

Uncle Gobb

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- 1 Now, everyone knew that Uncle Gobb had a shiny face. And just to be clear, it's perfectly OK for people to have shiny faces. And it's perfectly OK for people to shine their shiny faces. The thing is, Malcolm had never ever seen anyone shine their face before.
- 3 This is what happened:
- 6 Malcolm was crouching down looking through the keyhole. He saw Uncle Gobb take a piece of cloth in his right hand; in his left hand he took some stuff to make windows shiny. He squirted the shiny stuff into the cloth, took the cloth up to his face and started shining. Round and round and round, over his cheeks, his chin, his forehead till it was all very, very shiny.
- 11 When he was finished, Uncle Gobb looked in the mirror and said, "Hey, Gobby, you're looking good today."
- 13 Malcolm stared. Well, it was one-eye staring because the keyhole wasn't big enough for him to do a full two-eye stare.



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- 1 a) Look at the paragraph beginning "Malcolm was crouching ...".

How do you think Malcolm felt when he saw what Uncle Gobb was doing?

Tick **one**.

angry ☐ surprised ☐ happy ☐ frightened ☐

- b) Why do you think Malcolm felt this way?

- 2 Look at the paragraph beginning "Michael was crouching ...".

Tick **one** word that means the same as "crouching".

bending ☐ sitting ☐ lying ☐ standing ☐

- 3 Find and copy two things Uncle Gobb used to shine his face.

- 4 Where was Malcolm when Uncle Gobb was shining his face?

- 5 a) How do you think Uncle Gobb felt when he had finished shining his face?

- b) Find and copy three words that tell you this.

- 6 Number the events to show the order in which they happened in the story.

Uncle Gobb looked in the mirror. ☐

Uncle Gobb started shining his face. ☐

Malcolm looked through the keyhole. ☐

Uncle Gobb squirted shiny stuff into a cloth. ☐

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