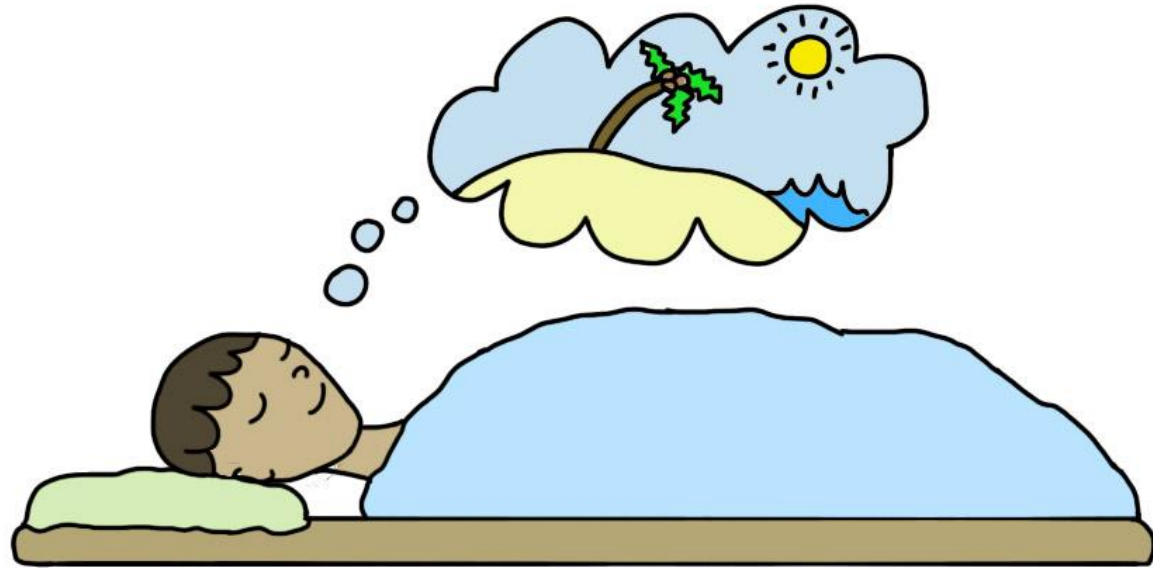
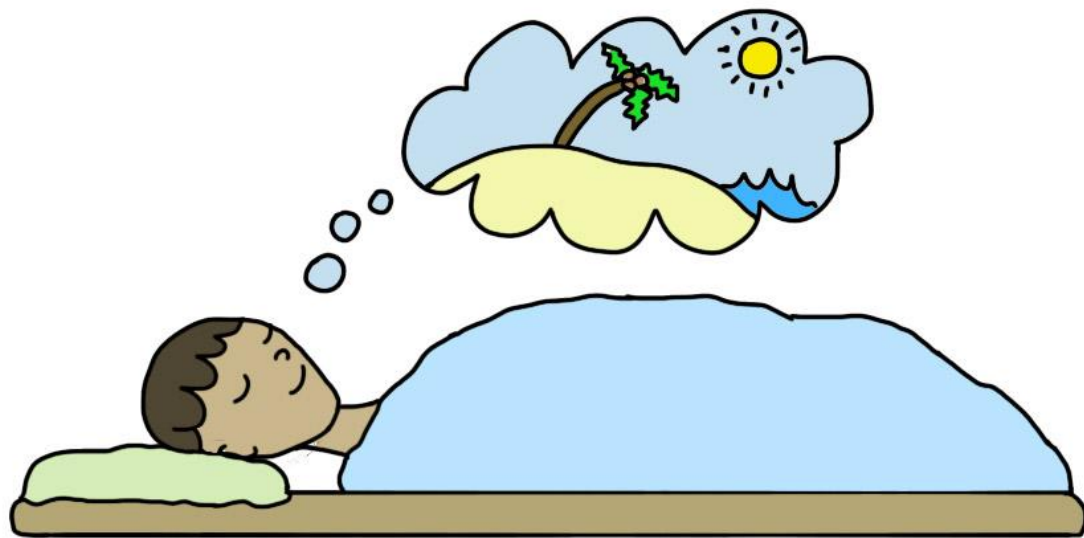


# AN UNLUCKY DAY FOR BEN







IT WAS THE DAY BEN WAS FEARING FOR  
WEEKS.....HE WOULD HAVE LIKED TO STOP  
TIME AND REMAIN ENJOYING HIS SUMMER  
HOLIDAYS, HAVING A WHALE OF A TIME EVERY  
DAY!

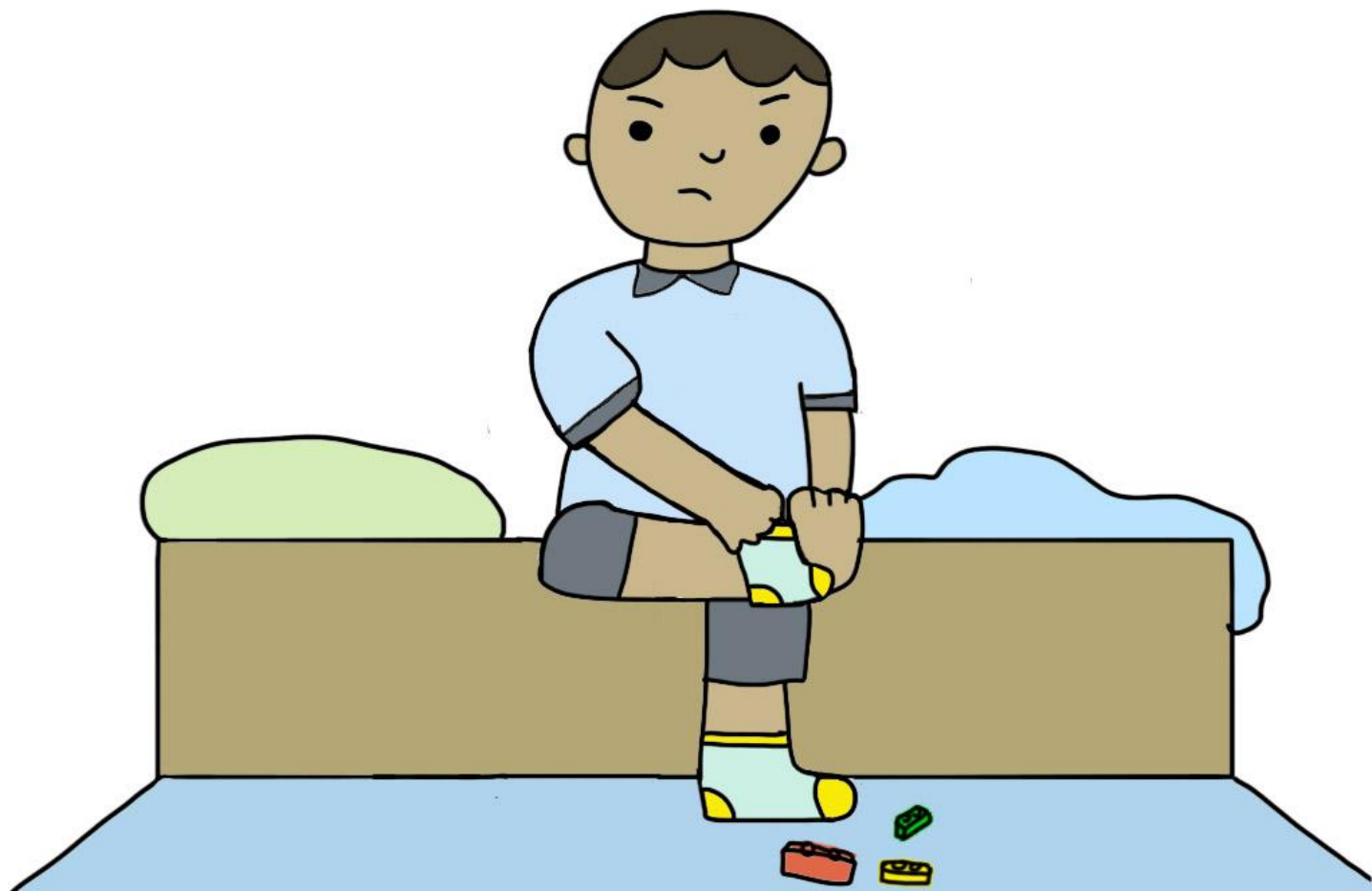


BACK TO SCHOOL MEANT HE HAD TO SPEND A  
LOT OF HIS FREE TIME STUDYING FOR EXAMS  
AND DOING HIS HOMEWORK. WHY WOULD  
ANYONE LOOK FORWARD TO THAT?!

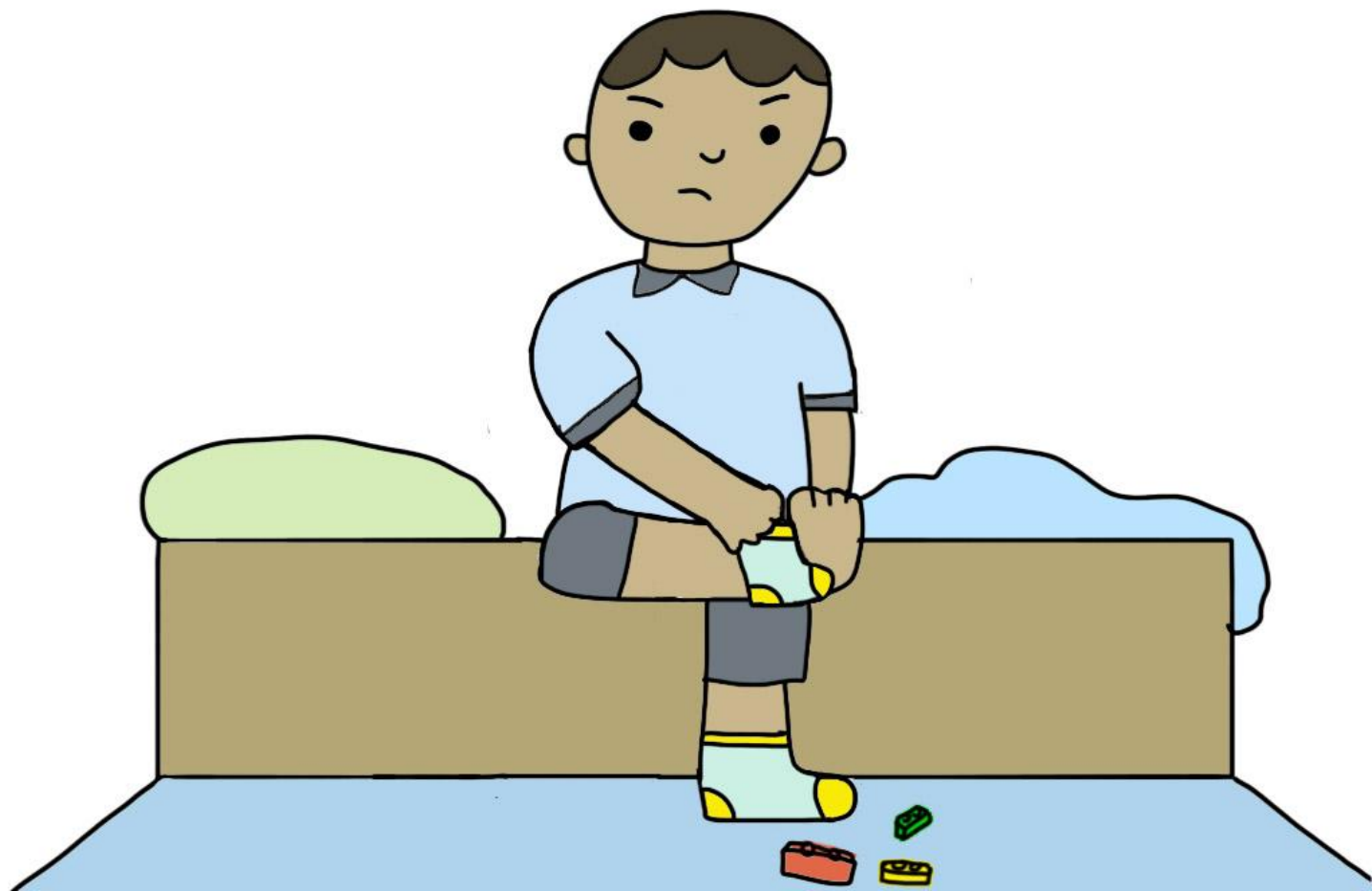


EXACTLY AT 6:30AM THE LOUD, IRRITATING NOISE FOR HIS ALARM CLOCK WENT OFF. BEN DECIDED TO TRY AND CHEER UP, BUT AS SOON AS HE GOT OUT OF BED HE CONFIRMED THAT IT WAS GOING TO BE A TERRIBLE DAY. HIS FEET LANDED ON SOME LEGO BRICKS THAT HIS BROTHER HAD LEFT SCATTERED AROUND ON THE BEDROOM FLOOR THE DAY BEFORE!

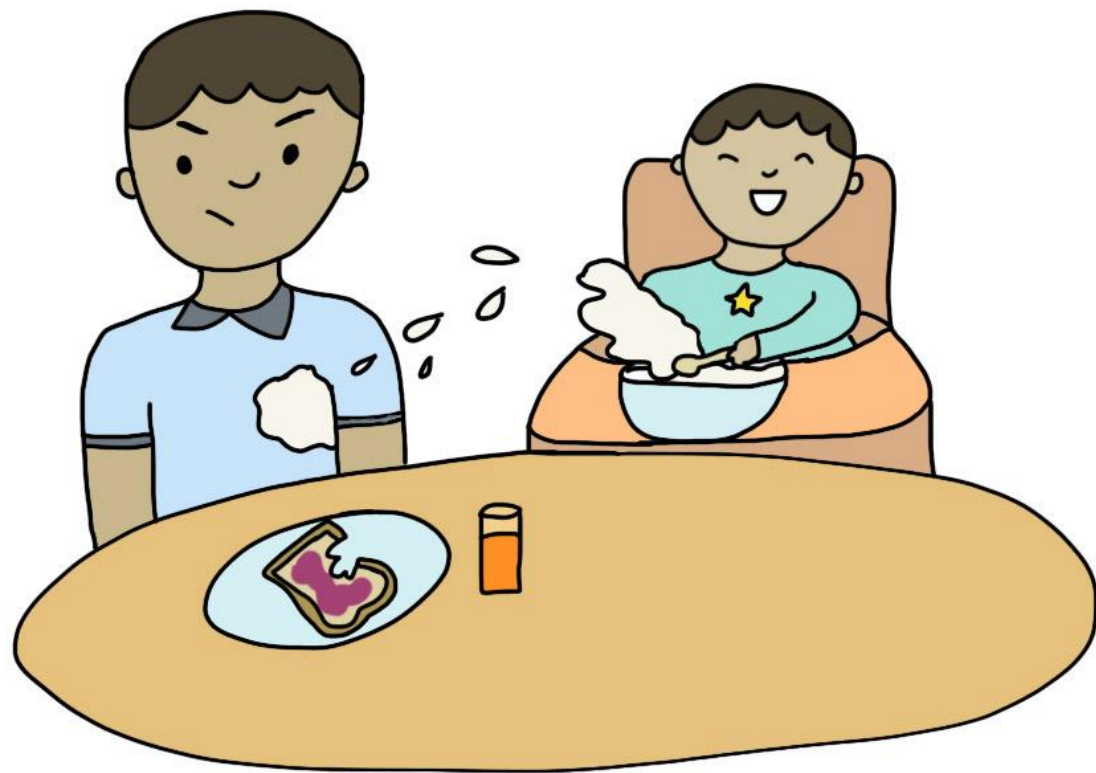




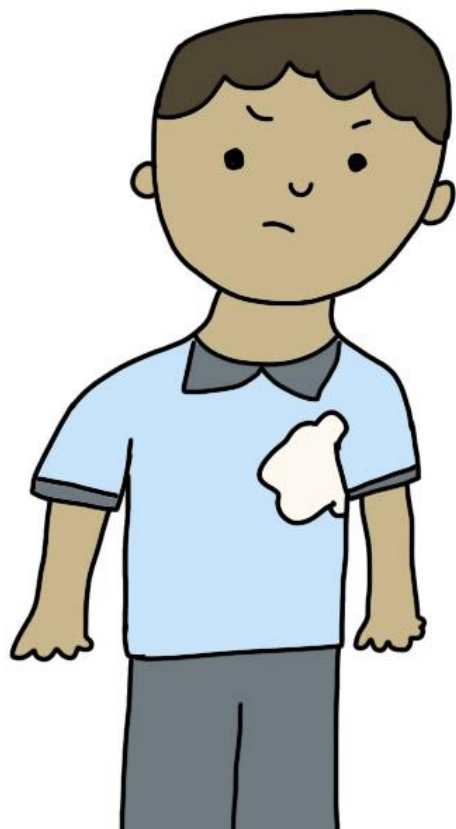
HE MADE AN EFFORT TO PUT ON HIS UNIFORM  
THAT HIS MOTHER HAS METICULOUSLY  
PREPARED ON HIS DRESSER, SURELY AT A  
WEIRD TIME VERY EARLY THAT SAME  
MORNING.



ONCE READY, HE WENT DOWNSTAIRS FOR HIS  
BREAKFAST. HIS MOTHER REALIZED THAT HIS  
SOCKS DIDN'T MATCH, SO HE HAD TO GO  
UPSTAIRS AGAIN TO CHANGE HIS SOCKS.



SOMETIME LATER, WHILST BEN WAS HAVING HIS BREAKFAST, HIS LITTLE BROTHER SPILLED MILK ALL OVER THE KITCHEN TABLE AND ON BEN'S UNIFORM. BEN STARTED TO PANIC AS HE DIDN'T WANT TO BE LATE FOR HIS FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL. MOTHER WAS QUICK TO SAVE THE DAY BY PROVIDING HIM WITH YET ANOTHER WELL PRESSED UNIFORM!



IT TOOK HER ONLY A FEW MINUTES TO  
CHANGE HIS CLOTHES AND FINALLY, HE WAS  
ON HIS WAY TO SCHOOL.





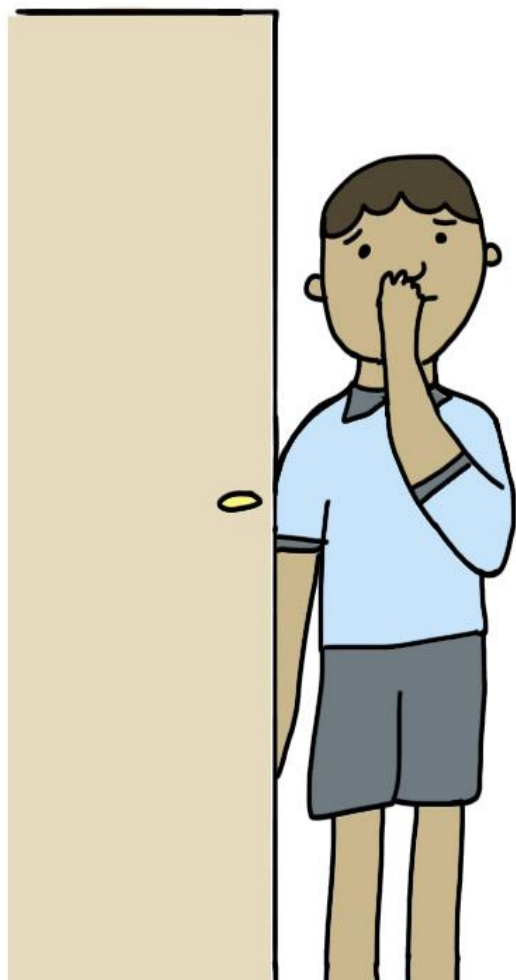
IN A BLINK OF AN EYE IT STARTED RAINING A LOT AND BY THE TIME HE ARRIVED AT SCHOOL, HE WAS REALLY WET. EVEN HIS COPYBOOKS WERE ALL SOAKED. HE HAD FORGOTTEN TO TAKE HIS UMBRELLA WITH HIM. BEN FELT DOWN IN THE DUMPS.



AFTER MEETING HIS NEW TEACHER, DRYING  
HIS CLOTHES AND PLAYING WITH HIS FRIENDS,  
HE STARTED FEELING A BIT BETTER.

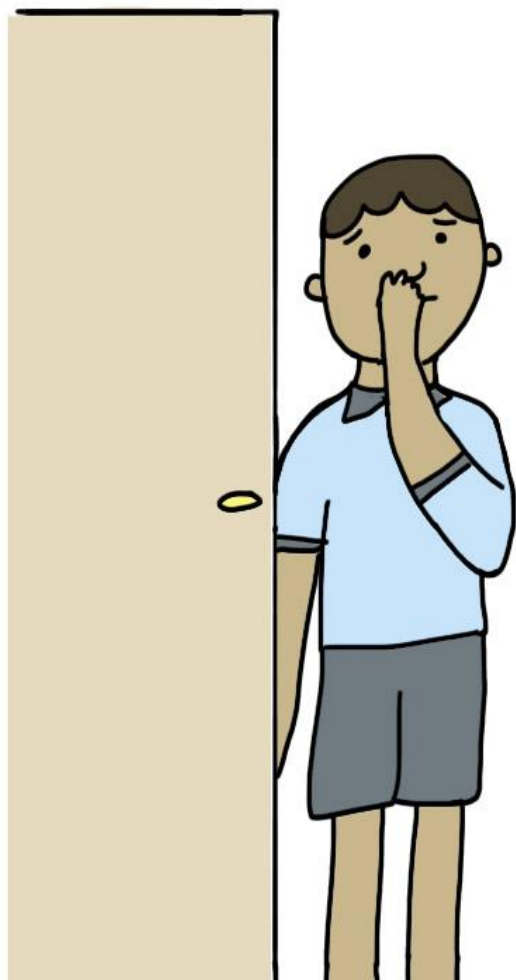


THE DAY AT SCHOOL PASSED BY AS FAST AS  
LIGHTNING AND SOON IT WAS TIME TO GO  
BACK HOME.

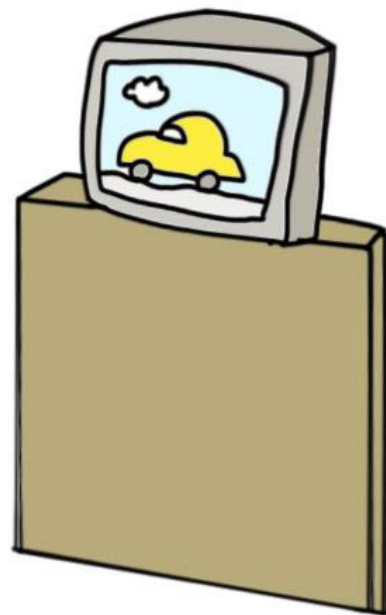


AS SOON AS HE OPENED THE FRONT DOOR HE  
SMELLED A NASTY SMELL OF FISH, WHICH  
WAS HIS LEAST FAVORITE FOOD.

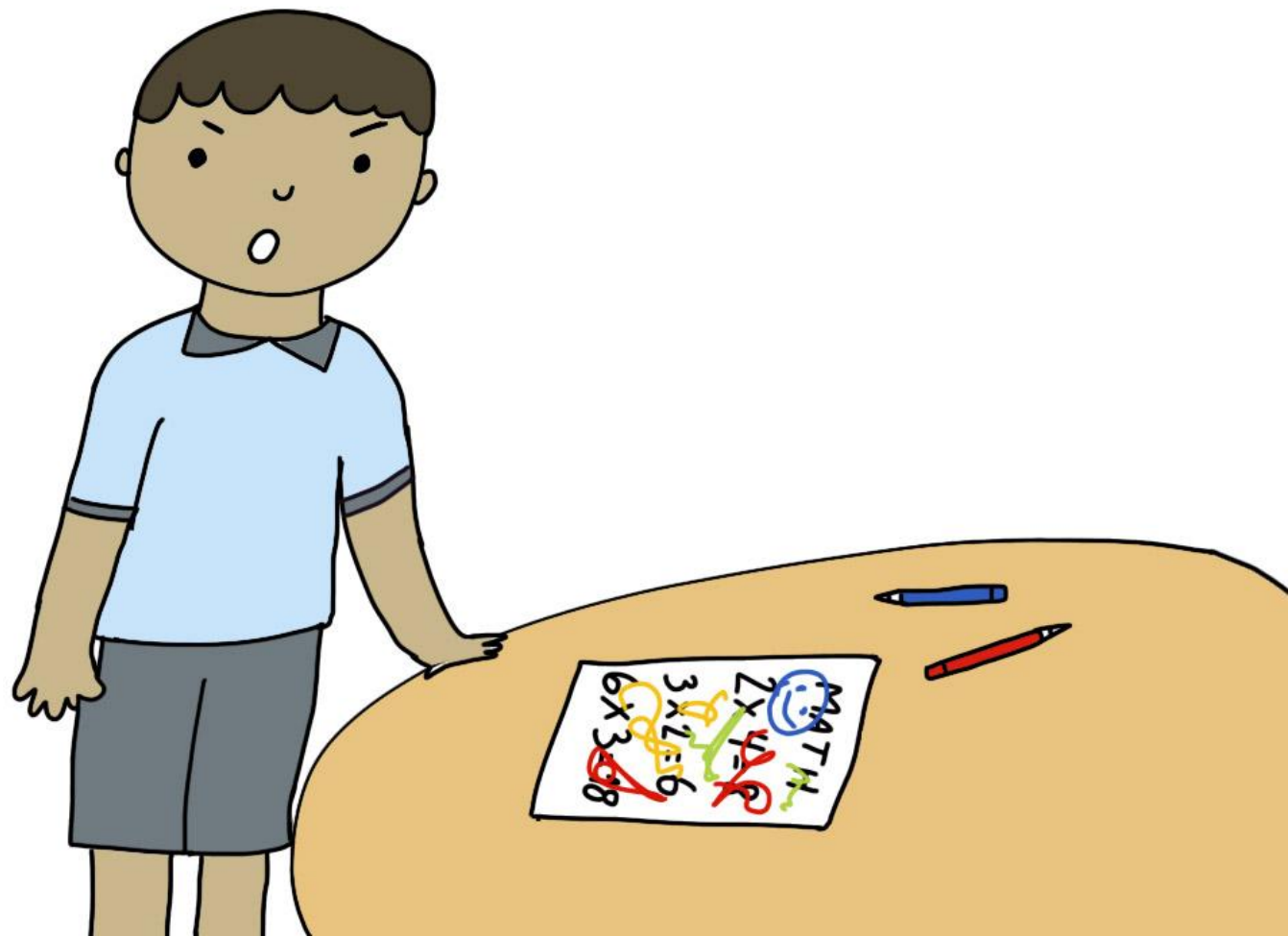




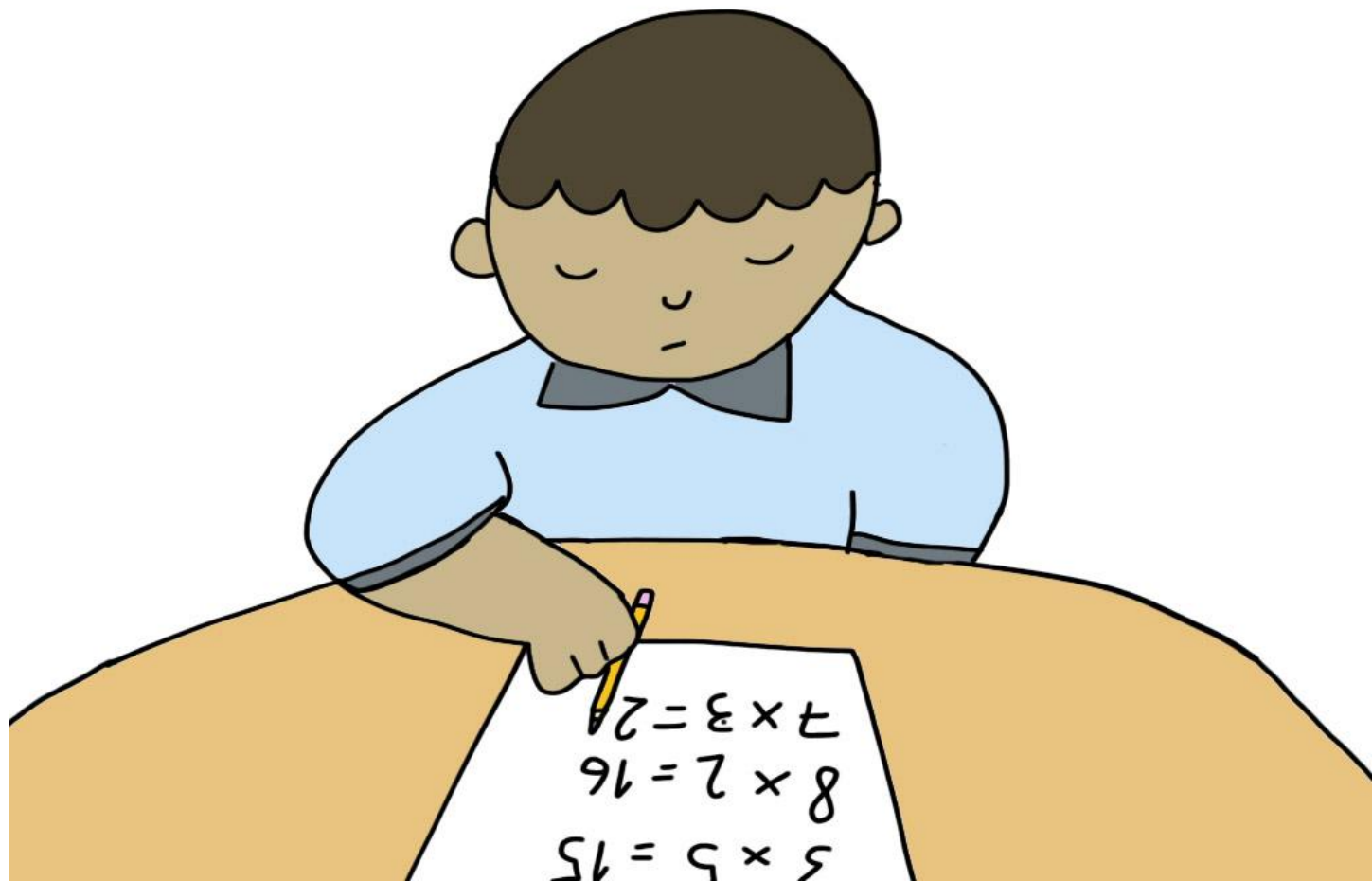
BEN DIDN'T LIKE FISH AT ALL BUT HE WAS  
AWARE THAT MUM COOKED IT FOR HIM AS IT  
WAS HEALTHY AND HE WAS VERY HUNGRY, SO  
HE ATE IT ALL.



LATER, WHEN HE FINISHED HIS HOMEWORK, HE  
WATCHED TELEVISION FOR A WHILE.



THAT SERENE MOMENT DIDN'T LAST LONG AS  
HIS LITTLE BROTHER FOUND HIS COPYBOOK  
AND SCRIBBLED ALL OVER HIS HOMEWORK.

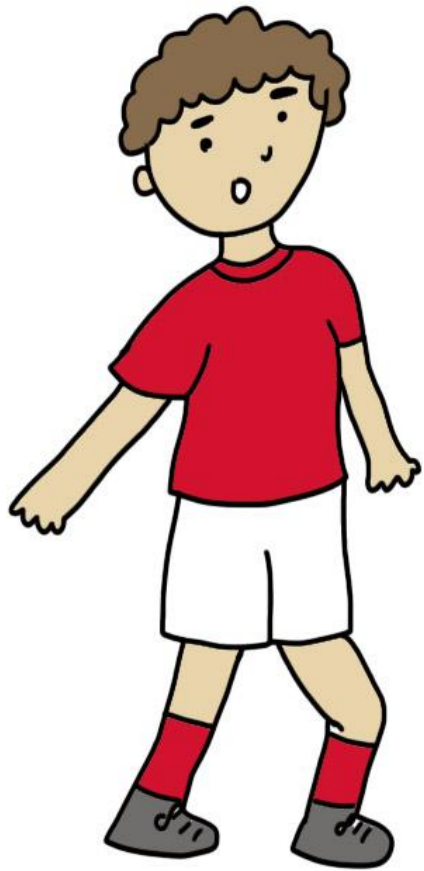


BEN FELT DEVASTATED, HE COULDN'T  
POSSIBLY THINK OF WHAT THE TEACHER  
WOULD TELL HIM THE NEXT DAY IF HE  
PRESENTED HIS HOMEWORK ALL SCRIBBLED  
WITH EVERY SHADE OF GREEN AND RED. HE  
HAD NO OTHER CHOICE BUT TO DO IT ALL  
OVER AGAIN.

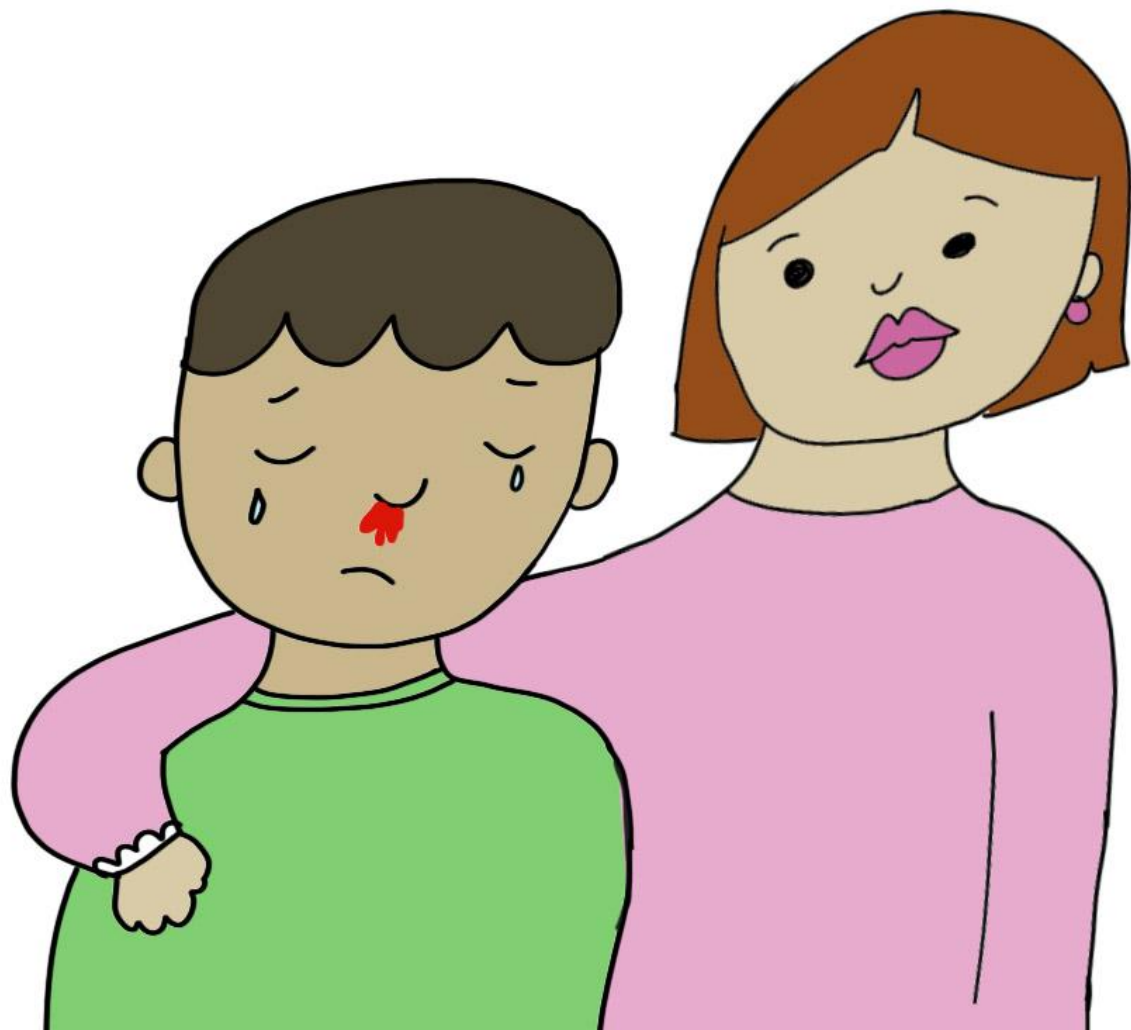




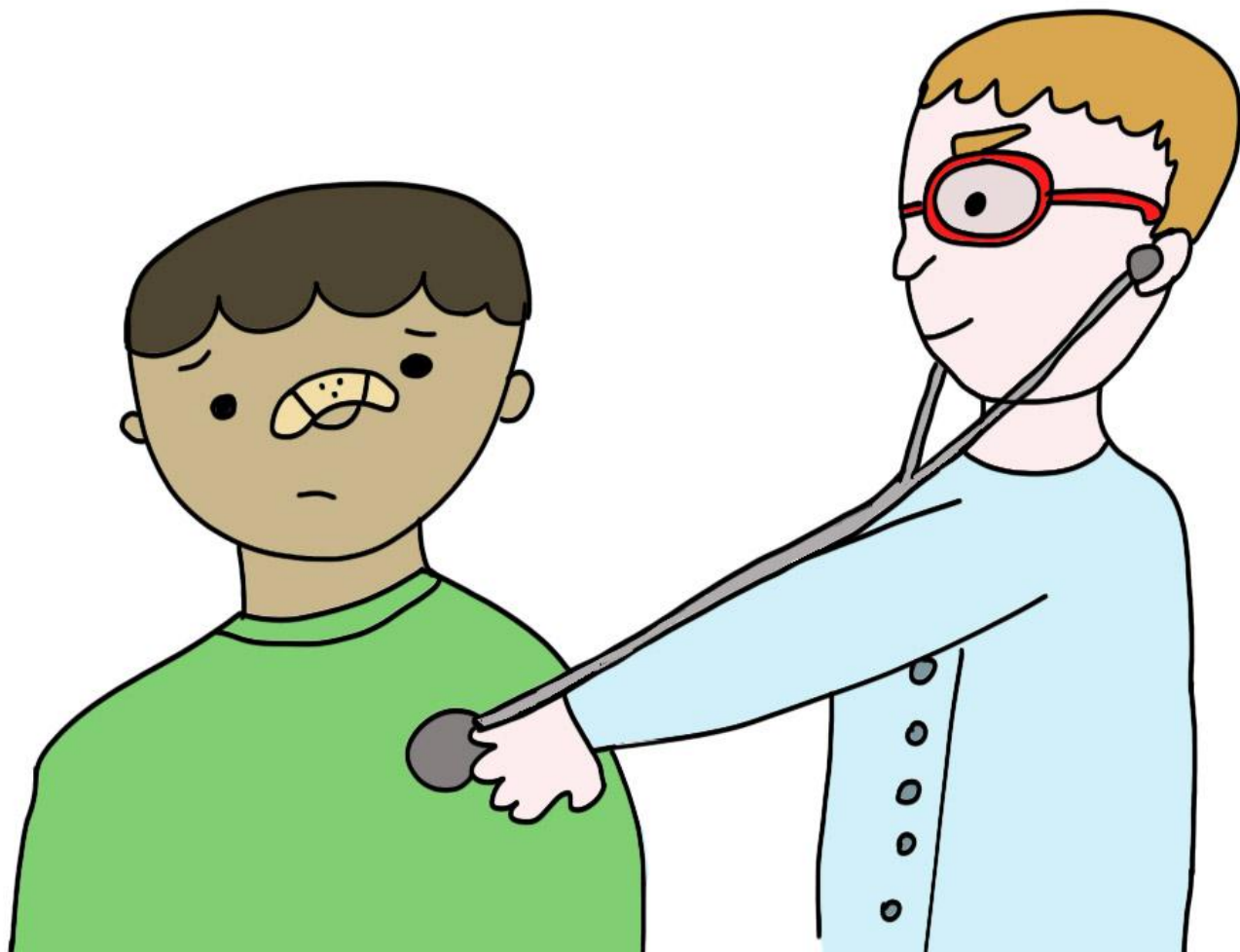
BEN HAD FOOTBALL TRAINING THAT EVENING;  
THE ONLY TWO HOURS HE WAS LOOKING  
FORWARD TO THAT DAY. HE LOVED FOOTBALL  
AND WOULDN'T MISS TRAINING FOR  
ANYTHING. AS HE ARRIVED AT THE PITCH, HE  
WAS GREETED BY HIS FRIENDS AND STARTED  
SHOWING OFF HIS SKILLS WHEN THE COACH  
BLEW THE WHISTLE TO START THE GAME.



AFTER TWENTY MINUTES OF PLAYING, A  
PLAYER FROM THE OPPONENT TEAM KICKED  
THE BALL SO HARD THAT IT HIT BEN STRAIGHT  
IN THE FACE AND LEFT HIM IN AGONIZING  
PAIN.



HE FELT DIZZY AND HIS NOSE BLED. BEN HAD  
TO STOP PLAYING AND HIS MOTHER WAS  
CALLED TO PICK HIM UP FROM THE FOOTBALL  
GROUND. FROM ALL THE MISFORTUNES THAT  
HE HAD THAT DAY, THIS WAS THE WORST ONE!

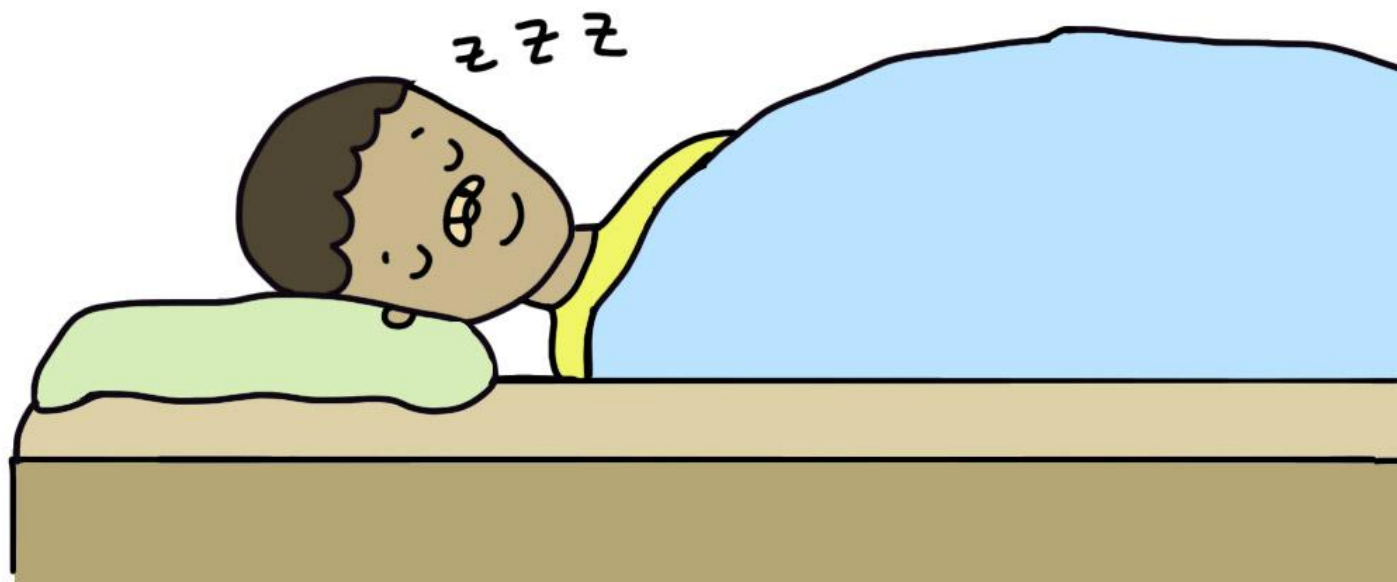


AT HOME, MOTHER PUT ICE PACKS ON HIS  
BRUISE AND CALLED THE DOCTOR TO COME  
AND CHECK ON HIM. HE WASN'T SUFFERING  
FROM ANYTHING SERIOUS AND THE DOCTOR  
PRESCRIBED SOME PAIN KILLERS AND TOLD  
HIM TO KEEP ON PUTTING ICE PACKS ON THE  
BRUISE.





DURING DINNER, WHEN ALL THE FAMILY WERE  
SITTING DOWN AT THE TABLE TALKING ABOUT  
THEIR EVENTS DURING THAT DAY, BEN WAS  
THE ONE MOST LOOKING FORWARD TO THE  
DAY TO COME TO AN END.



IN BED, HE THOUGHT ABOUT ALL THAT HAD  
HAPPENED TO HIM AND HE WAS PLEASED  
THAT THERE WILL SOON BE ANOTHER DAY  
SETTING ON THE HORIZON AS HE DRIFTED OFF  
TO SLEEP AND DREAMT ABOUT THE BEACH  
AND ALL THE FUN HE HAD DURING HIS  
HOLIDAYS! HE KNEW THAT TOMORROW WOULD  
BE A NEW BETTER DAY.