

# Maverick Activity Pack

## What is a Maverick Activity Pack?

This activity pack is for teachers and parents to help build comprehension and engagement when guiding their students and children in their reading journey. There are many activities in this pack that can be used alongside our Early Reader stories to encourage children to get stuck in after enjoying the story.

## This Activity Pack is for:



## The Big Custard Disaster Early Reader Heather Pindar & Darshika Varma

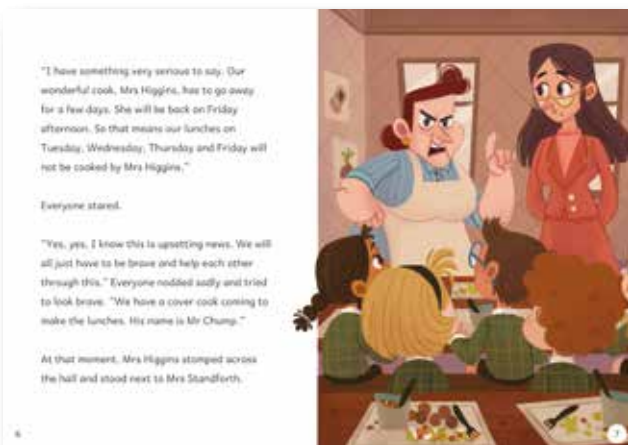
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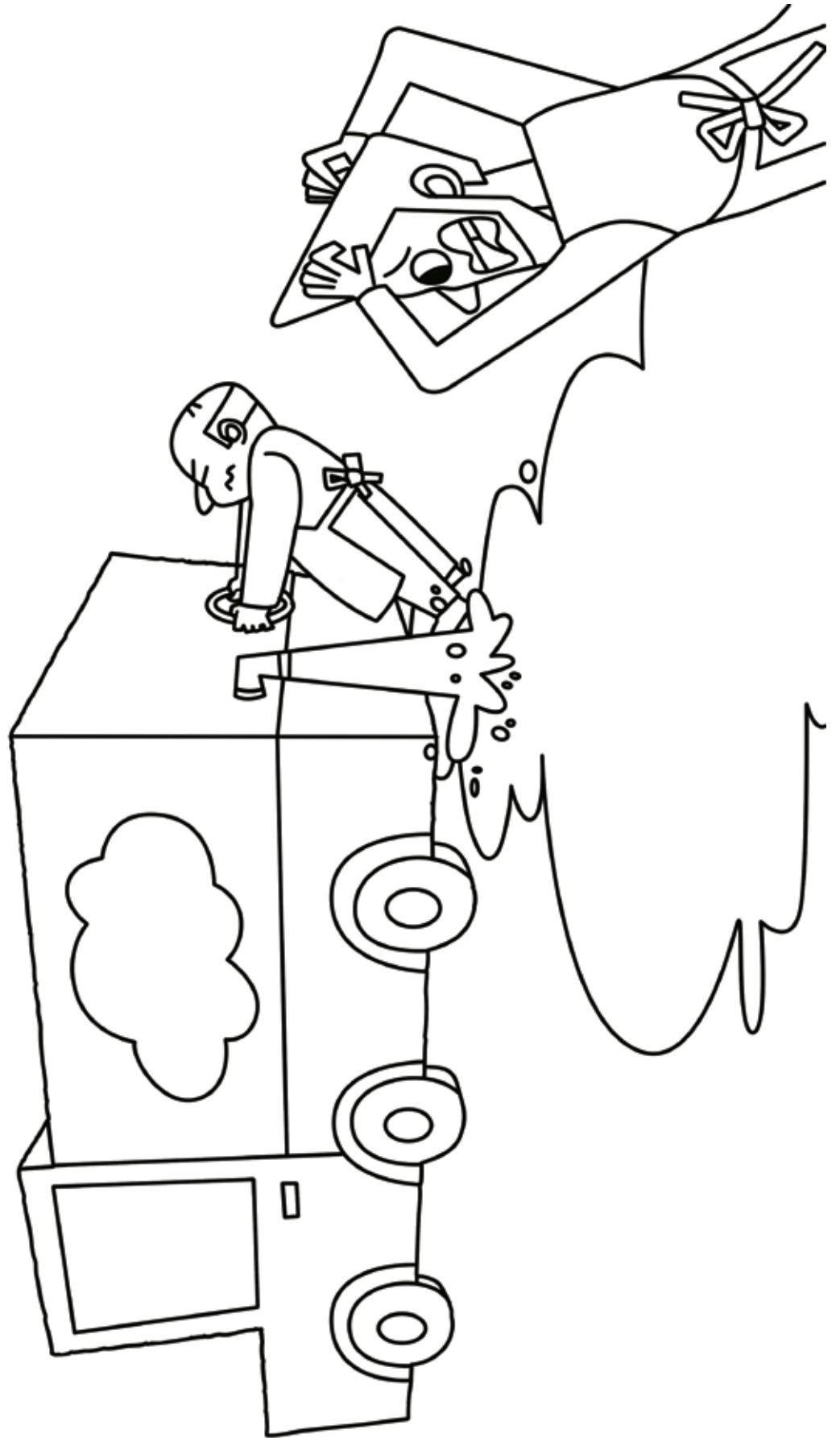
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Hilldip Primary School's cook, Mrs Higgins, makes the best school meals ever - there's total silence at lunchtime! But when she has to go away for a few days, she warns everyone that she will quit if she comes back to a messy kitchen... Can everyone keep it clean?



# Colour Me In!



# Fill in the Gaps

Can you remember the words from the story?

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ hall at Hilldip Primary School is one of the \_\_\_\_\_ in the whole country.

kitchen / messiest      music / loudest      lunch / quietest

2. For Mr Chump, \_\_\_\_\_ didn't just mean making \_\_\_\_\_.

food / sandwiches      cooking / meals      adventure / food

3. "He said he doesn't believe in it. He says \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_."

cabbage / great      custard / boring      trifle / messy

4. "I've been bringing Hilldip their custard for nearly \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_!"

twenty minutes      twenty months      twenty years

5. The \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ was a bit wonky but almost as tall as Layla.

Trifle Tower      Mushroom Sponge      Custard Bowl

6. "Someone has ordered 44 \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_."

packets / cabbage      tins / sprouts      bottles / juice

# Quiz

1. Why is the Hilldip Primary lunch hall so quiet?
  - a) Because Mrs Higgins likes to be quiet
  - b) Because they have to be
  - c) Because everyone only wants to eat
2. What does cooking mean to Mr Chump?
  - a) Adventure
  - b) Making terrible food
  - c) Eating
3. Who orders from two custard companies?
  - a) Jim
  - b) Mr Verne
  - c) Layla
4. What happens to the leftover mushroom sponge?
  - a) The custard ruins it
  - b) It's thrown away
  - c) Jim and Layla turn it into a trifle
5. What does Mrs Higgins do in the end that surprises everyone?
  - a) She makes a mess
  - b) She laughs
  - c) She makes cabbage and orange pizza

# Word Search

c	a	b	b	a	g	e	b	k	a	u	a	a	i	c
a	h	i	u	o	k	y	c	h	s	d	a	d	d	o
s	a	l	y	w	w	t	o	k	k	o	f	g	l	e
u	w	c	a	i	s	k	o	d	x	b	a	r	u	m
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y	q	e	s	m	e	s	s	k	w	l	u	w	a	b

## Words:

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|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> cabbage   | <input type="radio"/> kitchen   | <input type="radio"/> mess    |
| <input type="radio"/> cook      | <input type="radio"/> laugh     | <input type="radio"/> pizza   |
| <input type="radio"/> custard   | <input type="radio"/> lorries   | <input type="radio"/> sprouts |
| <input type="radio"/> emergency | <input type="radio"/> lunchtime | <input type="radio"/> trifle  |



# Answers

## Fill in the gaps:

1. lunch / quietest
2. cooking / meals
3. custard / boring
4. twenty years
5. Trifle Tower
6. tins / sprouts

## Quiz:

1. c
2. a
3. a
4. c
5. b

## Wordsearch:

c	a	b	b	a	g	e	b	k	a	u	a	a	i	c
a	h	i	u	o	k	y	c	h	s	d	a	d	d	o
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u	a	t	t	i	l	o	r	r	i	e	s	b	c	f
y	q	e	s	m	e	s	s	k	w	l	u	w	a	b