

The royal blue carpet and the cute baby

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Vocabulary

Stickler: a person who insists on a certain quality or type of behaviour.

Poke: jab or prod (someone or something) with one's

finger or a sharp object.

Drool: drop saliva uncontrollably from the mouth.

Correct an email

The following email was sent to Mr Tufty. Mr Tufty is a stickler for good grammar and spelling. Please help Mr Tufty's secretary by correcting and rewriting the email.

hello Mr Tufty

my name is Turki and english is not my native language so excuse me if my email is not that clear.

I search for royal blue carpet and I find you site.

you have many carpet so I want you to help me with choice.

I look for royal blue carpet jolly good quality and cheap price as in the photo.

I want it made very quick.

thanks

Problems at home

Teignmouth, the Tufty's new dog, is an adorable puppy but also hyperactive and in need of constant attention. He has even started climbing into bed with the Tuftys at night. Mr Tufty rolled over one night and put his arm around what he thought was his wife. He woke up with a start when he thought that Mrs Tufty had grown fur all over her face and was drooling!

Thandie, their granddaughter spends the day with Mrs Tufty every Wednesday. Mrs Tufty can't believe that she is already eight months old!

Teignmouth loves Thandie and she likes playing with him. Mr Tufty is sometimes a bit worried when he sees her trying to poke Teignmouth in the eye, but the puppy has been very good natured.

Wednesday arrived and Henrietta rang the door bell at eight o'clock sharp. She dropped off Thandie and left for work.

Mr Tufty works at home on Wednesdays and he and Mrs Tufty got into their normal routine. They had a coffee break at eleven and sat on the sofa together to glance over the newspapers. Thandie was lying on her play mat, kicking and cooing and Teignmouth was in the kitchen looking for scraps. Helen, the housekeeper, hadn't arrived yet.

The Tuftys finished their coffee and unintentionally fell fast asleep on the sofa.

Half an hour passed and Mr Tufty awoke and looked over at the play mat. Thandie had disappeared! He shook Mrs Tufty in a panic and both of them started a frantic search.

It didn't take them long to find Teignmouth asleep in his basket in the kitchen. Curled up next to him in

the basket was Thandie, fast asleep.

Questions for discussion

1. Should a puppy be allowed to be so close to a baby? Why?
2. Do you have any advice for the Tuftys regarding Teignmouth climbing into bed with them?
3. Now that Thandie is able to crawl what should the Tuftys do?
4. What problems could there be with a baby sleeping in a dog basket?
5. Should they tell Henrietta what happened? How should they phrase it?

The new pronunciation challenge

I take it you already know
of tough and bough and cough and dough.
Others may stumble, but not you,
On hiccough, thorough, lough and through.
Well done! And now you wish, perhaps,
To learn of less familiar traps.

Beware of heard, a dreadful word
That looks like beard and sounds like bird.
And dead – it's said like bed, not bead.
For goodness sake, don't call it deed!
Watch out for meat and great and threat.
They rhyme with suite and straight and debt.

A moth is not a moth in mother,
Nor both in bother, broth in brother,
And here is not a match for there,
Nor dear and fear for pear and bear.
And then there's dose and rose and lose
Just look them up – and goose and choose.

And cork and work and card and ward.
And font and front and word and sword.
And do and go, then thwart and cart.
Come, come I've hardly made a start.

A dreadful language? Man alive,
I'd mastered it when I was five!

Attributed to T S Watt, 1954

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