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before reading

- 1 This story about Prince Jake is called *Chewing Gum Fun*. **Can you read** the title out loud?

The letter “u” in “Gum” and “Fun” is pronounced in the same way. **Say** these words from the story and **underline** the ones with the same “u” sound.

much Rupert Mum up Petunia
blush lunch rub usually understand

Say the other words. **Identify** what sound they share.

- 2 **Look** at the picture on the front cover of the book.

Unjumble the letters to see what you can do with chewing gum.

First you WPRUNA the gum. _____

Then you WECH the gum. _____

You can WLOB bubbles with gum. _____

You can TICKS it on things (or people!). _____

Be careful you don't TIS on it or TDANS on it! _____

- 3 **Look** at the back cover of the book. **Decide** if these sentences are True (T) or False (F).

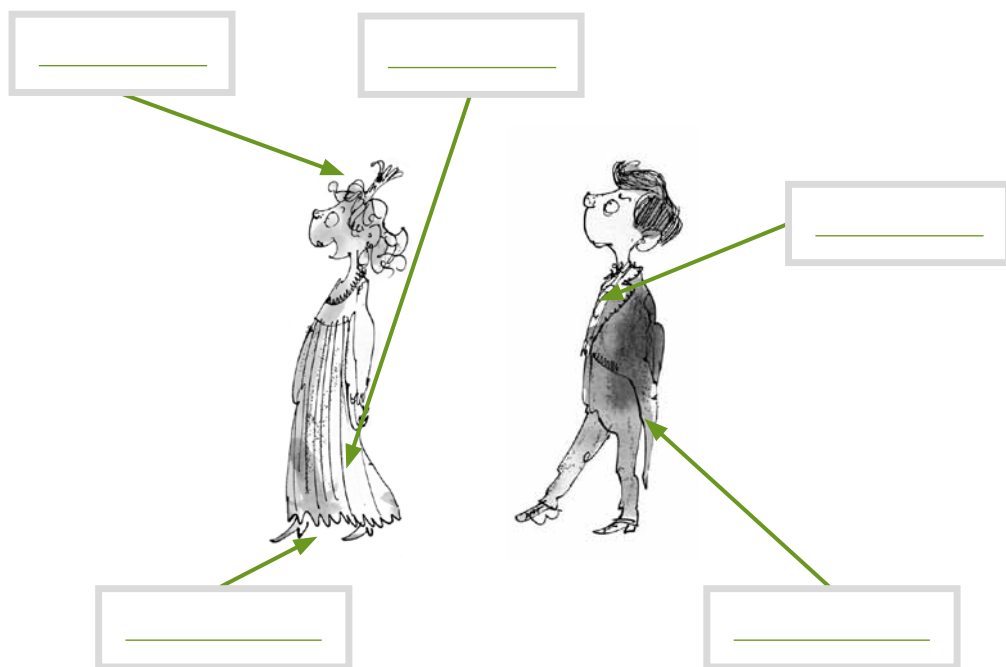
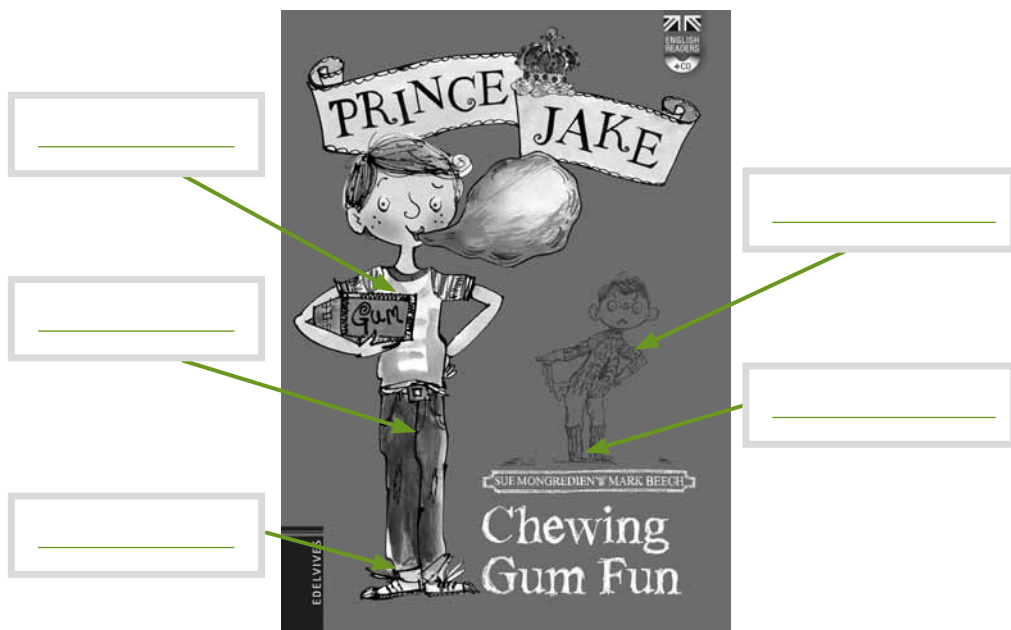
Being a show-off is good.

Being a record-breaker is good.

Being team captain is good.

Prince Rupert is a champion gum chewer.

- 4 **Look** at the informal, casual clothes the two boys are wearing on the cover of the book. Sometimes the royal children have to put on formal, smart clothes. **Label** the clothes that Jake, Ned and Petunia are wearing in these pictures.



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Jake is blowing a bubble with his gum. **Complete** the expressions using 'blow' with these words:

bomb wind nose candles balloons

Before the party we blew up fifty red _____.

The rain fell and the _____ blew.

She blew out all the _____ on her birthday cake.

Stop sniffing and blow your _____.

The soldiers used a _____ to blow up the bridge.

6

In *Chewing Gum Fun* the Moranian royal family invite the Pratzian royal family to stay. **Look** quickly at the pictures in the book and try to find the answers to these questions.

How many children do the Moranian royal family have? _____

How many children do the Pratzian royal family have? _____

What kind of clothes do the Pratzian royal family wear?

What sports and games do the royal families play?

How does Prince Jake get dirty?



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Jake has a box of gum. **Design** a royal box of chewing gum. What is it called? What flavour is it?

A large, empty rectangular box with a dashed grey border, intended for a student to draw a design for a royal box of chewing gum.

Chapter 2

- 1 Prince Rupert didn't want Petunia to play golf. Prince Jake didn't want to wear a pink apron (but finally he did!). **Decide** if you think these sentences are True (T) or False (F).

Girls can't play golf.

Pink is for girls and blue is for boys.

All boys want to play with guns.

All girls want to play with dolls.

Girls can't wear Spiderman T-shirts.

- 2 **Find** ten pairs of opposite adjectives in this word-search.

S	M	A	R	T	Y	T	R	I	D
L	H	X	H	A	P	P	Y	X	X
O	O	S	I	L	L	Y	X	L	K
W	R	E	X	L	A	U	S	A	C
R	R	D	X	N	N	X	H	M	I
E	I	U	G	A	I	X	O	R	U
V	D	R	E	X	X	H	R	O	Q
E	Y	L	E	V	O	L	T	F	T
L	C	X	K	I	N	D	X	A	X
C	X	L	A	M	R	O	F	N	I

SMART / CASUAL

FORMAL / INFORMAL

CLEAN / DIRTY

HAPPY / ANGRY

LOVELY / HORRID

CLEVER / SILLY

QUICK / SLOW

TALL / SHORT

FAT / THIN

KIND / RUDE

- 3 **Listen** to Chapter 2 on the CD while you read your book.

Repeat the conversation about girls and golf.

Petunia said blushing: "I am quite a good player and," she went redder, "I would love to play golf with Prince Rupert."

Queen Millie laughed into her hand. "But you're a girl!" she said.

"By gum!" said King Oliver. "Dear me, a princess. Oh no!"

"I really don't think so, sweetheart," smirked Prince Rupert. "The golf course is no place for a girl."

Chapter 3

- 1 Prince Rupert understands how important it is to be a prince...not like Prince Jake!

Tick the things Rupert thinks are important, then do the same for Jake and for you.

	Prince Rupert thinks this is important	Prince Jake thinks this is important	I think this is important
Being very good at sport			
Being fashionable			
Being clever			
Being smart			
Being friendly			

2 **Order** the things Jake did to Rupert during lunch.

Princess Petunia fished the pea out of Rupert's glass.

Rupert and his trousers and his photos got wet.

Jake's pea jumped up from his plate.

Jake knocked over a vase of flowers.

It landed in Rupert's glass of water.

Jake put out his hand to take a photo.

The pea flew across the table.

It knocked over Rupert's glass of water.

It hit Rupert's enormous nose.

Rupert handed round a mountain of photos.

3 **Listen** to Chapter 3 on the CD while you read your book.

Repeat these sentences and sound like Prince Rupert showing off. Remember to smirk while you speak!

Well, I'm the captain of the Pratzian ice-hockey team.

*And I hold the record for 100 metres freestyle swimming,...
...and I've been the Pratzian baseball champion for five years,...
...and I'm very intelligent.*

*I believe that all princes must set an example to their
country,... ..not only in sport and intelligence, but
also,... ..in fashion and hair care, too. It's so
important!*

*Ah, yes, I'm the captain of the chess team...
...and the captain of the tennis team....
...In fact, I'm captain of everything!*



Chapter 4

- 1 **Think** about smells and flavours. Jake's Strawbalicious chewing gum smelled of strawberries. What flavours and smells do you like best? Why?

Shampoo: _____

Juice: _____

Ice-cream: _____

- 2 Prince Rupert said Princess Petunia was a cheat. **Look** at the meaning of "cheat" in the Glossary. **Decide** if you think these sentences are True (T) or False (F).

If Petunia is a better player than Rupert, she is a cheat.

If Petunia uses new golf clubs and Rupert uses old clubs, Petunia is a cheat.

If Petunia gives Rupert broken golf clubs, she is a cheat.

If you copy in an exam, you are a cheat.

If you hide your playing cards up your sleeve, you are a cheat.

- 3 **Listen** to Chapter 4 on the CD while you read your book. **Repeat** these sentences and **sound** like the butlers - remember to speak very formally!

Ahem, Your Highnesses, the queens have returned from their ride and the golfers have finished their game.

Perhaps I could help you...ahem...tidy yourselves up before anyone sees you?

Your chewing gum has arrived, Your Highness.

Chapter 5

- 1 Princess Petunia played croquet really well and Prince Rupert went red with anger. When Petunia wanted to play golf with Rupert she blushed – she went red with embarrassment.

Match these colours with the feelings they are associated with.

red	envy
green	sadness
yellow	anger / embarrassment
white	cowardice (being a chicken!)
blue	fear
pink	depression
black	happiness

- 2 Jake wants Alex the butler to tell Rupert there is a fancy dress dinner, so he will wear the suit of armour with the chewing gum inside. Ned loves fancy dress and wants to be Batman!

Draw a picture of Prince Ned in fancy dress!



Chapter 6

- 1 **Choose** the correct words to **complete** the text about Rupert and the suit of armour.

Prince Rupert didn't want to dress/wear fancy dress because he said it was only for silly kids/childs. He said he was too clever/mature to dress up. But then Jake told Rupert that the armour belonged to/property King Samuel the Great and Rupert was suddenly frightened/interested. When Jake said he was going to take the armour, Rupert decided he loved/wanted it after all.

- 2 **Unscramble** the words and **write** what happened during the dinner.

Rupert for dinner late dressed. because
was he getting was

Rupert banqueting royal hall
walked into the the armour. wearing

Rupert Oliver King the king's and
wig went the soup. Into onto fell

- 3 **Listen** to Chapter 6 on the CD while you read your book.

Repeat the sounds Rupert and the suit of armour make.

CLANK, CLANK, CLANK! (A shining silver suit of armour clanked into the room.)

CRASH! (There went the best crystal glasses!)

SMASH! (There went Prince Rupert, falling into the soup!)

SPLASH! (There went the soup, all over Princess Petunia!)

Chapter 7

1 **Order** these pictures from the final chapter and **describe** what was happening in each one.







2 **Listen** to Chapter 7 on the CD while you read your book.

Repeat these exclamations. Who said them?

My mistake! said _____.

How dare you! said _____.

By gum! said _____.

My hair! said _____.

Like father, like son! said _____.

Dear me! said _____.

By gum! thought _____.

after reading

1 Match these words from the story with their definitions.

If you blush,	... you proudly tell other people what you have done so that they admire you.
If you boast,	... you feel angry or unhappy about a person you see too much.
If you get sick of someone,	... you attract people's attention and want to make them admire you.
If you show off,	... your face goes red because you are embarrassed.

2 Look at the back cover of the book again. **Tell** your friend the answers to these questions:

Prince Rupert is the biggest show-off Jake knows. Tennis captain, fantastic golfer, record-breaking swimmer...

What other things is Prince Rupert the best at?

Prince Rupert thinks other things are important for princes too. What are they?

Do you like Prince Rupert?

But who is the CHEWING GUM champion?

How many people chew gum in the story? Who are they?

What are the two things Jake sticks with chewing gum?

3 **Read** the first line of the story again.

Jacob Leopold Gregorio the Fourth – I want to speak to you!

King Nicholas uses Jake’s full name – *Jake* is short for Jacob. **Decide** what these names are.

Edward is _____ full name.

Pet is short for _____.

Nick is short for _____.

Mildred is _____ full name.

Leo is short for _____.

Greg is short for _____.

Carol, Cara and Lynn are short for _____.

Alexander is _____ full name.

4 **Separate** the words in this word snake to find 7 words and expressions about heads and hair, and what Prince Rupert was going to have to do after Jake’s chewing gum fun!

U	G			G	P	E		S	T	Y	L		A	I	R
	L	Y	W	I		R		Y			E	D	H		C
						F		L							A
A	T	I	T	U		E	C	T		S	T	E			R
L				C						P		M			E
L	O	F		E	S		M	L	E		R		L	E	H
		F				S	U	O		G	Y	A			

uglywigperfectlystyledhaircarehelmetspraygelmousse-cutitalloff

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

5

Prince Jake is the Prince of Play and he is always thinking of ways to have more fun... without being punished!

Order the practical jokes Jake played in this story – did he get punished or did he get away with them?

Joke	Punished	Get Away	Order
He put chewing gum inside the helmet.			<input type="checkbox"/>
He put chewing gum on the King's throne.			<input type="checkbox"/>
He flicked a pea at Prince Rupert's nose.			<input type="checkbox"/>
He washed the royal dog in Queen Caroline's posh shampoo.			<input type="checkbox"/>
He knocked water all over Prince Rupert and his photos.			<input type="checkbox"/>

