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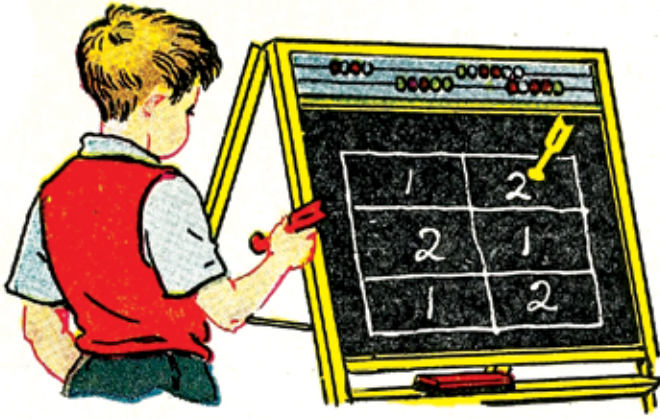


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Bingo Finds the Surprise

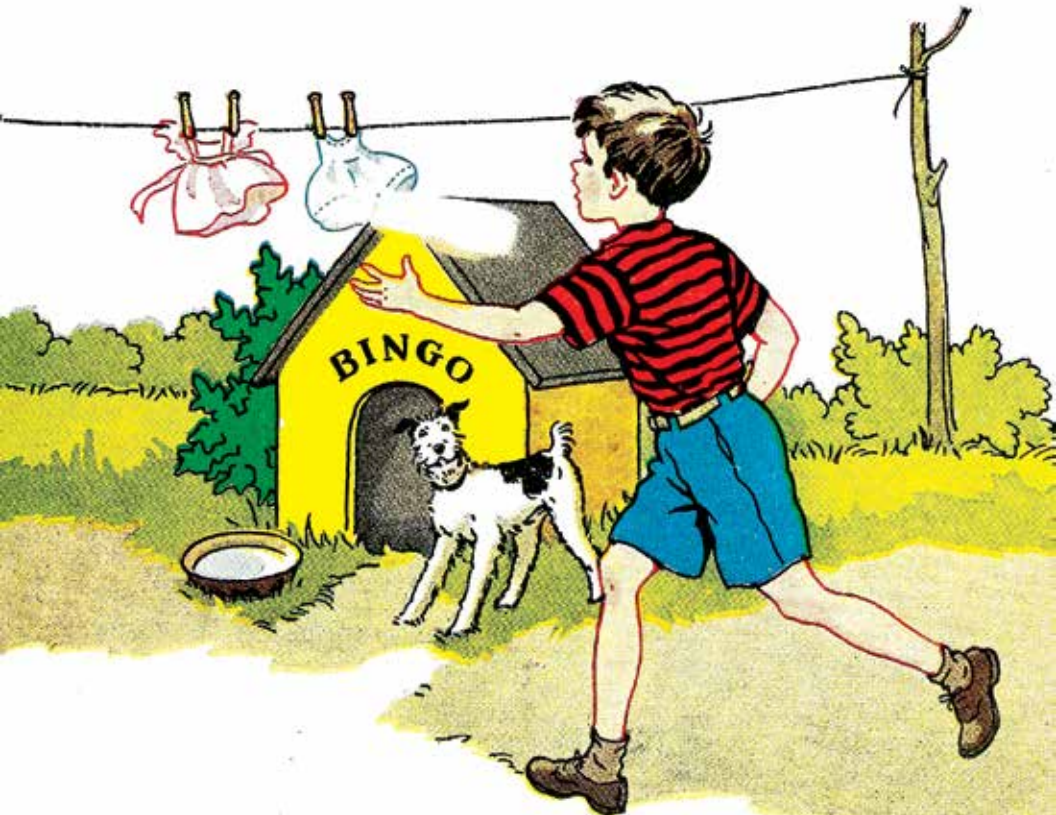
"Come with me, Betty," said Bobby.

"Come and see what we are doing at the beach."

"Good," said Betty. "I will come, and so will
Bingo."

"Come on, Betty," said Bobby.

"Come on, Bingo. Let's go!"





“Just look, Betty!” said Bobby.

“See all the things we have made!

The one I made is here, too.”

Betty said, “I like them, Bobby!

Which one did you make?”

Bobby said, “I made something funny.

It is a surprise for you, but you must find it first.”



Betty said, "I can find it."

So she began to look.

First she saw a big rabbit.

"What a funny big rabbit!" she said.

Just then she saw a bigger rabbit.

And then she saw the biggest one of all.

"Oh! Oh!" laughed Betty.

"The biggest rabbit has a hat!

Is that the surprise, Bobby?"

"No," said Bobby. "Jack made the rabbit. Look some more for my surprise."



“Here are some big boats,” said Betty.

“Look, Bobby! The mast on this boat is just as tall as I am.

And the other boats have taller masts!”

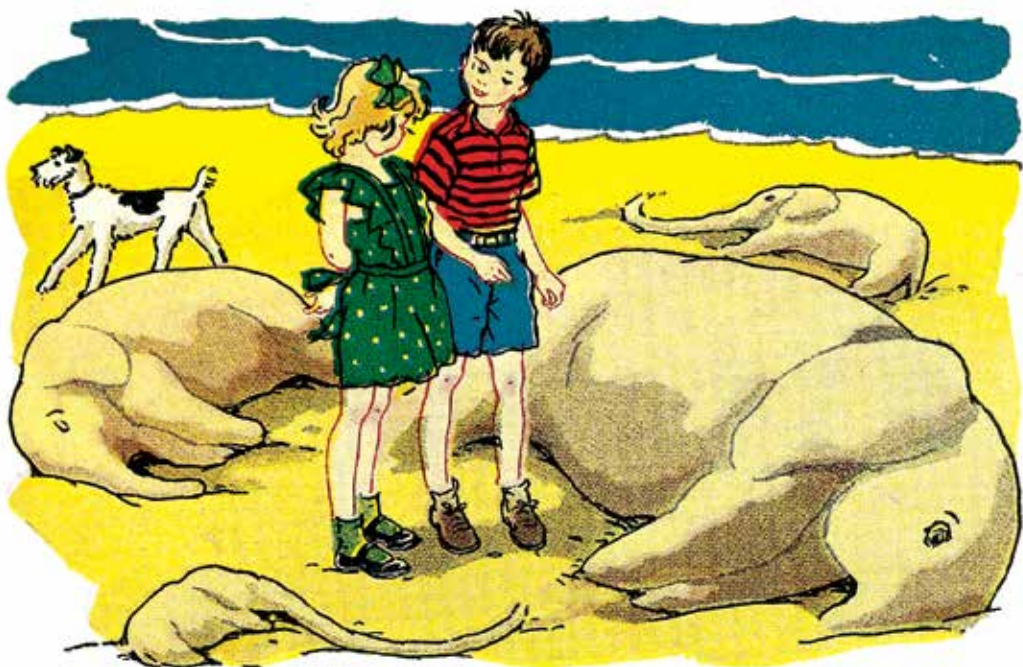
Bobby said, “Here is Jack’s boat.

It has the tallest mast of all.

Don’t you like it?”

“Yes,” said Betty. “But I want to see what you made.”

Bobby laughed and said, “You will see it soon.”



“Oh! I see what you made!” said Betty.

“You made four elephants. Two have short trunks, and two have long trunks.

The bigger the elephant, the shorter the trunk!
And the biggest elephant has the shortest trunk of all!”

Bobby said, “They are not my elephants.

The thing that I made is longer than they are.

Come on, Betty. Look some more. You are near the surprise now.”

Just then Bingo said, "G-r-r-r-r!"

"Look at Bingo," cried Betty.

"Oh, Bobby! Look!

See what Bingo is doing!"

Bobby said, "Don't jump, Bingo! Stop! Please stop!"

"G-r-r-r-r-r-r-r!" said Bingo.

"G-r-r-r-r-r-r-r!"



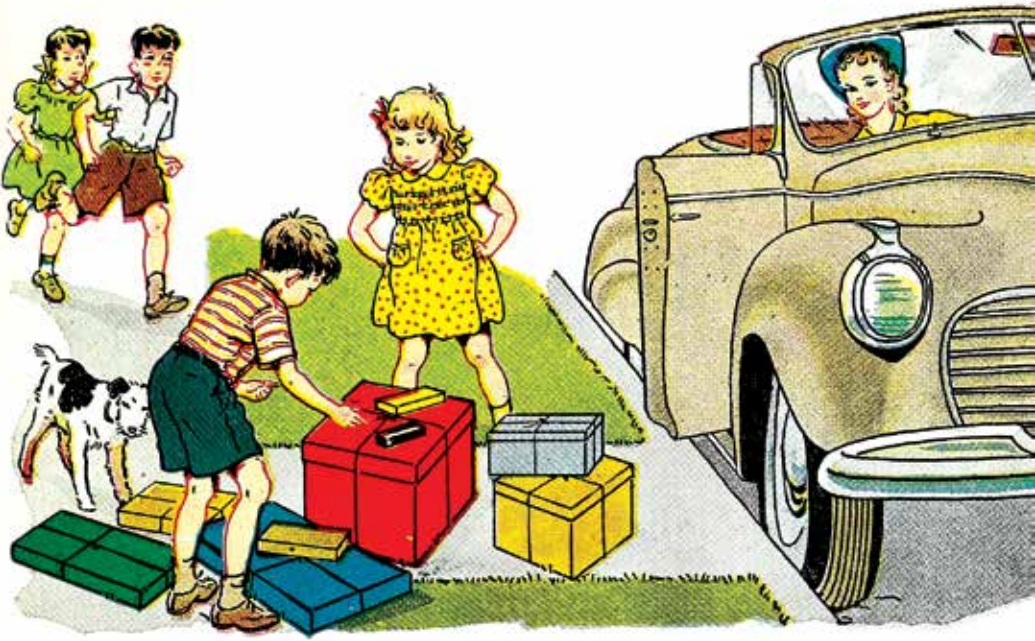


All at once Bingo made a big jump.
"Oh! Oh! Oh!" cried Bobby.
"I had a good surprise for you.
But just look at it, Betty!
I can't surprise you now."
Betty said, "You had a good surprise.
I liked it most of all."
Then Betty began to laugh.
"What a good joke," she said.
"What a good joke on me!
I looked and looked for the surprise.
But Bingo saw it first!"



Tell about the Pictures

1. Is the lighthouse with two windows the tallest of the three lighthouses?
2. Which lighthouse is shorter than the lighthouse with three windows?
3. Which lighthouse is taller than the lighthouse with three windows?
4. Which is the shortest lighthouse?
5. Look at the picture on page 7, and tell which rabbit is the biggest one.
6. Which mast in the picture on page 8 is the tallest one?



New Things for School

“Do we have all the boxes?” said Betty.

Bobby said, “One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine boxes.

They are all here, Betty.

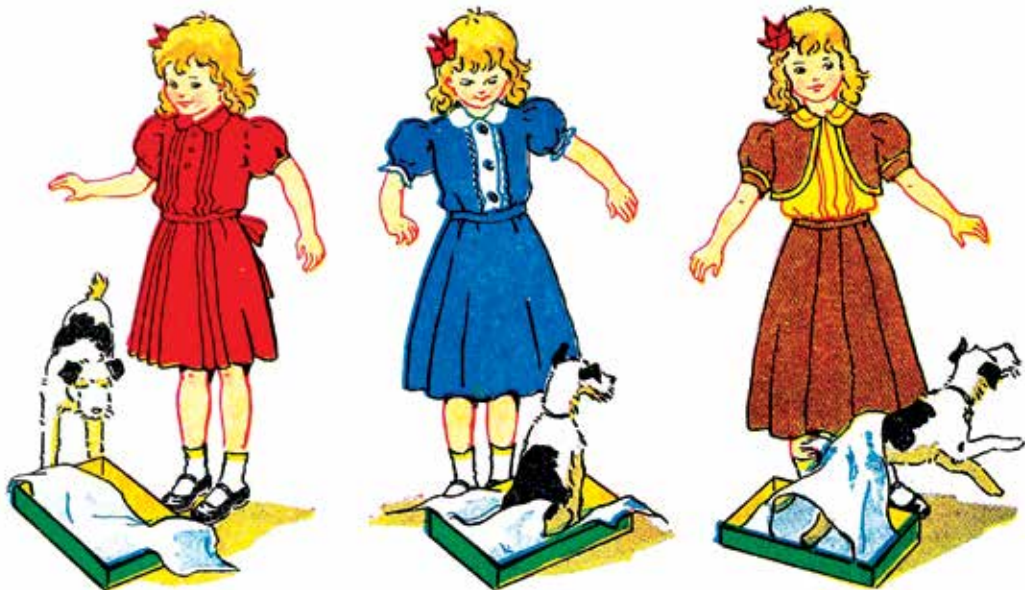
Let’s carry them into the house.”

Betty said, “I can carry two boxes.”

Just then Jack and Jane came by.

“We will carry some boxes,” said Jack.

“Good,” said Betty. “Then you can see what we have in them.”



“Oh, Betty! You bought a red dress, a brown dress, and a blue dress,” said Jane.

“Put them on so we can see them.”

So Betty put on the red dress.

“Oh, my! It is too long,” she said.

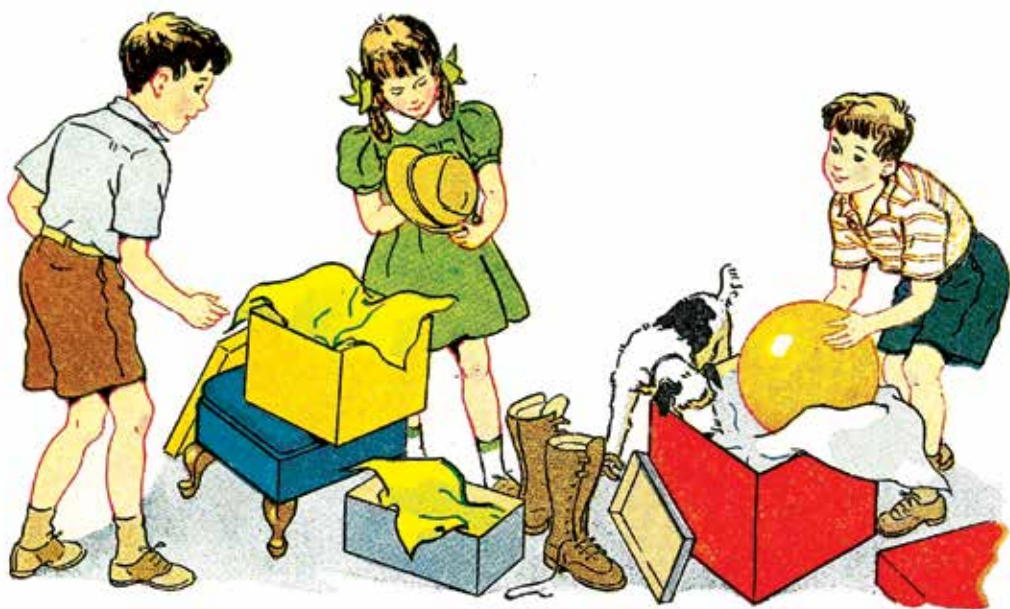
Then she put on the blue one.

“This dress is longer than the red one,” she said.

Then Betty put on the brown dress.

She said, “This is the longest of all.”

Mother said, “I will make each dress shorter, Betty, and you can help me.”



“Show me what you bought, Bobby,” said Jack.

So Bobby opened a large box.

“New high tops!” said Jack.

“I wish I had some!”

Then Bobby opened a larger box.

“A new hat!” said Jane.

“Oh, Bobby! I like it.”

Jack said, “Hurry, Bobby! Hurry! Let’s see what is in the largest box.”

Bobby said, “This is something that we can play with. Here it comes! Catch it!”



“Here are my three boxes,” said Mother.

“And no one saw what I bought.”

“Oh, Mother,” said Betty.

“When did you buy these things?”

Mother laughed and said, “I bought them when you were looking at the toys.”

Then she said, “Here is a small box for you, Betty.

And here is a smaller one for Bobby.

Let’s look in these two boxes now and in the smallest one last of all.”



So Betty and Bobby opened the boxes.

“A new pencil box for school,” said Bobby. “Thank you, Mother.”

Betty said, “Just look! My box holds one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten new pencils!

Thank you, Mother, thank you.”

Just then Bobby looked at Bingo.

“Oh! how funny!” he cried.

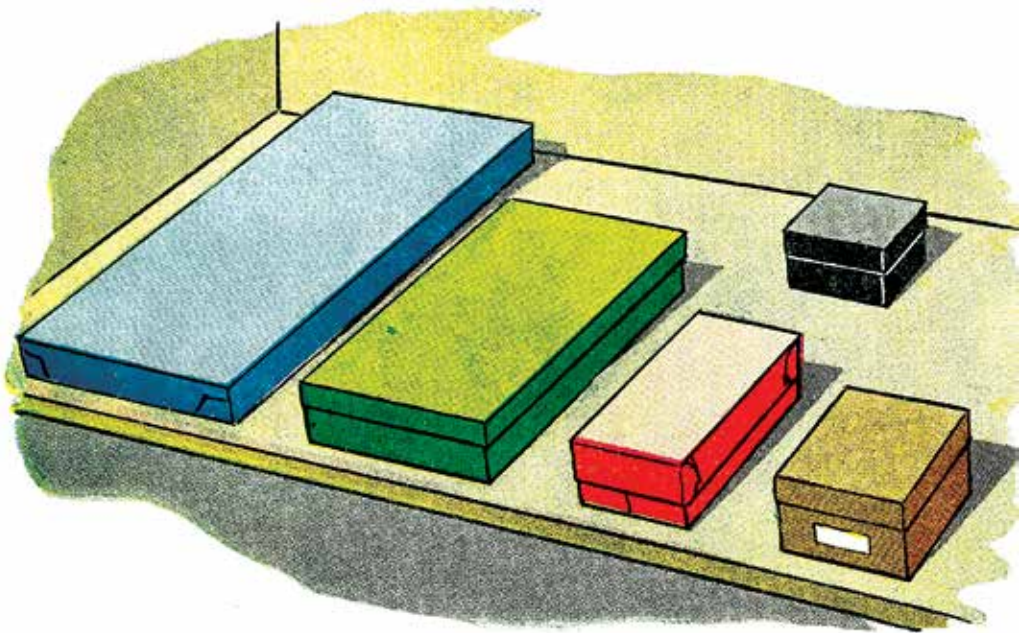
“There was something for Bingo in the smallest box. And he has it!”



Large and Small

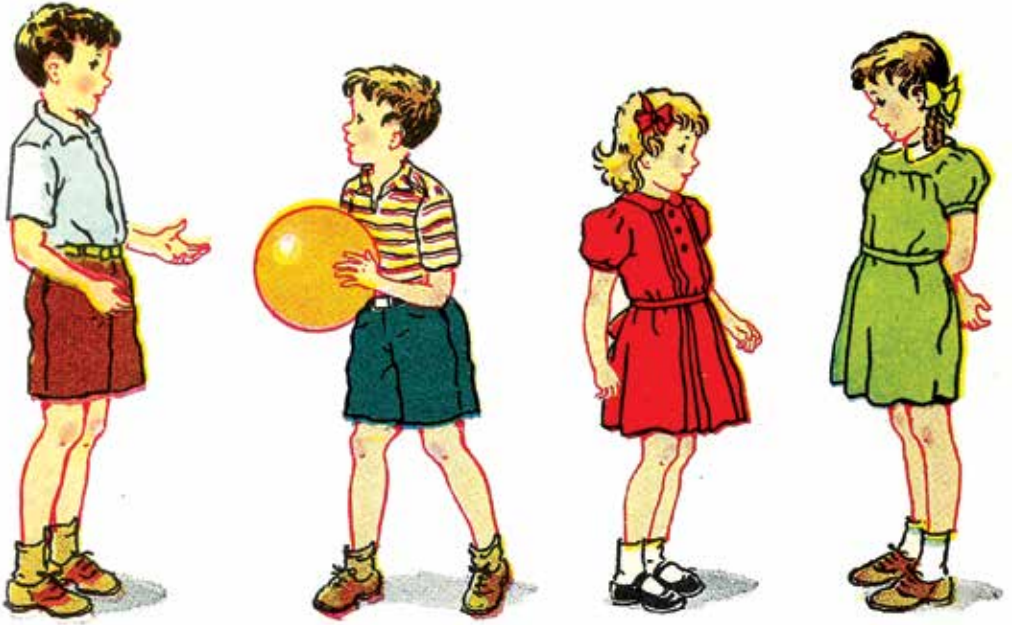
Bobby's dog, Bingo, is in this picture. What is he doing?

1. Is Bingo as large as the white dog?
2. Is the brown dog as small as Bingo?
3. Is the black dog smaller than Bingo?
4. Which dog in the picture is larger than the white dog?
5. Which dog is smaller than Bingo?
6. What is the largest dog doing?
7. What is the smallest dog doing?



Long and Short

1. Is the black box as long as the brown box?
2. Is the green box as short as the brown box?
3. Which box is longer than the green box?
4. How many boxes on the shelf are shorter than the red box?
5. Which is the longest box?
6. Which is the shortest box?



Tall and Short

Betty is showing Jane her red dress.

Bobby is throwing the ball to Jack.

1. Is Betty as tall as Jack?
2. Is Bobby as tall as Jane?
3. Is Bobby as short as Betty?
4. Is Jane taller than Betty?
5. Who is taller than Jane?
6. Who is shorter than Bobby?
7. Who is the tallest?
8. Who is the shortest?



At School Again

“Look at all these new things we have to play with,” said Betty.

“We can have a good time with them.”

Bobby said, “We have five new balls and two new bats.”

“Good!” said Jack. “We will want more balls than bats.”

Jane said, “Here are three new ropes, and there are just as many other new ones.

Six new jumping ropes to play with!”



“Let’s put the playthings away now,” said Miss Hill.

“There are some balls on this top shelf and some ropes on the middle shelf.

But we can put the new things here, too.”

Jane said, “May I put them away?

I can do it in a hurry!

You will see how fast I can do it!”

Miss Hill said, “You may put them away, Jane.

Maybe Jack and Betty will help you.”

“I’ll help,” said Betty. “Let me see.

The bottom shelf is the biggest.

So we can put most of the things on that shelf.”

Jack said, “I’ll put the two bats and the six ropes on the bottom shelf.”

Betty said, “I’ll put the five balls on the middle shelf.”

“Oh, no!” said Jane. “Let’s put some of the things on each shelf.

Let me do it.”

So Jane put all the new things away as fast as she could.

She put two bats on the top shelf and three new balls on the middle shelf.

Then she put all the other new things on the bottom shelf.

“There!” she said. “That is how to put things away in a hurry.

Let’s show Miss Hill!”