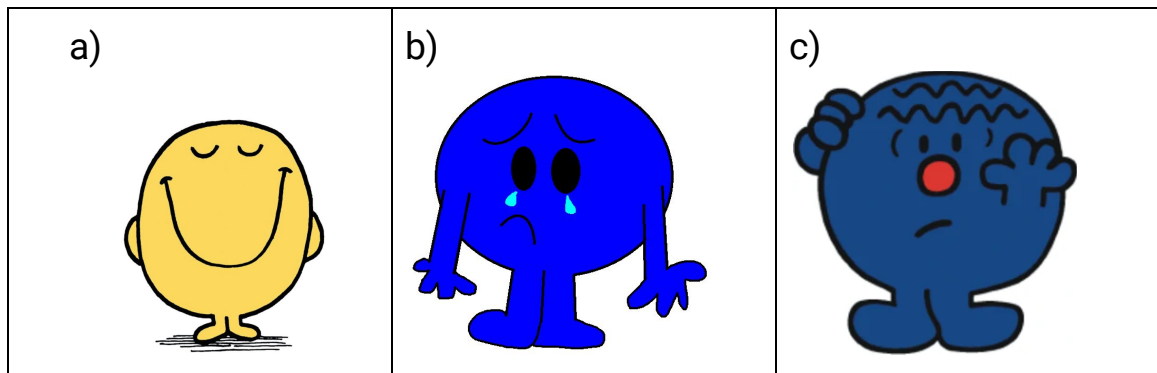
1) Match the word to the definition:

- complained - -the ability of the mind to be creative or resourceful
- imagination - - to express a negative feeling about something
- snapped - -no longer feeling stressed or anxious
- relieved - -to suddenly lose one's self-control

2) What room does mum tidy downstairs?

3) How is Charlotte's unicorn bag described in the story?

4) How was Charlotte feeling in the beginning of the story?



5) How did Charlotte know the school was closed?

6) What did Charlotte mean when she said 'is my watch wrong?'