

‘It’s too hot,’ said Meg. She was standing in front of the air conditioner. She pressed lots of buttons, but she was still very hot.

‘You sound like Bugbug,’ said Nick, smiling. The radio was on, and he was dancing. Mum was dancing too.

Dad carried a box into the living room. ‘It’s from Bugbug and Twist,’ he said.

‘I’ll open it now!’ said Nick. ‘Maybe something inside will make Meg colder.’



Nick opened the box. He coughed. He sneezed. He felt sick. Something in the box smelled terrible!

‘What’s that?’ asked Meg. She was still very hot. She pressed more buttons on the remote control.

‘I don’t know,’ said Nick. ‘It’s yellow and square... I think it’s cheese. It smells like the worst cheese ever!’

‘I know that smell!’ laughed Dad. ‘That’s Limburger cheese. It’s my favourite.’



GLOSSARY

air conditioner	(n.)	冷氣機	a machine that blows cool air
fix	(v.)	修理	to mend something that is broken
dark	(adj.)	暗	having little or no light

VOCABULARY FOCUS



We use 'was + verb+ing' to show actions being done in the past. We add '-ing' to the verb to show it happens for some time. Look at these examples from page 2:

'Meg was standing.'

'She was standing in front of the air conditioner.'

'Mum was dancing too.'



SUPPORTING SUMMARY

On a very hot day, Meg and Nick get a box from Bugbug and Twist. It has some smelly cheese inside. The power goes out and it is dark. The air conditioner and fridge don't work. The children can't sleep. Meg tries many things to cool down, but she is still too hot. Then Nick has an idea.

EXTENSION ACTIVITY



Think of two other things that Meg could do to feel cool. Draw them in the box below:

A large empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for drawing ideas to feel cool.

Learning in Action: Electric Pepper

In this story, Meg and Nick use simple flour for their amazing holidays. They don't have any power, so the flour helps them have fun adventures outside.

We're going to use more simple things - salt and pepper - to learn about electricity. We need a comb and a plate as well.

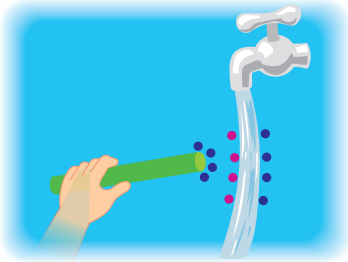


Can you use the comb to separate salt and pepper on a plate?



Follow the link at the back of this book to learn more.

You can do lots more things with static electricity! Charge something by rubbing it on a cloth. Balloons and plastic things are best. Then hold it near water, your hair or an empty can. What happens?



Fun Fact

Some Roman soldiers were paid in salt. That's where we get the word salary from (sal was their word for salt).

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electricity	電	rub	摩擦
separate	分開	static	靜電