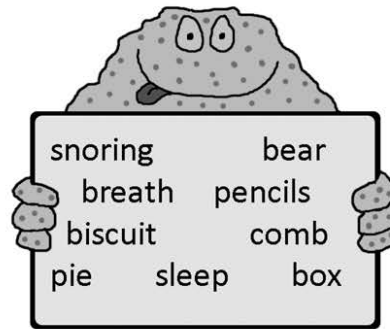


THE GREEN BLOBBY MONSTER

Here is a story with missing words. All of the words are being held up by the Green Blobby Monster. See if you can put the right words in the right places.

**The Green Blobby Monster**

Zuzu has lost something. It isn't her favourite, snuggly blanket. It isn't her cuddly teddy _____. And it isn't the _____ she uses to do her squiggly hair. She's lost her Green Blobby Monster.

It's time for bed. But Zuzu can't _____. She won't be happy until she's found her Green Blobby Monster.

She looks inside her toy _____. He's not hiding among the cuddly elephants and giraffes.

Zuzu peers under the sofa. There's nothing there but a tiny wind-up robot, a chocolate _____, a book full of blobby things to colour in and some colouring _____.

She opens the fridge and peers inside. There's orange juice and a cheese sandwich, but no Green Blobby Monster. The apple _____ has been eaten.

She runs all over the house until she's out of _____. Now it's bed time. She looks under her bed. There is the Green Blobby Monster, fast asleep and making a _____ noise.

It goes: "Zu...zu...zu...zu...zu..."

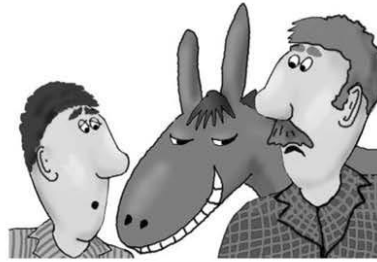
A FABLE: THE MAN, THE BOY AND THE DONKEY

Read this fable (a story containing a lesson), then answer the questions.

The Man, the Boy, and the Donkey

A man and his son were taking their donkey to market. As they walked along by its side, a countryman passed and said, "You fools, what is a donkey for but to ride upon?" So the man put the boy on the donkey, and they went on their way.

Soon, they passed a group of men. One said, "See that lazy boy. He lets his father walk while he rides."



The man took his son off and climbed on himself. They hadn't gone far when they passed two women. One said to the other, "Shame on that lazy lout to let his poor son trudge along."

The man didn't know what to do, so he pulled his son up beside him on the donkey. When they reached the town, the people laughed and pointed at them. The man asked what they were laughing at.

The people said, "Aren't you ashamed of yourself for overloading that poor donkey of yours – you and your son?"

So they both got off and wondered what to do. They cut down a pole and tied the donkey's feet to it. Then they raised the pole and the donkey to their shoulders. They staggered along until they came to a bridge. The donkey, getting one of its feet loose, kicked out and caused the boy to drop his end of the pole. In the struggle the donkey fell over the bridge, and was drowned.

The old man and his son, feeling sad, made their way home, thinking: "When we try to please everybody, we please nobody."

Now check the fable again for the answers to these questions.

1 Who called the man and his son **fools**?

2 Who was the first one to sit on the donkey?

3 What word did the group of men use to describe the boy?

4 Who did the man and his son see after the group of men?

5 Where were they when people laughed and pointed at them?

6 What word tells you the man and his son found it hard to carry the donkey?

7 What happened to the donkey at the end?

8 What lesson did the man and his son learn?

