







Purpose: To entertain the reader by telling a funny story

Morgan and his Magical Maths Underpants by Chris Farnen

There was once an ordinary boy called Morgan. He had ordinary hair, ordinary ears and ordinary eyes. In fact, the only extraordinary thing about Morgan was that he was extraordinarily bad at maths. He didn't know his two times table. He didn't even know one add one! No matter how hard he tried, his maths book was always full of his teacher's red pen.

One Wednesday afternoon, Morgan's teacher, Mr Metre, announced that he was planning to give the class a maths test. Morgan was horrified! As fast as an Olympic runner, he dashed off home to tell his mother, PANT PANT, PANT PANT. PANT PANT.

The next morning Morgan woke up to find a bright pink pair of underpants lying on his bed. Next to them was a note which read: Put these on today. I think you might be pleasantly surprised by the results. Love, Mum. Reluctantly, Morgan put on the pink underpants and went to school.

To his amazement, as he worked his way through his maths test, he found that he knew the answer to every question! Fortunately, Morgan's mum hadn't bought just one pair of pink underpants, there were at least ten pairs. Morgan wore a pair to school every day and he never struggled with maths again.



Key features

Structural:

- -Paragraph 1: introduce the character and what they find difficult at school
- -Paragraph 2: explain what the teacher has asked them to do
- -Paragraph 3: introduce the magical
- -Paragraph 4: show how it helps them

Language:

- -Feelings words: horrified, to his amaze-
- -Use of similes: as fast as an Olympic runner



Writer's toolbox

Feelings word bank:

Terrified Horrified

Despair Amazement

Wonder Deliaht

Adverbials of time word bank:

One afternoon That evening The next day Later that day The next morning During the test

Punctuation:

Remember to use a capital letter at the beginning of a sentence and full stops at the end.

Try and use an exclamation mark

Vocabulary:

Ordinary Extraordinary

Announced Dashed

Pleasantly Reluctantly

Fortunately Struggled

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