

USBORNE FIRST READING



Doctor Foster went to Gloucester



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Doctor Foster went
to Gloucester,

in a shower of rain.

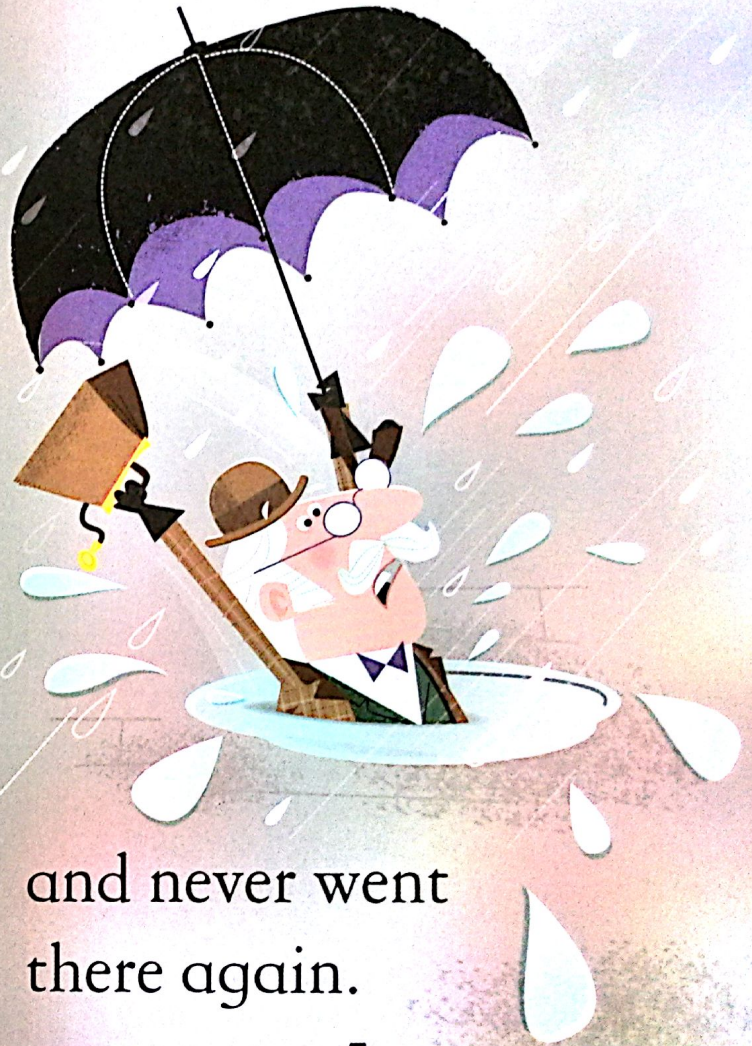


He stepped in a puddle,



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right up to his middle,



and never went
there again.

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Doctor Foster went
to Oxford,

in a cloud of fog.



He just couldn't see,



bumped into a tree

8



and splat! He fell
into a bog.

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Doctor Foster went
to Gosport,

in a howling gale.



The wind was so strong,



it blew him along,

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and he flew down the
street with a wail.



Doctor Foster went
to Stockton,

in the swirling snow.



The frost bit his nose,



his spectacles froze

16

and he couldn't see
which way to go.



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Doctor Foster went
to Bognor,

in the sizzling heat.



He took off his socks,



fell asleep on
some rocks

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and got sunburned all
over his feet.



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Doctor Foster
told his daughter,

“I’m not going
to roam.”



“I’ll see patients here,



with my family near.”

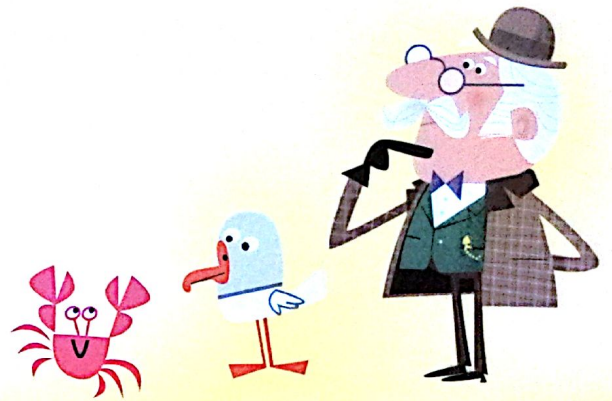


“From now on, there’s
no place like home.”

PUZZLES

Puzzle 1

Can you spot the differences between these two pictures?
There are six to find.



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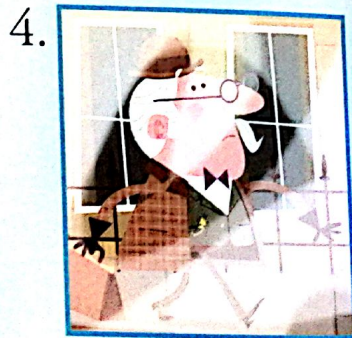
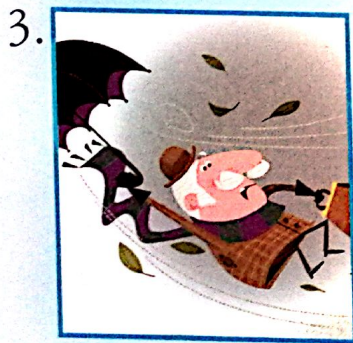
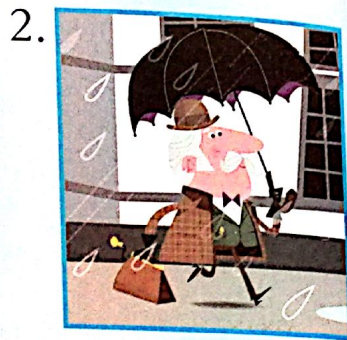
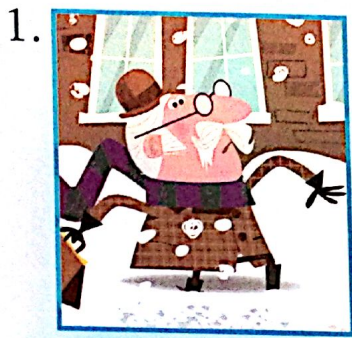


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Puzzle 2

Match the weather to the picture.

wind fog rain snow



Puzzle 3

Find these things in the picture.

cat hat bird bag
puddle cloud

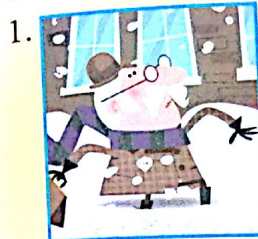


Answers to puzzles

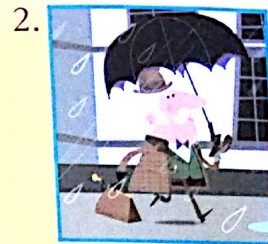
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Puzzle 2



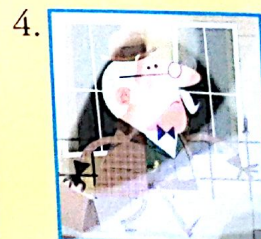
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rain



wind



fog

Puzzle 3

cloud

hat

bag



puddle

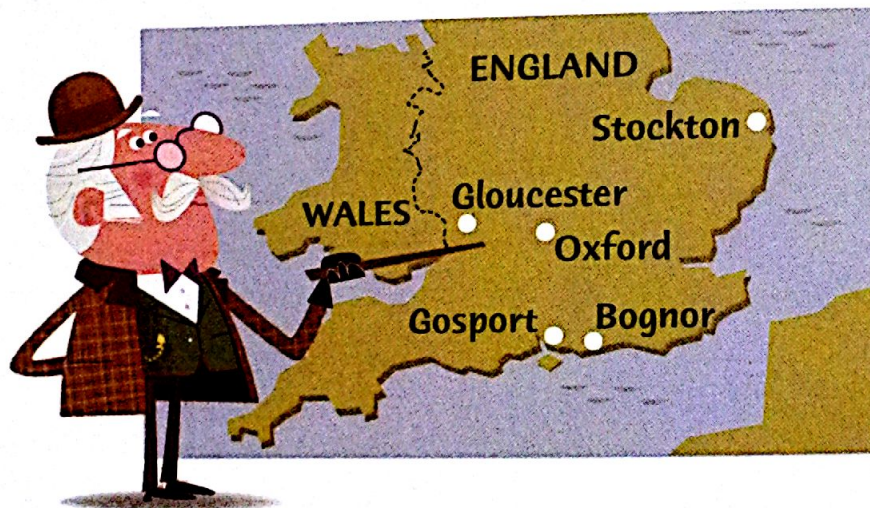
cat

bird

About the rhyme



The original version of *Doctor Foster* appeared in 1810. The rhyme we know today was first published in 1844. Some people think it is about Edward I of England (1239-1307).

There is a story that, on a visit to Gloucester, he fell off his horse into a puddle and swore he would never return.



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