

# Class 6 English Honeysuckle book

## Chapter 1 Who did Patrick's Homework?



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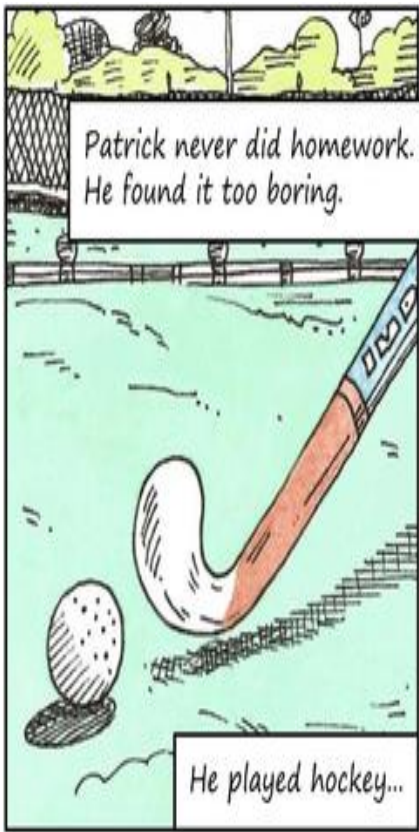
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#### Introduction

This is a wonderful story which has presented Magical realism (which means something that is not magic but a belief) in a beautiful manner. A boy Patrick who gets inspired and feels propelled to work hard by an imaginary elf (a supernatural being). He is not only able to complete his work but was able to scores high grades. This story conveys the message that “self-help works wonders”.

**Dear students ,I want you all to enjoy reading the lesson in comic form:**









Then one day  
he found his cat  
playing with a little doll.

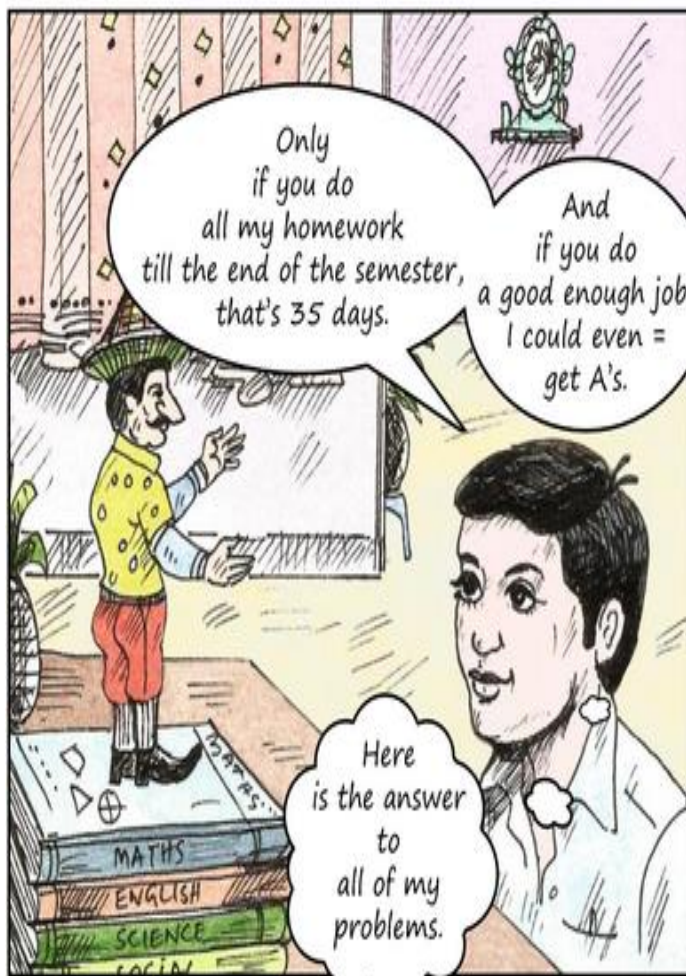


He grabbed it away  
from the doll.



To his surprise,  
it wasn't a doll at all  
but a man  
of the tiniest size.  
He had a little wool shirt  
with old-fashioned britches  
and a tall hat  
much like a witch's.

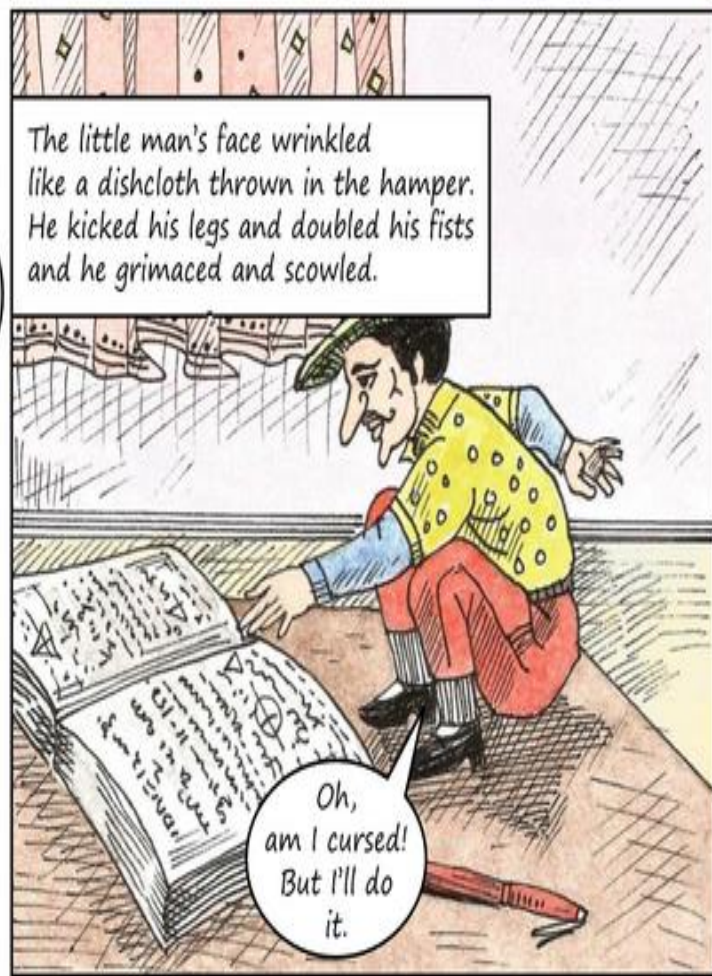
Save me  
from the cat.  
And I promise  
to grant you  
a wish.



Only  
if you do  
all my homework  
till the end of the semester,  
that's 35 days.

And  
if you do  
a good enough job,  
I could even =  
get A's.

Here  
is the answer  
to  
all of my  
problems.



The little man's face wrinkled  
like a dishcloth thrown in the hamper.  
He kicked his legs and doubled his fists  
and he grimaced and scowled.

Oh,  
am I cursed!  
But I'll do  
it.



And true to his word, that little elf began to do Patrick's homework. Except there was one glitch. The elf didn't always know what to do and he needed help.

I don't know this word.

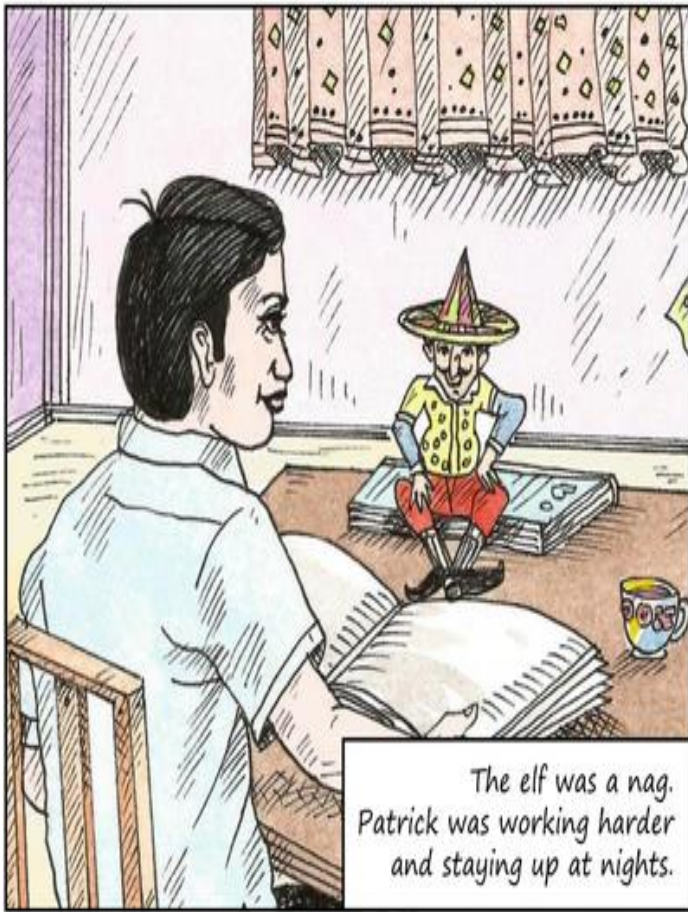
Help me!  
Help me!

The little elf asked Patrick to look up the word in the dictionary and sound it out by each letter.

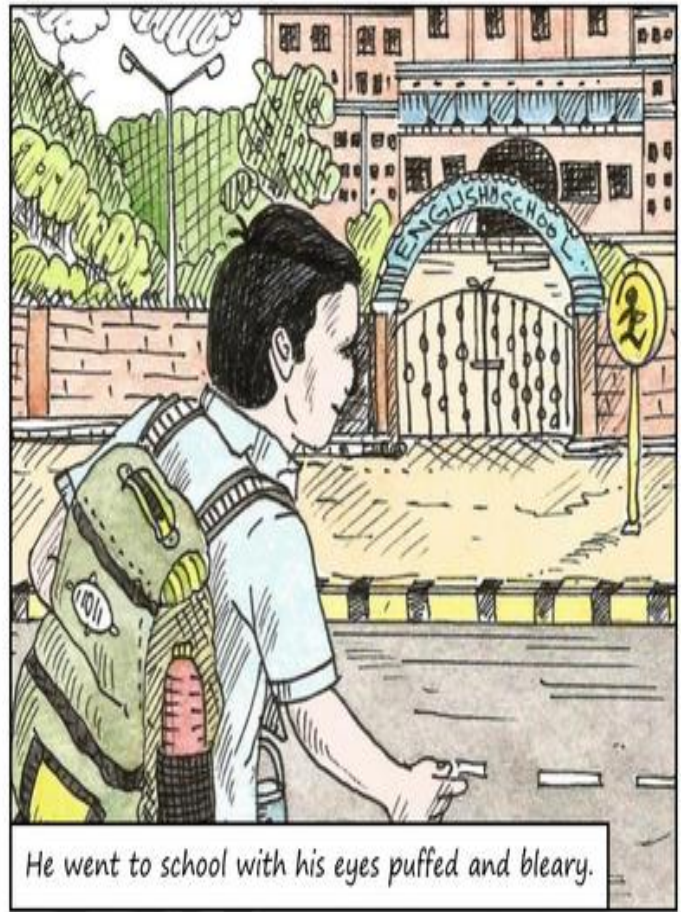
What are times tables?  
We elves never need that.  
And addition and subtraction  
and division and fractions?  
Here, sit down beside me,  
you simply must guide me.

The elf shrieked and shouted. He didn't understand human history. He asked Patrick to go the library and find more books to get help from.

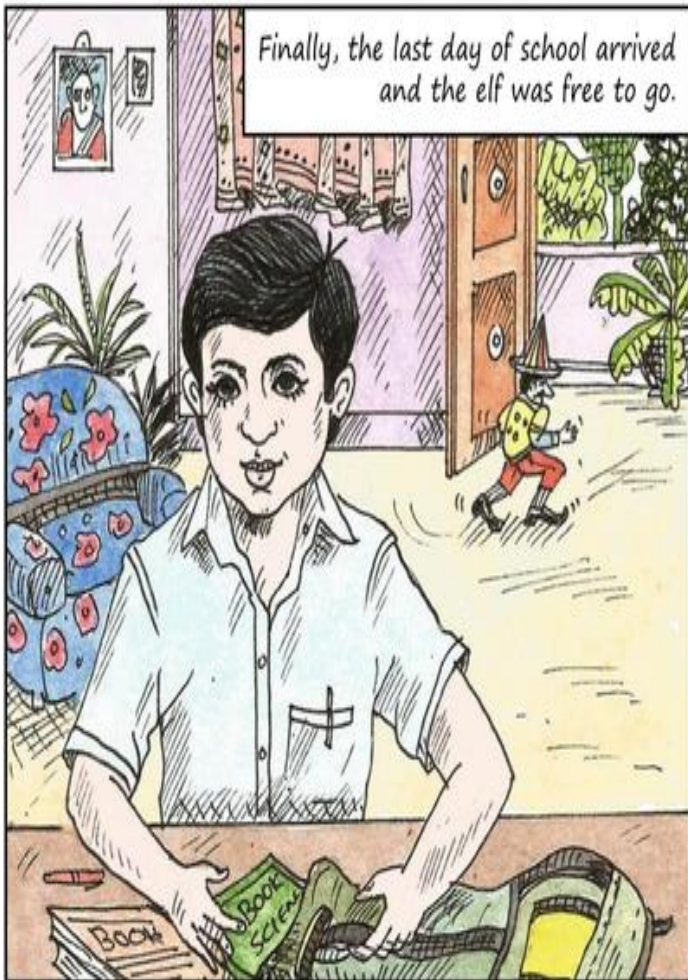




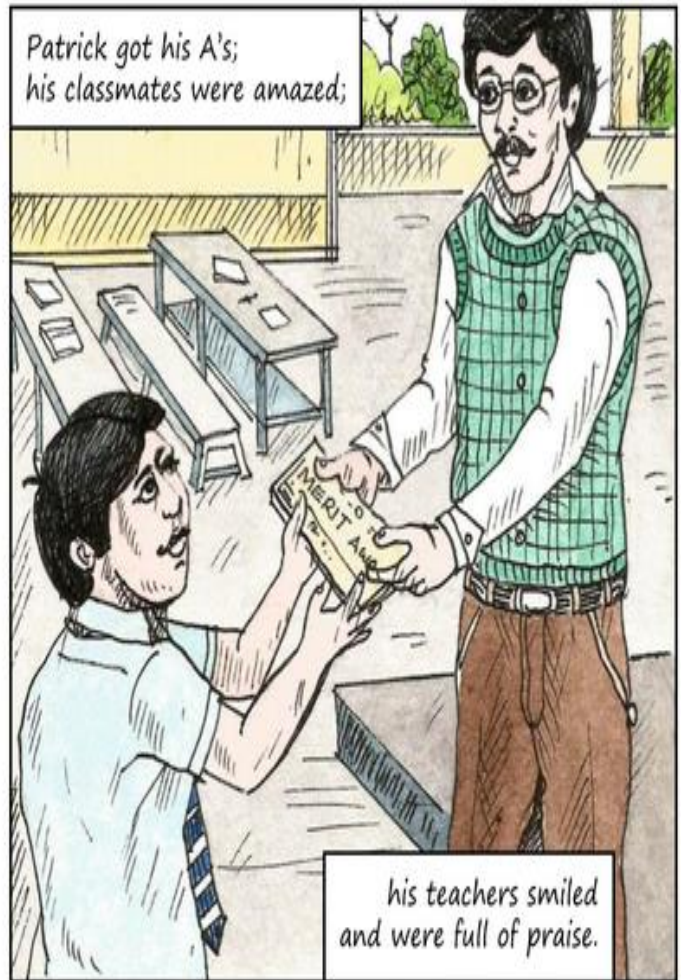
The elf was a nag.  
Patrick was working harder  
and staying up at nights.



He went to school with his eyes puffed and bleary.



Finally, the last day of school arrived  
and the elf was free to go.



Patrick got his A's;  
his classmates were amazed;

his teachers smiled  
and were full of praise.





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**I hope, you all would have enjoyed reading the comic script of the lesson, now click on the link to watch the video of the story :**

**[Link to video:](#)**

**<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1yxRMKEeHSb4Kt5MtEBkGs15xiKcrESRo/view?usp=sharing>**

**Dear Students , after reading the comic script and watching the video, let's read the lesson as it is given in your text book**

### *Before you read*

**Discuss in class:** Do you like homework? Do you do it yourself, or do you get help? What homework do you usually have?

## Who Did Patrick's Homework?



1. PATRICK never did homework. "Too boring," he said. He played hockey and basketball and Nintendo instead. His teachers told him, "Patrick! Do your homework or you won't learn a thing." And it's true, sometimes he did feel like an ignoramus. But what could he do? He hated homework.
2. Then one day he found his cat playing with a little doll and he grabbed it away. To his surprise it wasn't a doll

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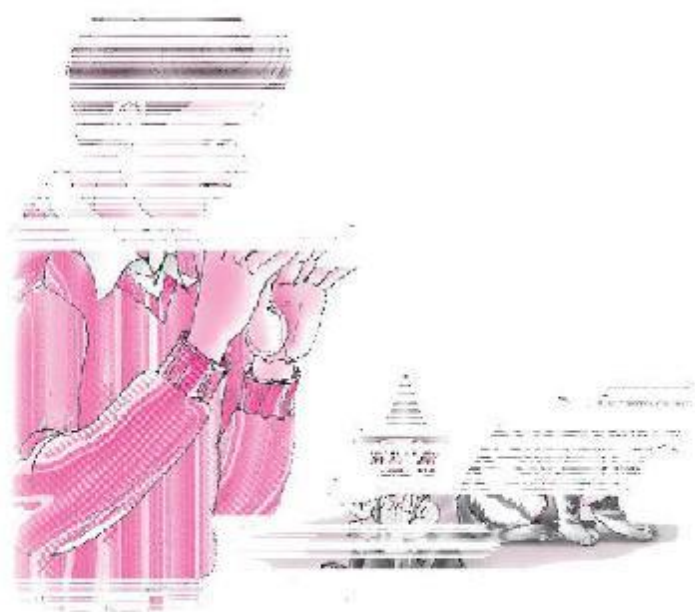


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*Nintendo:* a video game

*ignoramus:* an ignorant person, who lacks education





at all, but a man of the tiniest size. He had a little wool shirt with old-fashioned britches and a high tall hat much like a witch's. He yelled, "Save me! Don't give me back to that cat. I'll grant you a wish, I promise you that."

3. Patrick couldn't believe how lucky he was! Here was the answer to all of his problems. So he said, "Only if you do all my homework till the end of the semester, that's 35 days. If you do a good enough job, I could even get A's."
4. The little man's face wrinkled like a dishcloth thrown in the hamper. He kicked his legs and doubled his fists and he grimaced and scowled and pursed his lips, "Oh, am I cursed! But I'll do it."

*britches:*  
breeches, or  
short trousers.  
The writer here  
spells it, for fun,  
to rhyme with  
the word 'witch's'.

*dishcloth:* a cloth  
used for washing  
dishes

*hamper:* a basket  
with a lid

*grimaced, scowled,  
pursed his lips:*  
his face had  
these expressions,  
showing disgust,  
anger and  
disapproval



5. And true to his word, that little elf began to do Patrick's homework. Except there was one glitch. The elf didn't always know what to do and he needed help. "Help me! Help me!" he'd say. And Patrick would have to help — in whatever way.

"I don't know this word," the elf squeaked while reading Patrick's homework. "Get me a dictionary. No, what's even better, look up the word and sound it out by each letter."

6. When it came to maths, Patrick was out of luck. "What are times tables?" the elf shrieked. "We elves never need that.

*glitch* (an informal word): a fault in a machine that prevents it from working properly; here, hitch or problem

*shrieked*: gave a short, high-pitched cry





And addition and subtraction and division and fractions? Here, sit down beside me, you simply must guide me." Elves know nothing of human history, to them it's a mystery. So the little elf, already a shouter, just got louder. "Go to the library, I need books. More and more books. And you can help me read them too."

7. As a matter of fact, every day in every way that little elf was a nag! Patrick was working harder than ever and was it a drag! He was staying up nights, had never felt so weary, was going to school with his eyes puffed and bleary.
8. Finally, the last day of school arrived and the elf was free to go. As for homework, there was no more, so he quietly and slyly slipped out the back door.
9. Patrick got his A's; his classmates were amazed; his teachers smiled and were full of praise. And his parents? They wondered what had happened to Patrick. He was now the model kid. Cleaned his room, did his chores, was cheerful, never rude, like he had developed a whole new attitude.
10. You see, in the end, Patrick still thought he'd made that tiny man do all his homework. But I'll share a secret, just between you and me. It wasn't the elf; Patrick had done it himself!

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*nag*: one who troubles someone all the time by complaining or asking them to do something  
*drag* (an informal word): something dull and uninteresting

*slyly*: secretly

*kid* (an informal word): a child  
*chores*: work that must be done everyday, often boring  
*attitude*: a feeling about someone or something



## Let's find out the meanings of the new words that appeared in the text:

### NEW WORDS:

**Nintendo:** a video game

**Ignoramus:** an ignorant person, who lacks education

**britches:** breeches, or short trousers. The writer here spells it, for fun, to rhyme with the word 'witch's'.

**grabbed:** caught

**tiniest:** smallest

**Lucky:** fortunate

**problems:** difficulties

**semester:** a half or quarter term in school or university

**dishcloth:** a cloth used for washing dishes

**hamper:** a basket with a lid

**Grimaced,** scowled, pursed his lips: his face had these expressions, showing disgust, anger and disapproval

**Wrinkled:** slight folds on skin because of old age

**Cursed:** ill fated

**glitch** (an informal word): a fault in a machine that prevents it from working properly; here, hitch or problem

**elf:** a super -natural creature with pointed ears and magical powers

**squeaked:** cried aloud

**shrieked:** gave a short, high-pitched cry

**nag:** one who troubles someone all the time by complaining or asking them to do something

**drag** (an informal word): something dull and uninteresting

**Weary:** extreme tiredness

**Bleary.:** looking dull because of tiredness

## Now it's time to test your understanding of the text :

**Dear Students do all the given exercises, assignments and Textual questions in your notebook:**



**1. Read the following statements and tick True /False**

- a. Patrick liked his homework **True /False**
- b. one day he found his cat playing with a little doll **True /False**
- c. It was a man of the tiniest size **True /False**
- d. The elf promised to give him gold **True /False**
- e. The elf asked Patrick to look up the words in a dictionary **True /False**

**2. Complete the following statements:**

- a. Patrick played....., ..... and .....
- b. Patrick's cat was actually playing .....
- c. Patrick asked the man to do .....
- d. Elf said "we don't know anything about human History" to us .....
- e. Everyone praised Patrick at school, he was now a.....

**3. Who said to whom:**

- a. "Too boring" .....
- b. Do your homework or you won't learn a thing.....
- c. "Save me! Don't give me back to that cat" .....
- d. "Only if you do all my homework till the end of the semester,.....
- e. "Help me! Help me!" .....

**4. Give one word for the following phrases:**

- a. a video game .....
- b. a hitch or a problem .....
- c. one who troubles someone all the time .....
- d. a basket with a lid .....
- e. a book used to look up meanings of difficult words .....

**5. Fill in the blanks choosing the suitable option from those given:**

- a. Patrick ..... His homework (hates, hated , hate)
- b. He found his cat ..... with a doll.(play, played ,playing)
- c. The Elf ..... Patrick a wish (grant , granted , grants)
- d. Patrick .....all his A's in his school (got,get,gets)
- e. Patrick .....he made the Elf do all his homework (think, thought ,thinking)

**6. Do you like doing homework? What is your opinion about homework? Write your answer in about 50-80 words . You can use the hints given below to write your answer:**

**Hints:** To Understand the concept or lesson better, revise what you did in school, to gain knowledge, recapitulate, to make notes for future reference or for tests, boosts up the confidence



## Textual Exercise

### WORKING WITH THE TEXT

Answer the following questions. (Refer to that part of the text whose number is given against the question. This applies to the comprehension questions throughout the book.)

1. What did Patrick think his cat was playing with?  
What was it really? (2)
2. Why did the little man grant Patrick a wish? (2)
3. What was Patrick's wish? (3)
4. In what subjects did the little man need help, to do Patrick's homework? (5,6)
5. How did Patrick help him? (7)
6. Who do you think did Patrick's homework — the little man, or Patrick himself? Give reasons for your answer. (9, 10)

### WORKING WITH LANGUAGE

- A. Fill in the blanks in the sentences below with the words or phrases from the box. (You may not know the meaning of all the words. Look such words up in a dictionary, or ask your teacher.)

out of luck    mystery    true to his word    chores semester    between you and me    look up
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1. Some people find household \_\_\_\_\_ a bore, but I like to help at home.
2. Who stole the diamond is still a \_\_\_\_\_.
3. This \_\_\_\_\_ we are going to have a class exhibition.
4. \_\_\_\_\_, the elf began to help Patrick.
5. Can you \_\_\_\_\_ this word in the dictionary?
6. I started early to be on time, but I was \_\_\_\_\_.  
There was a traffic jam!
7. She says she's got a lot of books, but \_\_\_\_\_.  
I think most of them are borrowed.



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### Across

1. very tired
2. had an angry look on the face
3. short trousers
4. a fault in a machine that prevents it from working properly
5. a small and naughty boy-fairy

### Down

6. work that must be done everyday, often boring
7. a basket with a lid
8. gave a short, high-pitched cry