



Sam and Bloop the Magicians



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year-olds**
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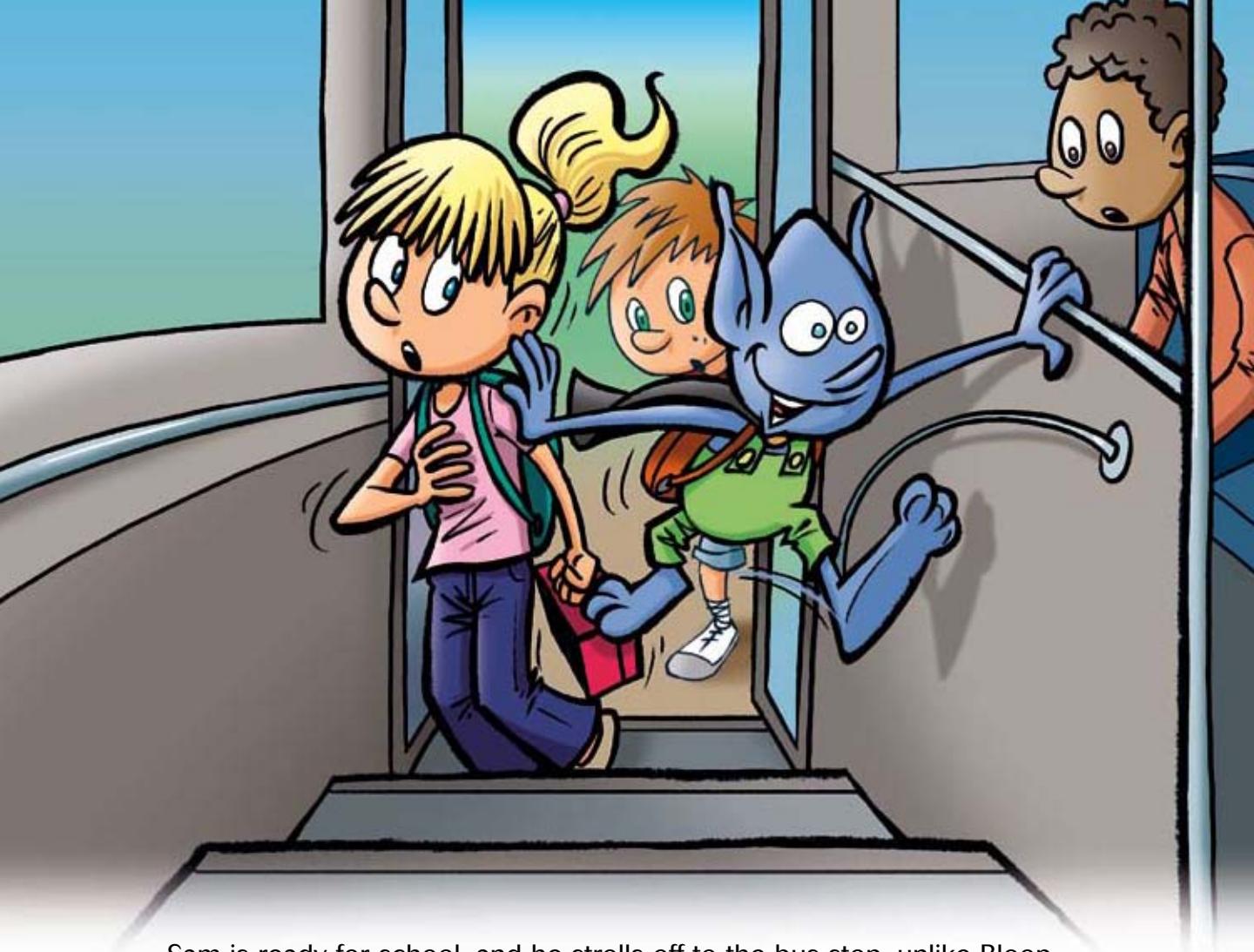
Every year, Sam's school organizes a student concert. Sam loves concerts, and decides to do a magic act. He practices at home with his assistant Bloop. Using a magic wand, an old hat, a toy rabbit and a few other accessories, Sam carefully rehearses his act.

"If only I had a real dove, my act would really be spectacular!" thinks Sam.

Bloop, busy fussing with his magician's cape, is struck by a wacky idea. He looks at Sam's parakeet in its cage, and decides to take it and hide it in a suitcase that could also be used to carry Sam's magic stuff. As soon as he has this thought, though, Bloop remembers that large objects aren't allowed on school buses. There is no time to lose, especially not to start thinking—Bloop grabs the parakeet and hides it in one of his cape pockets.



*School boards do not allow animals and large objects on the bus.
Ask your teacher what you can take on the bus.*



Sam is ready for school, and he strolls off to the bus stop, unlike Bloop. He is so excited he runs as fast as he can to the bus, even though it has not come to a complete stop. He is in such a hurry that he barges onto the bus ahead of all the other students, who were waiting their turn as they were supposed to.

"Be careful, Bloop!" warns Sam. "You'll get us in trouble, and you could get hurt!"

*Bloop forgot two important safety rules.
Do you know what they are?*

Turn to page 12 for the answer.





Soon, all the kids are in their seats on the bus, but Bloop is so eager to show off his magic tricks that he can't sit still. Sam looks on, incredulous, as Bloop starts hopping from seat to seat, brandishing cards and coloured scarves and twirling his cape.

"Bloop, sit down!" orders Sam. "You're going to hurt yourself!"



Do you know which safety rules Bloop was disobeying?

Turn to page 12 for the answer.



Bloop is so busy with his antics that he forgot about Sam's parakeet in the pocket of his cape. All of a sudden, the worst happens: the bird flies out, flaps around the bus over the kids' heads and then lands... right on the steering wheel in front of the driver.

"What a disaster!" thinks Sam, horrified. "What's my parakeet doing on the bus?!"

*Bloop broke another important rule.
Do you know what it is?*

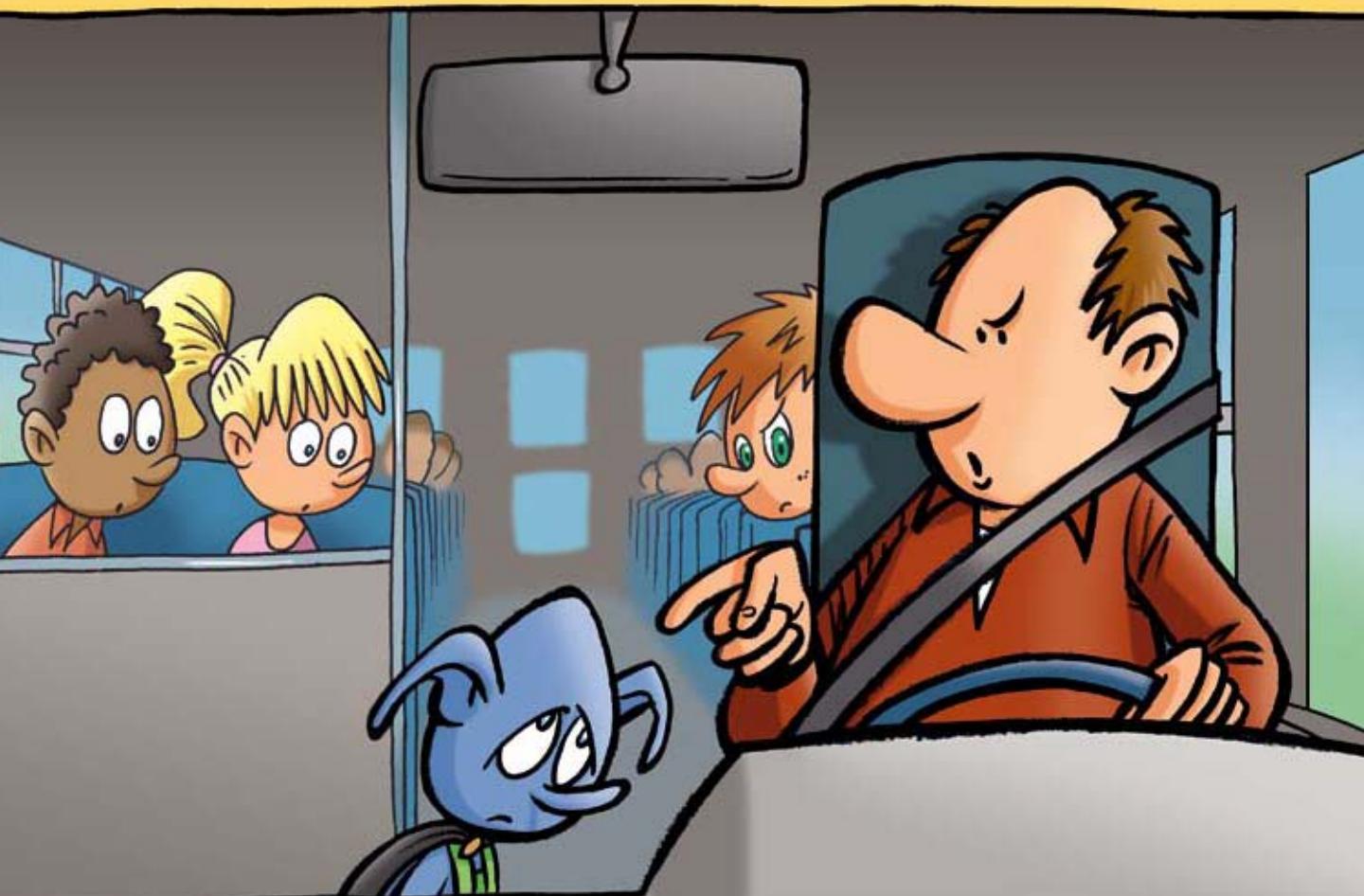
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The driver is fed up at this new distraction and has to stop the bus to scold Bloop.

"Quit fooling around, Bloop!" admonishes the irritated driver.

"How can I concentrate on driving the bus safely? Please sit down and stay there, like everyone else is doing!"





The rest of the trip goes smoothly. Once they arrive, all the students obey the rules, getting off the bus quietly and heading into the school, even Bloop... At least until he discovers that he's forgotten his schoolbag on the bus.

What three rules do you have to obey before crossing the street in front of a school bus?

Turn to page 12 for the answer.



Without warning, Bloop runs back and goes behind the bus without even checking if the driver has seen him. An embarrassed Sam cannot get over Bloop's lack of discipline.

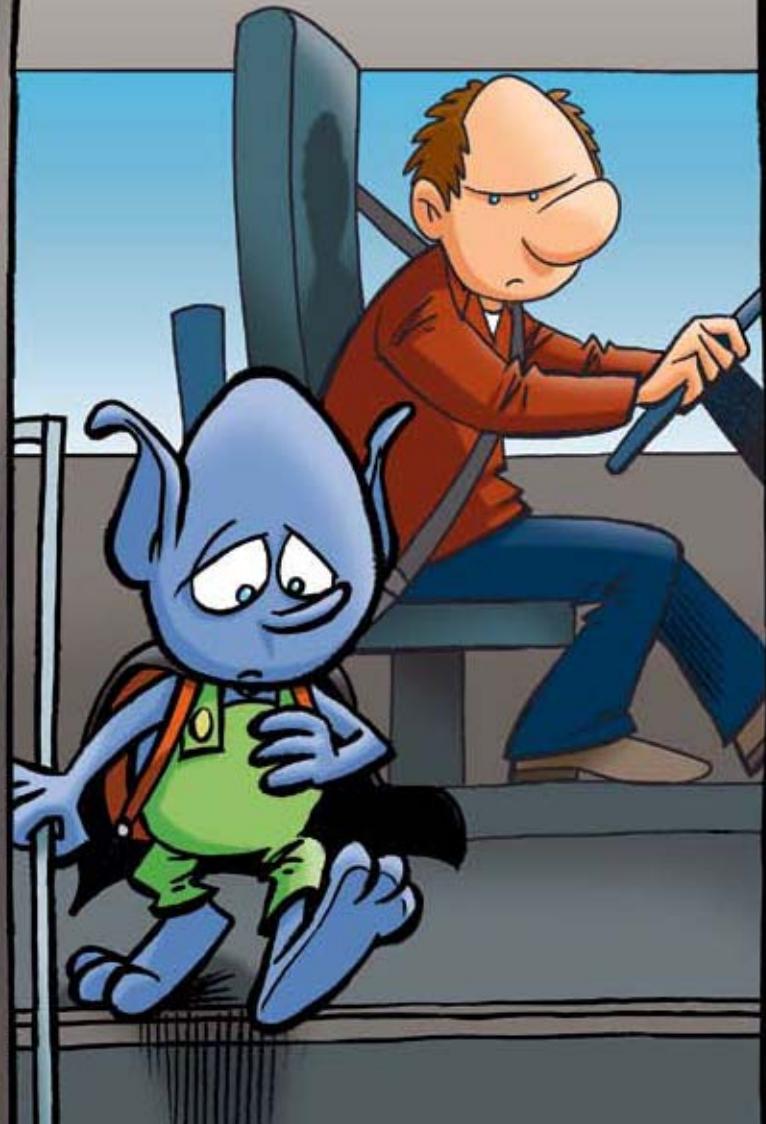
"Watch out, Bloop! You never stop and think before doing anything, you keep forgetting the safety rules we learned."



*Bloop is so careless!
Do you know what rule he disobeyed?*

Turn to page 12 for the answer.

The exasperated driver takes Bloop aside to remind him yet again about how to behave properly. Bloop is very apologetic and promises to be more careful in the future... and then gets the feeling he has forgotten something else. Suddenly he remembers—where has Sam's parakeet gone?





At the concert, Sam impresses everyone with his magic tricks, which he carries off in style. Bloop, nervous in his role as magician's assistant, works the best that he can to help Sam prepare the last trick, which is pulling the toy rabbit out of a hat. To Bloop's great surprise, Sam makes a parakeet appear, not a rabbit. It looks as if Sam had gotten the parakeet back before leaving the bus.

"Wow, Sam! You really do have magical powers!" exclaims Bloop as the audience applauds.

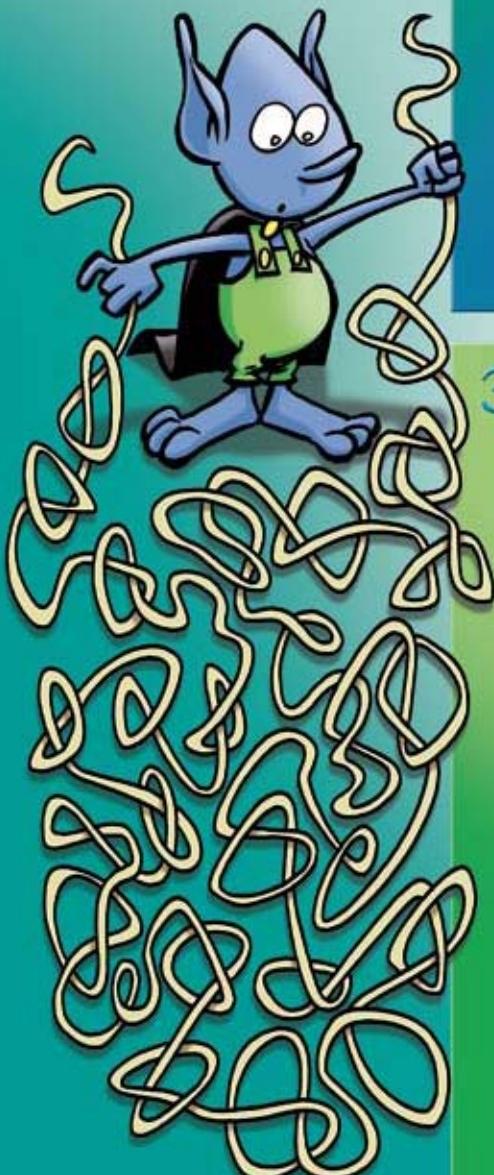


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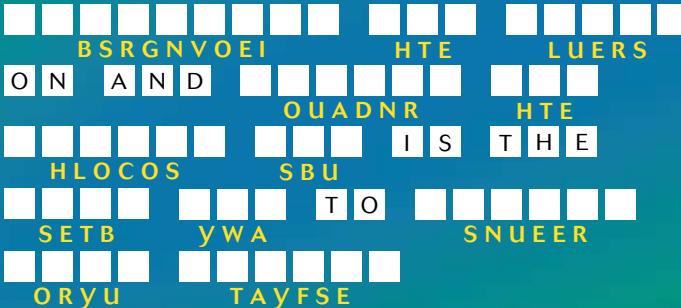
1 Illusion

How many knots are there in Bloup's scarf?



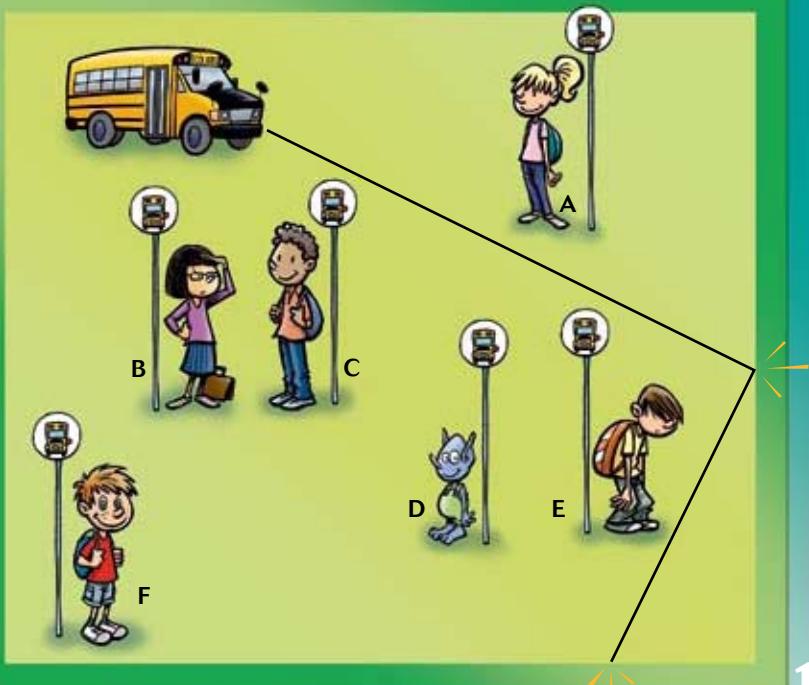
2 Mystery sentence

Discover the mystery sentence by placing each letter in the correct cell.



3 90° turn

This unique school bus will only turn 90 degrees. Follow-through with its itinerary and find out which student will get on the bus first.



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**In the story *Sam and Bloop the Magicians*,
what did Bloop carry onto the bus even though
it was not allowed?**

Answer (optional): _____

Teacher's name: _____

School: _____

Address: _____

Cycle: _____

Telephone: _____ - _____ - _____

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Read the following safety rules

I go to the bus stop early to avoid running.

I stay in line to wait for the bus without shoving others.

I wait until the bus has come to a full stop before approaching it.

(Answer to page 3)

I get on the bus in single file and hold onto the handrail. (Answer to page 3)

I go straight to my seat and sit down. (Answer to page 4)

I leave nothing in the aisle. (Answer to page 4)

I avoid distracting the driver. (Answer to page 5)

I keep my things in my bag. (Answer to page 4)

I keep my head and my arms inside the bus at all times.

I do not throw food or other things out the window or onto the floor of the bus.

I remain seated at all times until the bus has come to a full stop.

(Answer to page 4)

I move away from the bus as soon as I get off and I stay away from the wheels.

I count ten steps after getting off the bus before crossing in front.

(Answer to page 7)

I make sure the driver has seen me before I cross in front of the bus.

(Answer to page 7)

I check for traffic to the left, to the right, and to the left again before crossing the road. (Answer to page 7)

I wait for the driver's okay before trying to recover something I dropped that has rolled under the bus. If I cannot speak to the driver, I wait until the bus has left before picking up the object.

I never go behind a school bus. (Answer to page 8)

**Discuss with the teacher the importance
of obeying the rules.**

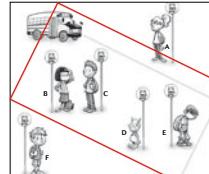
Answers to the games on page 11.

1 Illusion: 6 knots



2 Mystery sentence: Observing the rules on and around the school bus is the best way to ensure your safety.

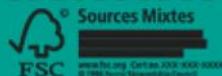
3 90° turn: A





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