

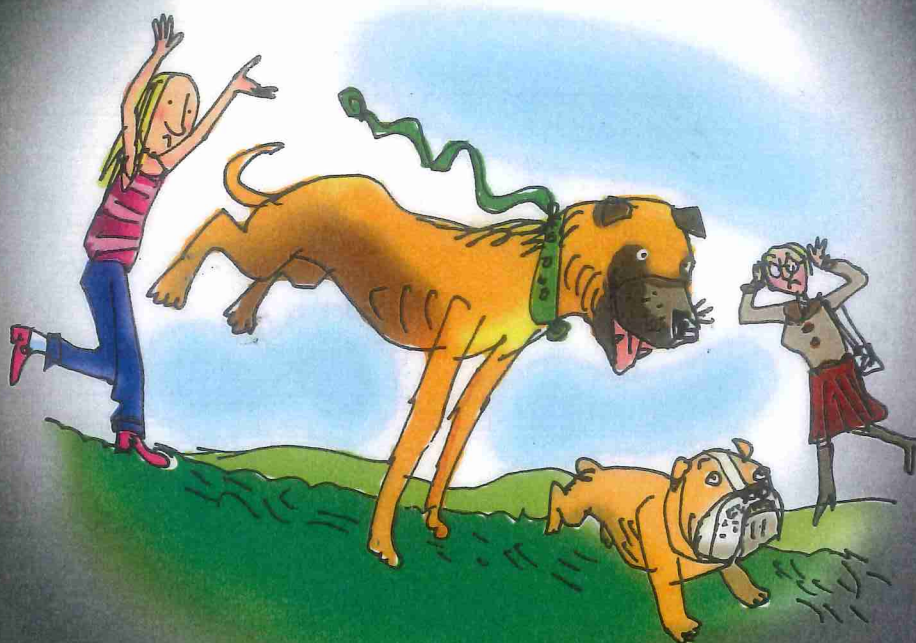
Rex to the rescue

Set 7 Story 1

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Vocabulary check

Discuss the meaning (as used in the story) after the children have read each word.

	definition:	sentence/phrase:
tattoo	a pattern made in ink on your skin	The big bloke with the shaved head and the tattoos.
minute	tiny	Not so much little as minute!
maroon	dark red/purple colour	This smart lady in the maroon skirt is Sue.
brute	a bully	"Shoo, you horrid brute!" said Luke.
refused	didn't want to do something	She refused to listen.
stubborn	refuse to give in, determined	Rex is as stubborn as a mule.
truce	end of a fight	I want all the dogs to call a truce.

Punctuation to note in this story:

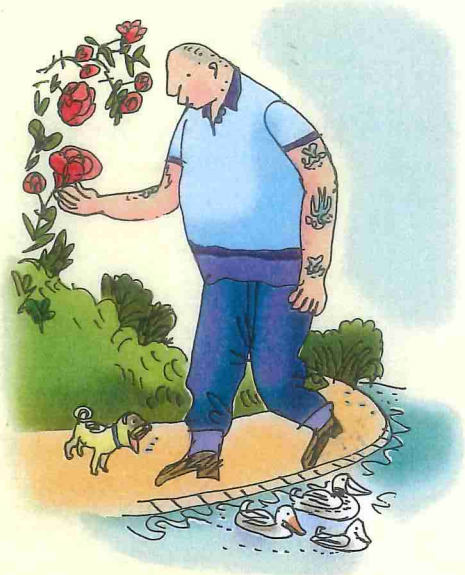
1. Capital letters to start sentences and full stops to end sentences
2. Capital letters for names
3. Exclamation marks to show anger, shock and surprise
4. 'Wait and see' dots ...
5. Apostrophes to show contractions: couldn't

Rex to the rescue

This is Luke. The big man with the shaved head and the tattoos.

The little pug with the blue velvet collar is Luke's dog. His name is Bruce.
Cute, isn't he? Not so much little as minute!

Luke likes to take Bruce to the park.
Bruce chases sticks (well, twigs) and barks at the ducks, while Luke sniffs the roses or reads 'Gardening Today', humming a little tune.



This smart lady in the maroon skirt is Sue,
with her dog, Duke.

Duke's a bulldog, a big brute with sharp teeth.

One day last June, Sue took Duke to the park.
Luke and Bruce were there, too.



Sue let Duke off the lead.

Duke sniffed the ground - he could smell dog!

Then he was off, zooming across the grass.

Past the slide, past the roundabout, past the swings,
until he was nose to nose with Bruce.

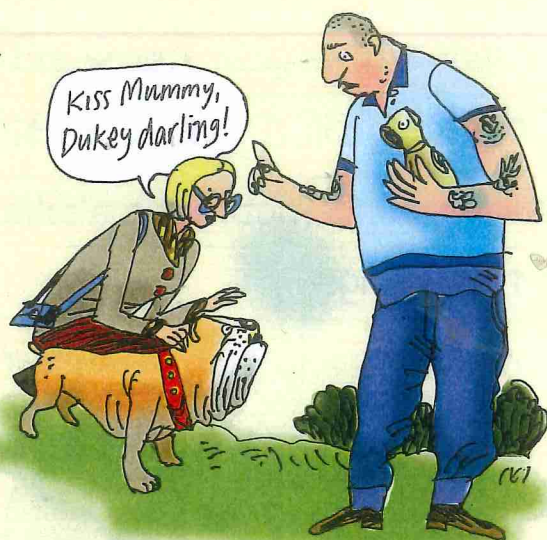
"Shoo, you horrid brute!" said Luke,
choking with rage.

It was no use, Duke started to growl
and snarl.

Then he pounced on the poor pug.



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Sue came running up.

"Kiss Mummy, Dukey darling!" she said.

"He's in a bad mood today.

The postman escaped before Dukey
could bite him."

"That's no excuse!" said Luke. "Bruce isn't used to fighting.

He's only had one fight in his life - and that was with a hamster,
he lost!"

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The next day

Just as Luke was sniffing a prize bloom and Bruce was having a snooze on his fluffy blanket, Duke came back.

This time, he chased Bruce all round the park.

"I don't want to be rude," said Luke to Sue,
"but that dog should be kept on a lead."

Sue refused to listen.

"Don't you accuse darling Dukey!" she snapped. "Come on, Duke!"

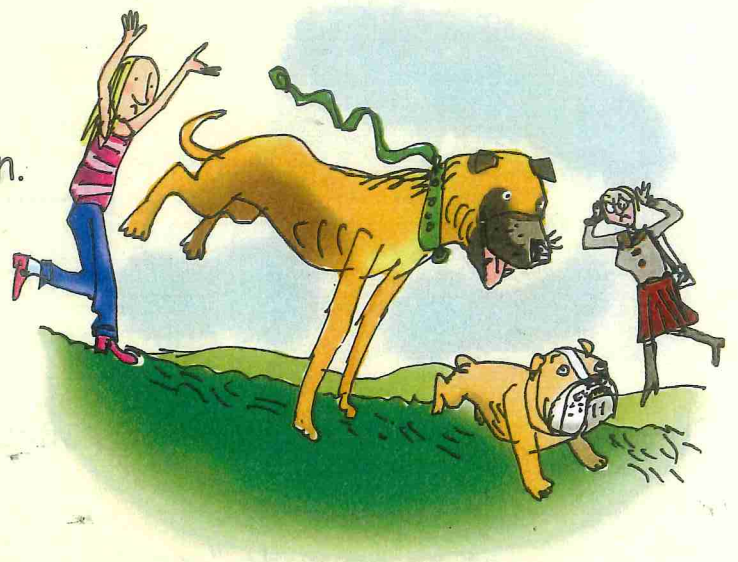
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The next day

This little girl is Luke's pal, Fran.

This huge brute is
her dog, Rex.

He's a bull mastiff!



Rex is as stubborn as a mule.

So when he spotted Duke - and chased him across the grass, up the slide, round the roundabout, over the swings and *right into the lake* - Fran couldn't stop him.

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"Thank you!" said Luke to Fran.

He stooped to stroke Rex.

"Good boy!" he said.

"I want all the dogs to call a truce.
No more fighting! Okay?"

"Yep!" barked Bruce.

"Yep!" barked Rex.

"Sploosh!" barked Duke,
through a mouthful of green slime.

