

Show your parents
Chapter 1.

[‘Show your parents’ is a series of short chapters aimed at helping children (with input from their parents) learn some stuff. It is a not-for-profit endeavour.]

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Show some of these words and pictures to your parents – they might be interested. And they might be able to help with some of the harder words.



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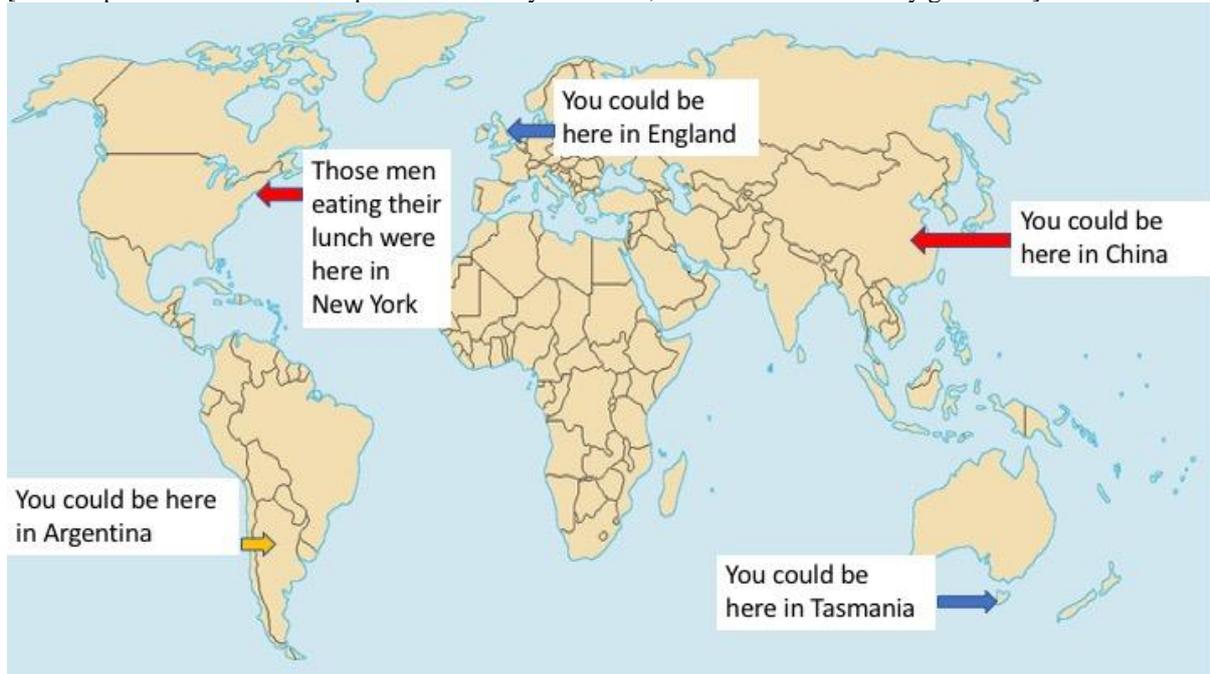
“Lunch atop a Skyscraper” – This is a real photograph which was taken a long time ago (1932) in New York City.

These men were building a very tall building. It is amazing – they don’t seem to be scared. But, they have done this many times before.

Your job is to learn hard words and then you won’t be scared of them.

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White Swans and Black Swans

In England they only have white swans. Before the explorers came from England to Australia, the people of England thought that ALL the swans in the world were white.



But, when the English explorers got to Australia, they found black swans!! They never imagined swans could be black!!

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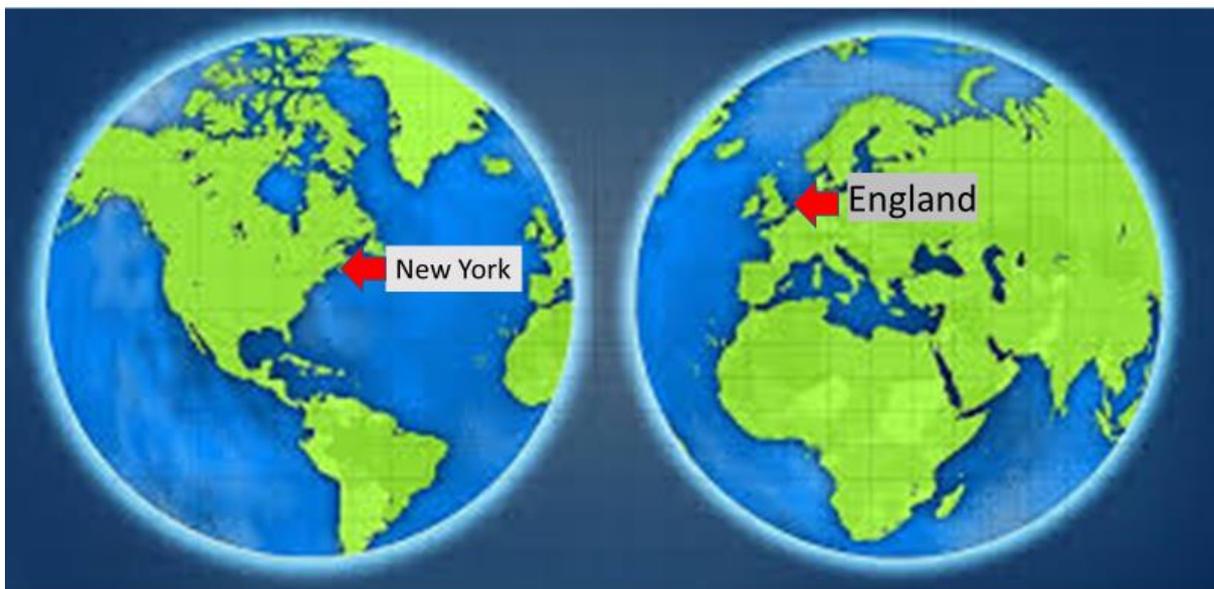
That was a huge surprise – it taught the explorers that you can never know everything. Nobody knows everything.

Q: How do all the oceans say hello to each other?

A: They wave!

Q: What did one wall say to the other wall?

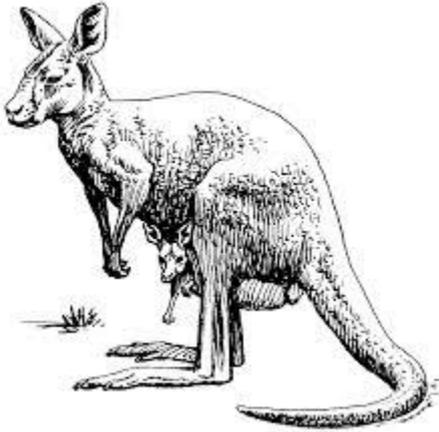
A: I'll meet you at the corner!



OK, well, the world isn't really flat, like that other map. It is round like a ball. So, when you look at it you can only see some places – other places are on the other side of the ball. This is funny. Here we can see the side which has New York [where those men were having lunch] and another side, where you can see England.

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But, you can't see Australia!!! So, Australia is on another side. Never mind.



Q: Can a kangaroo jump higher than your house?

A: Of course! Your house can't jump!



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Maps are good. BUT – this is what the world really looks like!!!
Some people thought the world was wearing a diamond ring – but, the shiny thing is the Sun coming up around the side of the world.

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Q: How much does it cost a pirate to get his ears pierced?

A: A buck an ear.

This picture is from Japan. It is called, “The Great Wave”.



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Can you see Mt Fuji? [It is a volcano, in the distance.]

Milly asked

1. **Q: “What games do crocodiles like playing?”**

A: Swallow the leader!

2. **Q: “What music do balloons hate?”**

A: Pop music!