



Astonishment

1

Look carefully at the tiger on pages 48 to 49 of the EMOTIONARY, then answer the questions.

- Does he look astonished? If so, what do you think has astonished him?

Yes, he does look astonished. His mouth is open in an expression of astonishment. He is astonished because he sees his reflection in the water and the stripes on his fur are the wrong colour.

- Do you think that what the tiger sees could ever happen?

No.

2

What do you say when you are **astonished**? Add words and expressions to the list.

Wow!

That's amazing!

I can't believe it!

No way!

3

Put the parts of the story in order from 1 to 5 to find out what happened to Agnes yesterday.

- 5 She clapped her hands excitedly and said, 'Wow! How did he do that?'
- 2 She exclaimed, 'No way! That can't be for real.'
- 4 Agnes blinked several times – it WAS for real!
- 1 In the circus, Agnes saw a man breathing fire.
- 3 Then the man did it again.

4

Now write down what Agnes says or does at each moment.

- When Agnes thinks that it is impossible.

'No way! That can't be for real.'

- When Agnes realises that what she thought was impossible is in fact true.

'Wow! How did he do that?'

- When Agnes is astonished.

Agnes blinked several times.

5

Who is **astonished**? Underline their name.

Laura and her son, Mikey, went to see a film in 3D yesterday. Mikey had already seen several 3D films – but his mum hadn't. As soon as the first images appeared on the screen, Laura exclaimed, 'Wow! This is incredible!' Mikey laughed and said, 'Mum, 3D films are always like this.'

6 Now say why Laura was astonished.

Laura was astonished because she had never seen a film in 3D before.

7 Read the sentence below and complete the other sentences in the same way.

- If you experience *astonishment*, you feel *astonished*.
- If you experience **curiosity**, you feel curious.
- If you experience **excitement**, you feel excited.
- If you experience repulsion, you feel **repulsed**.

8 Read the definitions of **curiosity** and write the correct number next to each sentence.

curiosity.

1. a strong desire to know something
2. an unusual or interesting fact or object

- 1 Out of curiosity, she peeped round the door to see what was happening.
- 2 You can find lots of curiosities in my uncle's shop.

- Now write your own sentence for each meaning of the word.

Open answer

9 Read the story and answer the questions.

Old Albert

Old Albert had lived in the same street all his life. One day he went out for a walk, like he did every day. He came across a snake with wings. Then he came across an upside-down snail, a talking broom, a stone made of air... But nothing astonished him. Well, not until he got home and looked in the mirror. A little boy stared back at him. That did make him open his eyes in astonishment!

- What has happened to Old Albert?

Old Albert has lost the ability to be astonished by things.

- What do you think his life is like? Put a tick in the box(es).

fun monotonous happy unpredictable

- Would you be astonished to come across any of the things Old Albert saw? Which would astonish you most?

Open answer.

- Do you think that we lose our capacity for astonishment as we get older? If so, why?

Sample answer: As we get older we lose the ability to be astonished by things because we have had so many different experiences.

10 What would you be astonished to see in the mirror? Draw a picture.

Open answer



11 Look at the picture on pages 48 to 49 of the EMOTIONARY again and imagine that you are the tiger in the reflection. What would you say to the other tiger?

Open answer


