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ENGLISH COMPREHENSION

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The Eagle and the Turtle

A Turtle was not happy. He wanted to stop being a Turtle, "I'm tired of



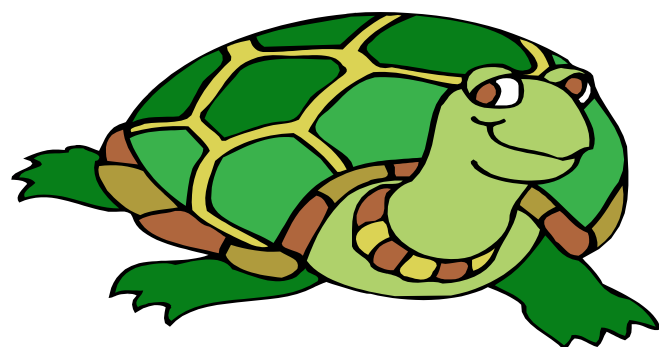
swimming about in the sea and crawling about on the beach, getting nowhere in particular," he grumbled. "I want to be able to fly in the air like an eagle."

He spoke to the Eagle about it. "You're not built for flying," the Eagle told the Turtle. "You haven't any wings."

"Don't worry about that," answered the Turtle. "I've watched how the birds do it. I've watched them soar and glide, skim and dive. Even if I haven't got wings, I can make my four flippers act like four stout oars in the air. Just get me up there, and you'll see I can fly as well as any of the birds - probably better! Besides if you'll carry me high enough, I'll bring you lots of rare pearls from the sea."

The Eagle was tempted, and carried the Turtle up to a great height. "Now, then," cried the Eagle, "fly!"

But the moment the Turtle was on his own, he fell from the sky. He fell like a stone. He was smashed into little pieces.



Now answer the questions carefully

1. Explain what the word "grumbled" means

2 marks

2. How can we tell that the eagle does not want to carry the turtle high in the sky?

4 marks

3. How does the turtle persuade the eagle to help him? Please write in a sentence.

4 marks

4. Write **one** good thing and **one** bad thing about being a turtle

4 marks

5. Write **one** good thing and **one** bad things about being an eagle

4 marks

6. If you had to choose to be any animal, bird or insect, what would you choose and why?

3 marks

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ENGLISH GRAMMAR

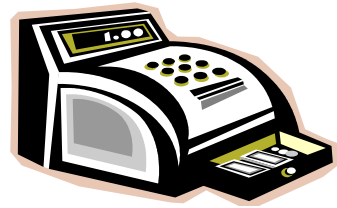
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Here are some sentences to make a short story but the sentences are in the wrong order. In the boxes next to each sentence, put a number (1-6) to show the correct order for the story to make sense.

He looked left and right as he crossed the busy road, still holding on to his coin.

After walking up to the till he handed over the money.



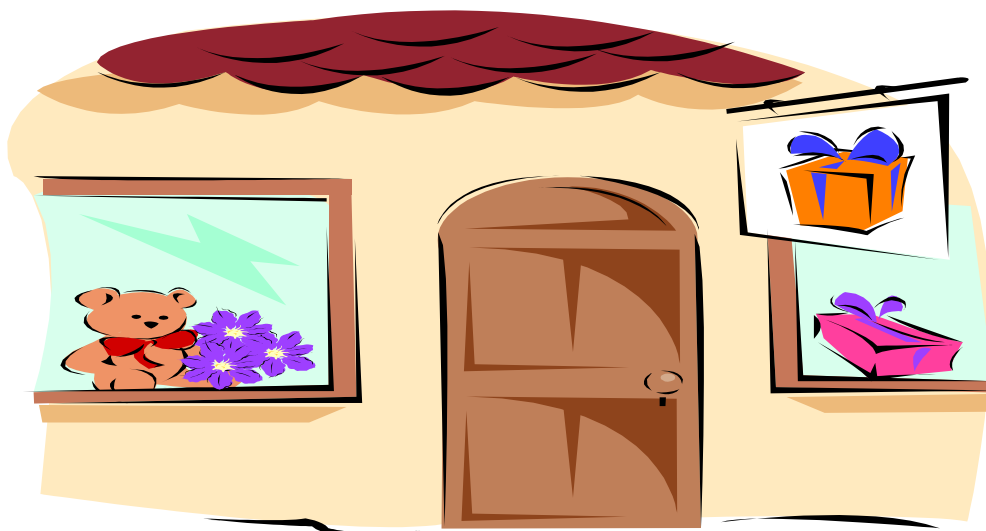
As he entered the shop he was excited by all the colourful toys.

Andrew ran down the road with 50p to spend at the shops.

He picked up a small, red car from the crowded shelves.



When he arrived at the toy shop he looked through the window and smiled.



PART II

Copy out the sentences below very carefully and add in any capital letters, commas, question marks and full stops you think are needed.

1. have jack and fred finished their work

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2. mr jones bought eggs flour and butter at the shops on saturday

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Put a circle around the word that does not mean the same as the others:

1. rotate fall turn

2. bend fold jump

3. ask complain moan

4. stay remain leave

5. skip run sprint

6. ask remind question

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