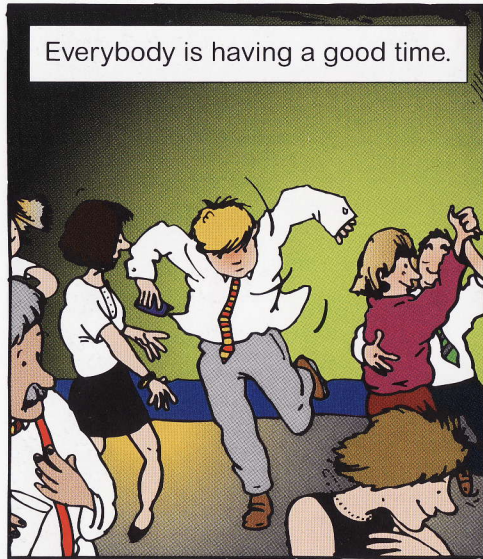


# TAXI OF TERROR

## GOOD LUCK JACK





Everybody is having a good time.



Good-bye, everyone. Thank you, again, for my present.

See you soon.

Take care.

Enjoy yourself.



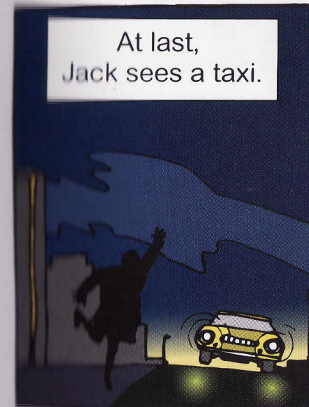
It's late - but I don't have to work tomorrow. Now, how do I get home?



It's cold. Where's a taxi?



Jack cannot find a taxi. He walks for a long time and gets very tired.



At last, Jack sees a taxi.



I live at 57 Park Road. Can you take me there?

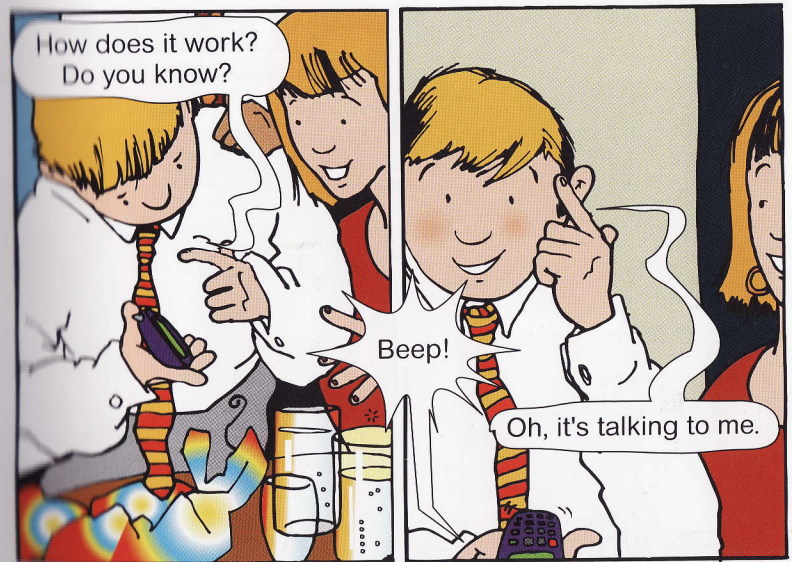
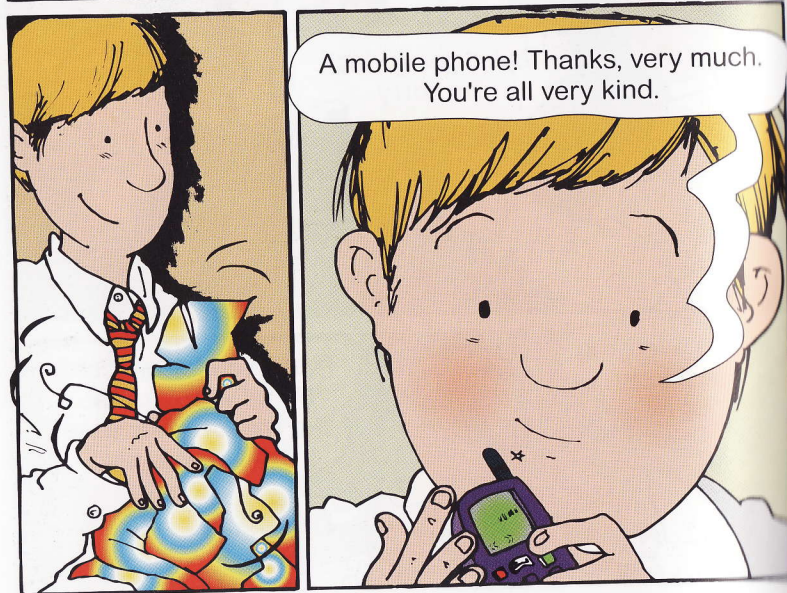


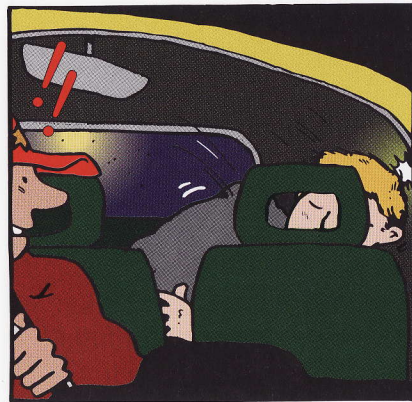
Of course. Get in. You look tired.

Yes, I'm very tired.



It's very quiet tonight, sir. You're only my second passenger . . . Sir?





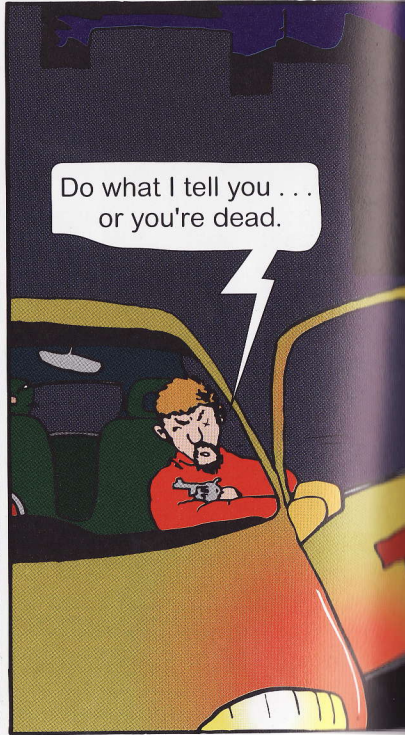
It's late. He needs his bed.



The taxi stops at a traffic light. Suddenly . . .

Say nothing.

What the . . .



Do what I tell you . . . or you're dead.



When the lights are green, drive fast.



I'm watching you. Don't be clever.



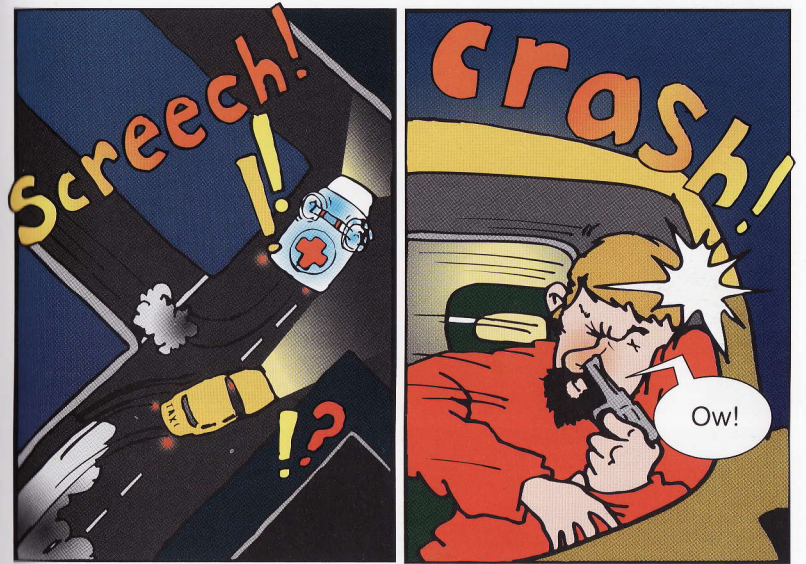
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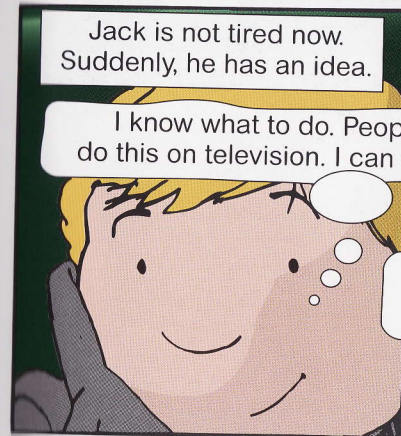
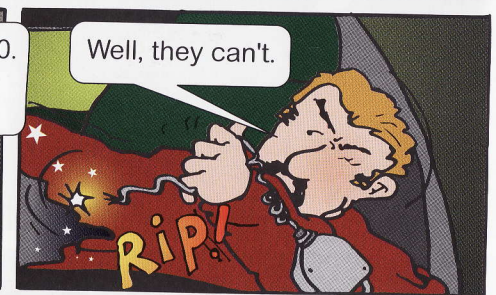
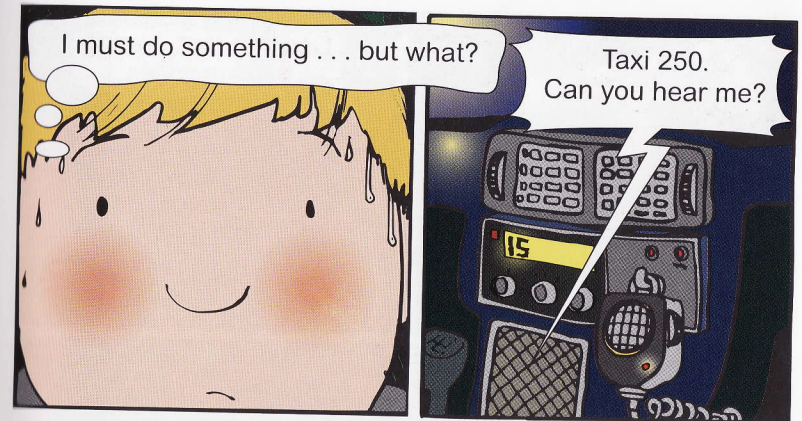
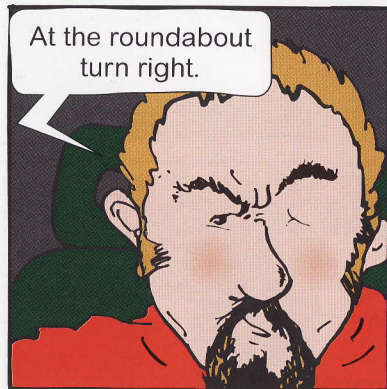
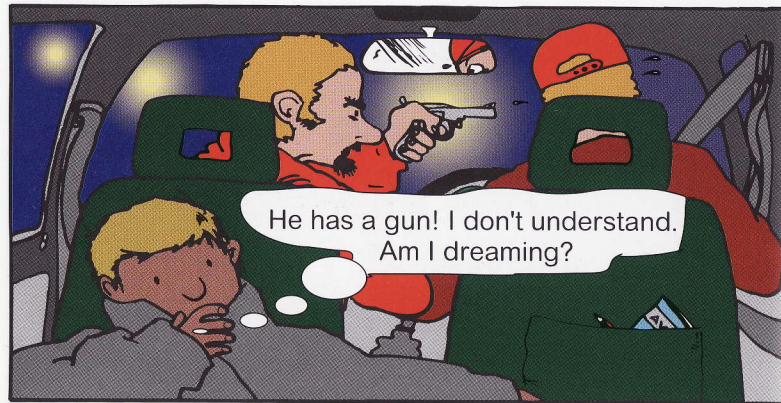


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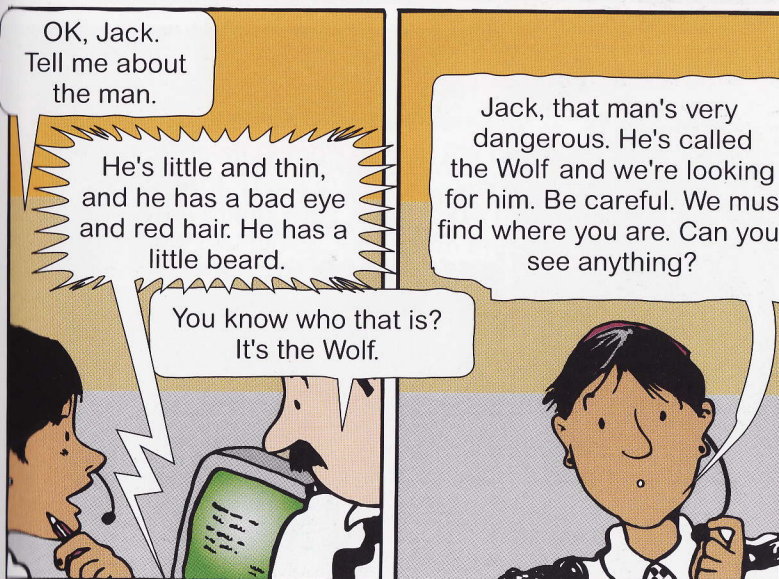
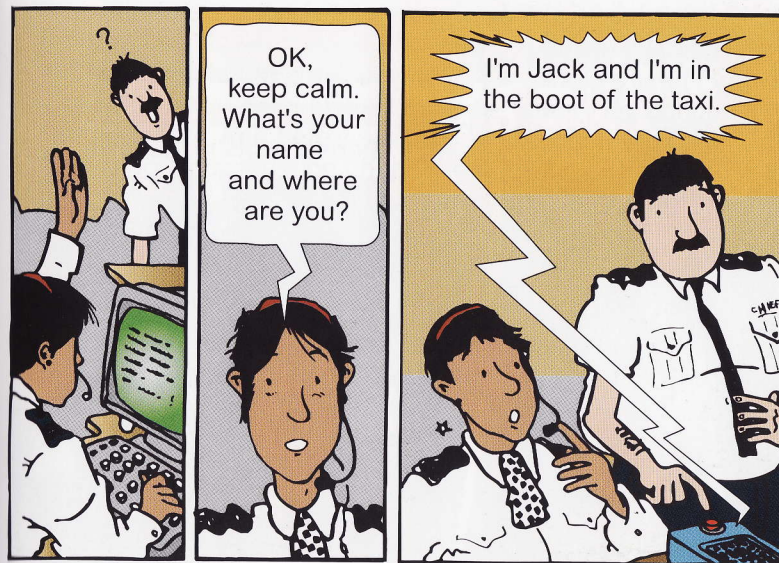


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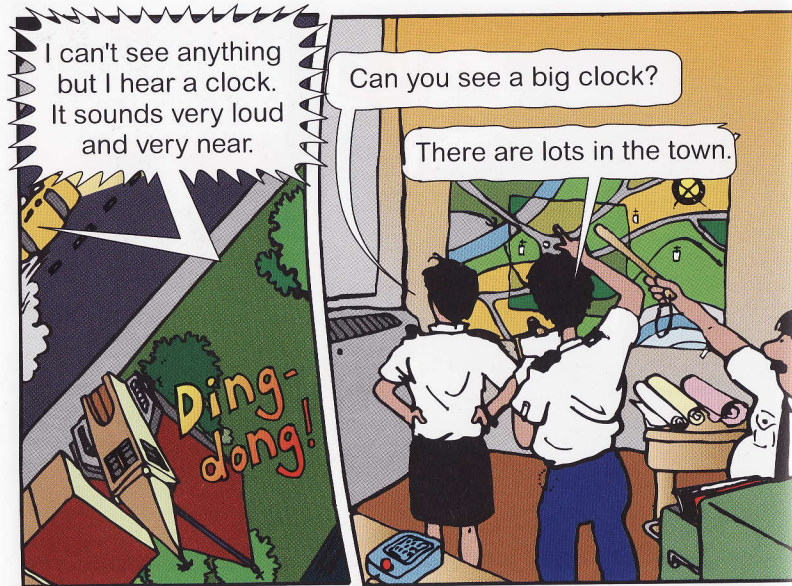








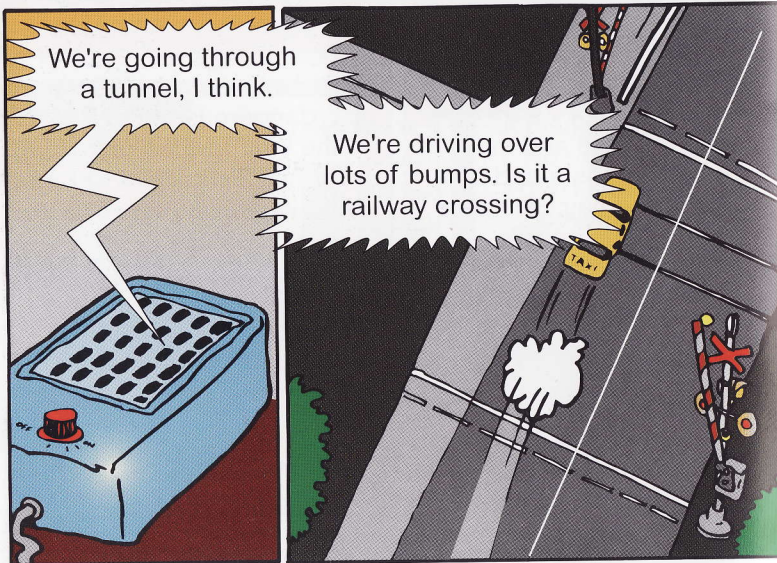




I can't see anything but I hear a clock. It sounds very loud and very near.

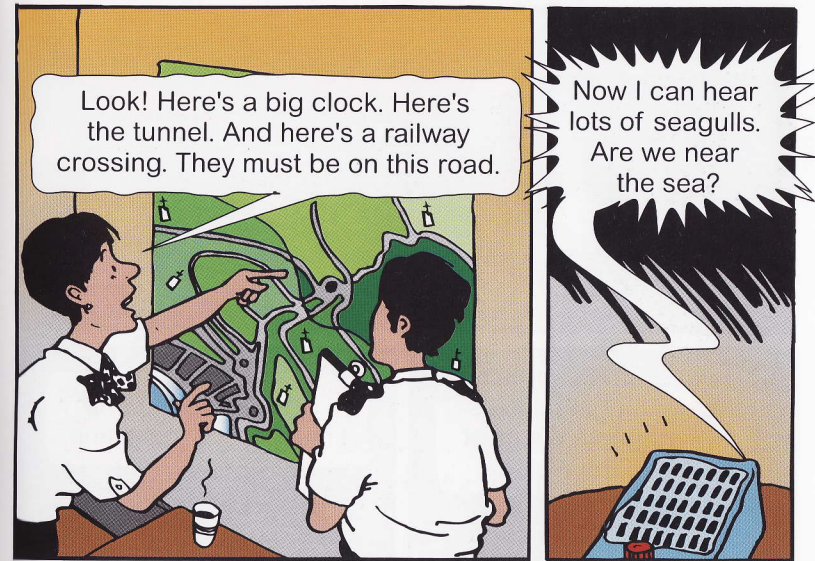
Can you see a big clock?

There are lots in the town.



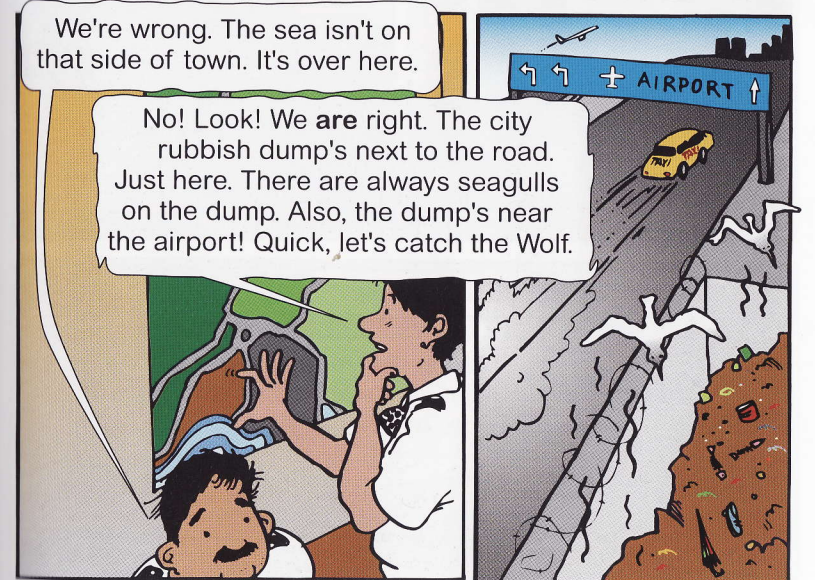
We're going through a tunnel, I think.

We're driving over lots of bumps. Is it a railway crossing?



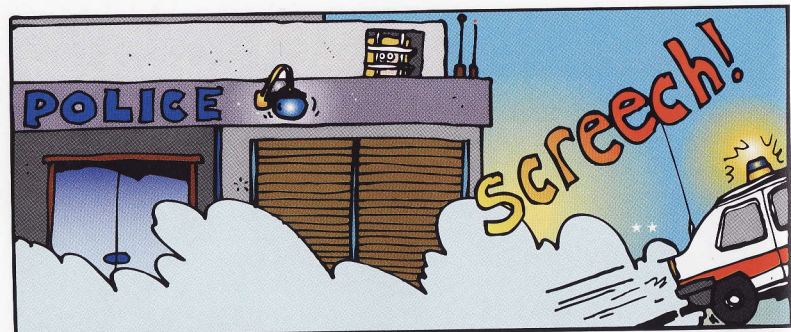
Look! Here's a big clock. Here's the tunnel. And here's a railway crossing. They must be on this road.

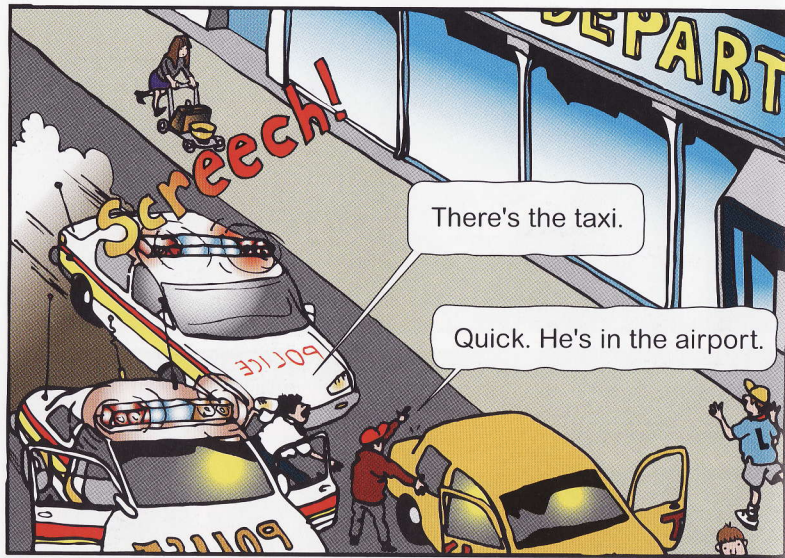
Now I can hear lots of seagulls. Are we near the sea?



We're wrong. The sea isn't on that side of town. It's over here.

No! Look! We are right. The city rubbish dump's next to the road. Just here. There are always seagulls on the dump. Also, the dump's near the airport! Quick, let's catch the Wolf.







## GLOSSARY

**banana** something you eat; it grows on trees

**calm** not angry

**clever** you are clever if you understand things easily

**dangerous** something that can hurt you is dangerous

**enjoy** like doing something

**great** very good

**hurt** be in pain; a broken leg hurts

**job** work people do to earn money

**kind** if you are good to other people you are kind

**loud** a noise that is not quiet

**luck** you have luck if good things happen to you

**ouch** what you say when you are in pain

**seagull** a bird that lives by the sea

**tunnel** where a road goes under the ground

**turn** change the way you are going

**way** a road or course

**wolf** a wild animal; it is like a big dog

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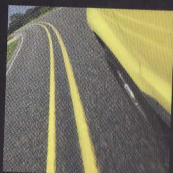
'Good luck Jack. Don't forget us!' Jack's work friends are saying goodbye to him. They are having a party for him because he is leaving for a new job. He gets a card and a present – a mobile phone. Jack's friends are sad, but the party is good and they all dance for hours.

Then Jack leaves the party. He's tired and he wants to go home. 'It's cold,' he thinks. He looks for a taxi, but he can't find one. He walks for a long time – he is getting very tired. Then, at last, he sees a taxi. Great! Now he can go home and sleep!

But this is only the beginning of a long night – a long night in the taxi of terror!



# Taxi of Terror



'How does it work?' Jack asks when he opens his present – a mobile phone.

Later that night, Jack is a prisoner in a taxi in the empty streets of the dark city. Now he tries his mobile phone for the first time. Can it save his life? (Word count 970)



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