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Level

4

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The Magic Computer Mouse

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AUDIO CD



Marco: Great, no school! It's Sunday!
Oh, no! It's raining!



Marco: I want to go to England.
I must write to Kate.



Maggie: Hi, I'm Maggie.

Marco: Wow! Hi Maggie!

Maggie: What's your name?

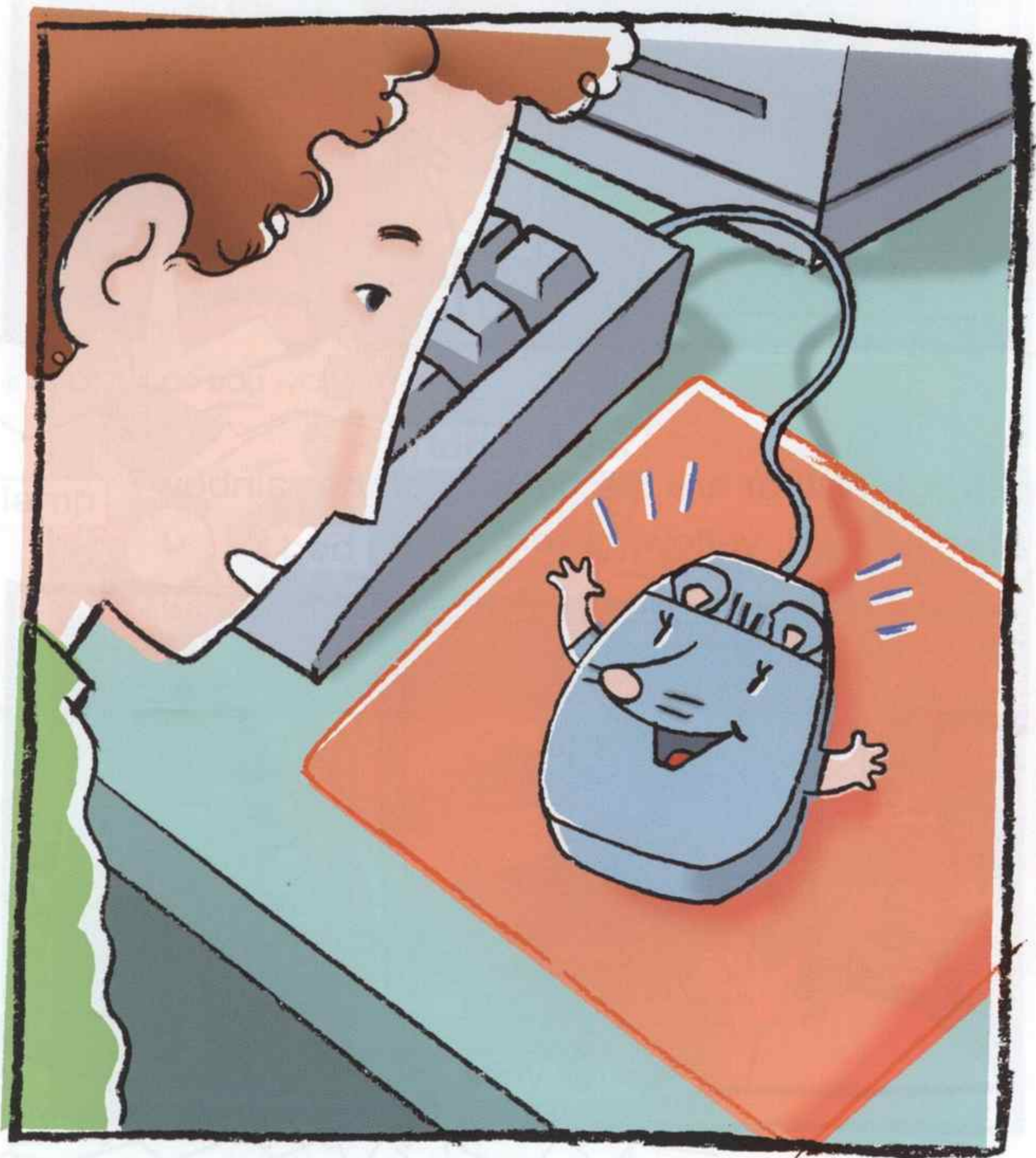
Marco: Erm... my name? Oh, my name's Marco.

Maggie: Why are you sad?

Marco: My friend Kate is in England.

Maggie: Why is she in England?

Marco: She's English. She's my penfriend.



Maggie: Hm... an English penfriend.
Can you speak English?

Marco: Erm... yes.

Maggie: Count to ten in English then!

Marco: One, two, three...



Now you count to ten!

Maggie: What are the colours of the rainbow?

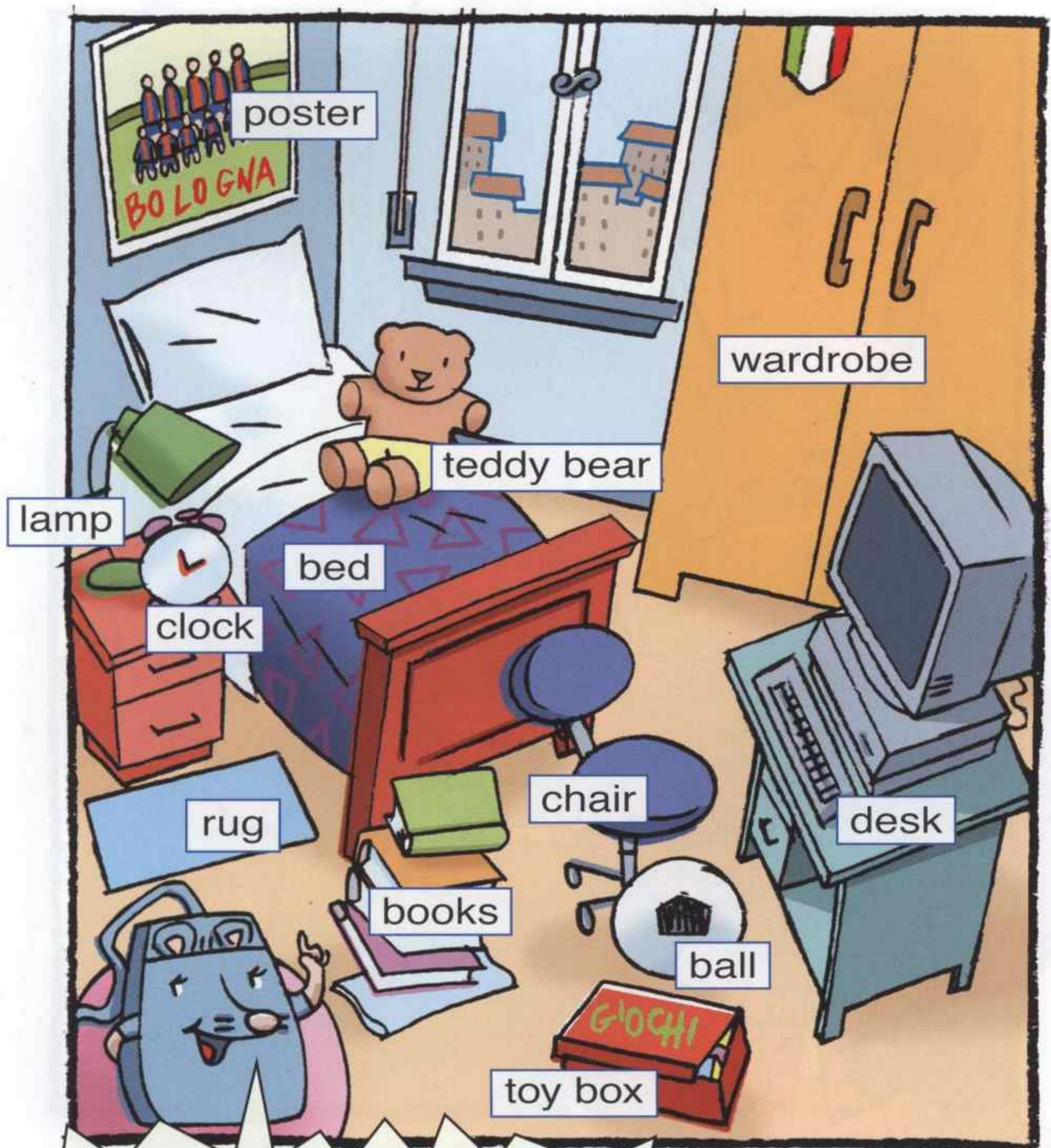
Marco: Red, yellow, green...



Now you say the colours of the rainbow!

Maggie: Last thing! Now describe your bedroom in English!

Marco: Well... there's a bed. On the bed there's a brown teddy bear. There's a computer on the desk... and there are lots of books. There's a big wardrobe. Oh... there's a ball under the chair. And... there's a poster of Bologna football team on the wall! It's my favourite team!



Now you describe your bedroom!

Marco: Wow! This isn't a computer mouse. It's a real mouse!

Maggie: Yes, that's right! I'm Maggie, the magic computer mouse. Now you can go to England! Close your eyes!

Marco: But... why?

Maggie: Close your eyes and spell your name.

Marco: M.A.R.C.O.



Marco: Help! Help! Mum... Dad... Maggie?

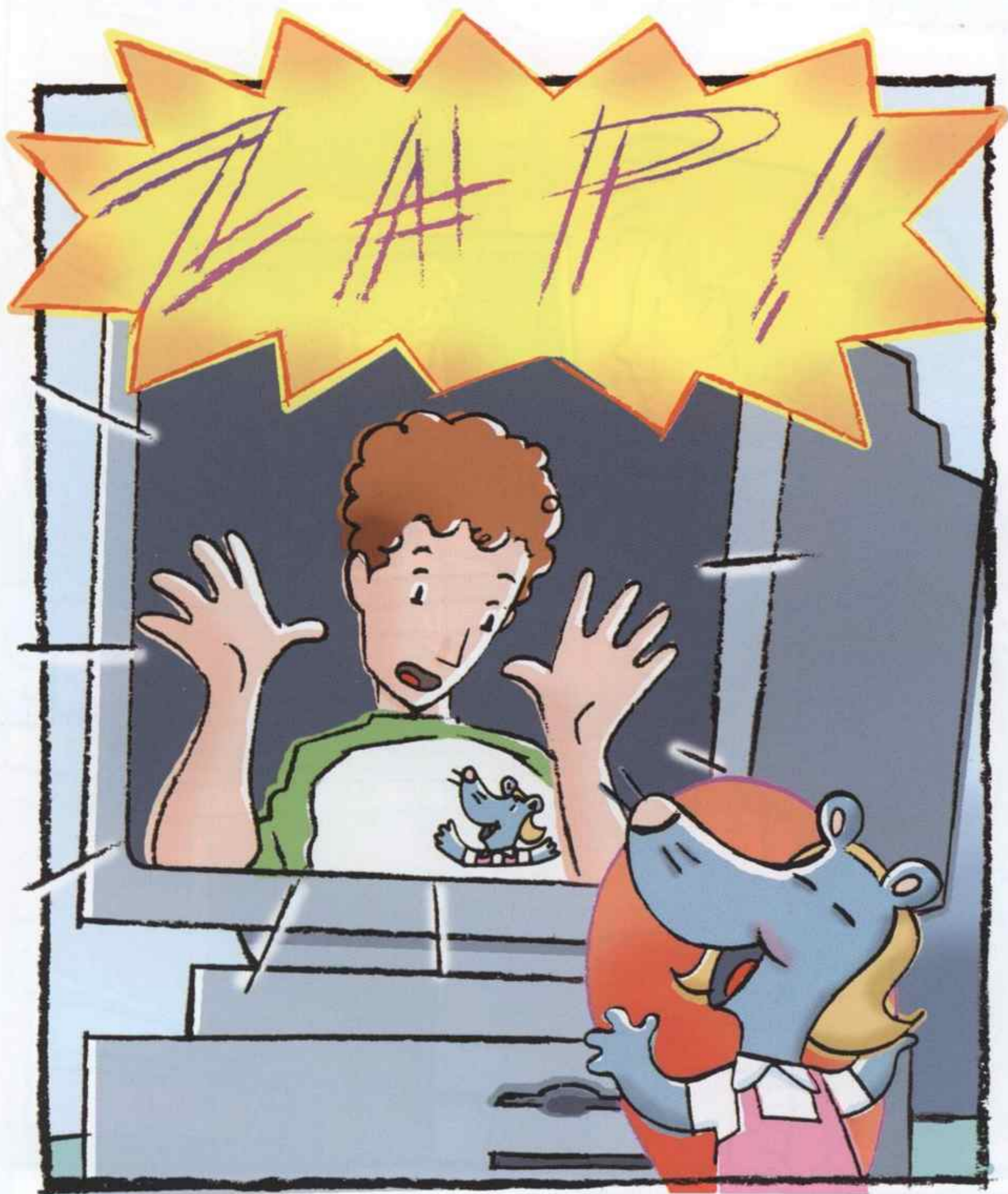
Maggie: Hey Marco, I'm here. I'm in your pocket.
Quick! What colour's a London taxi?

Marco: Erm... is it white?

Maggie: Wrong!

Marco: Oh dear! Is it black?

Maggie: Right!



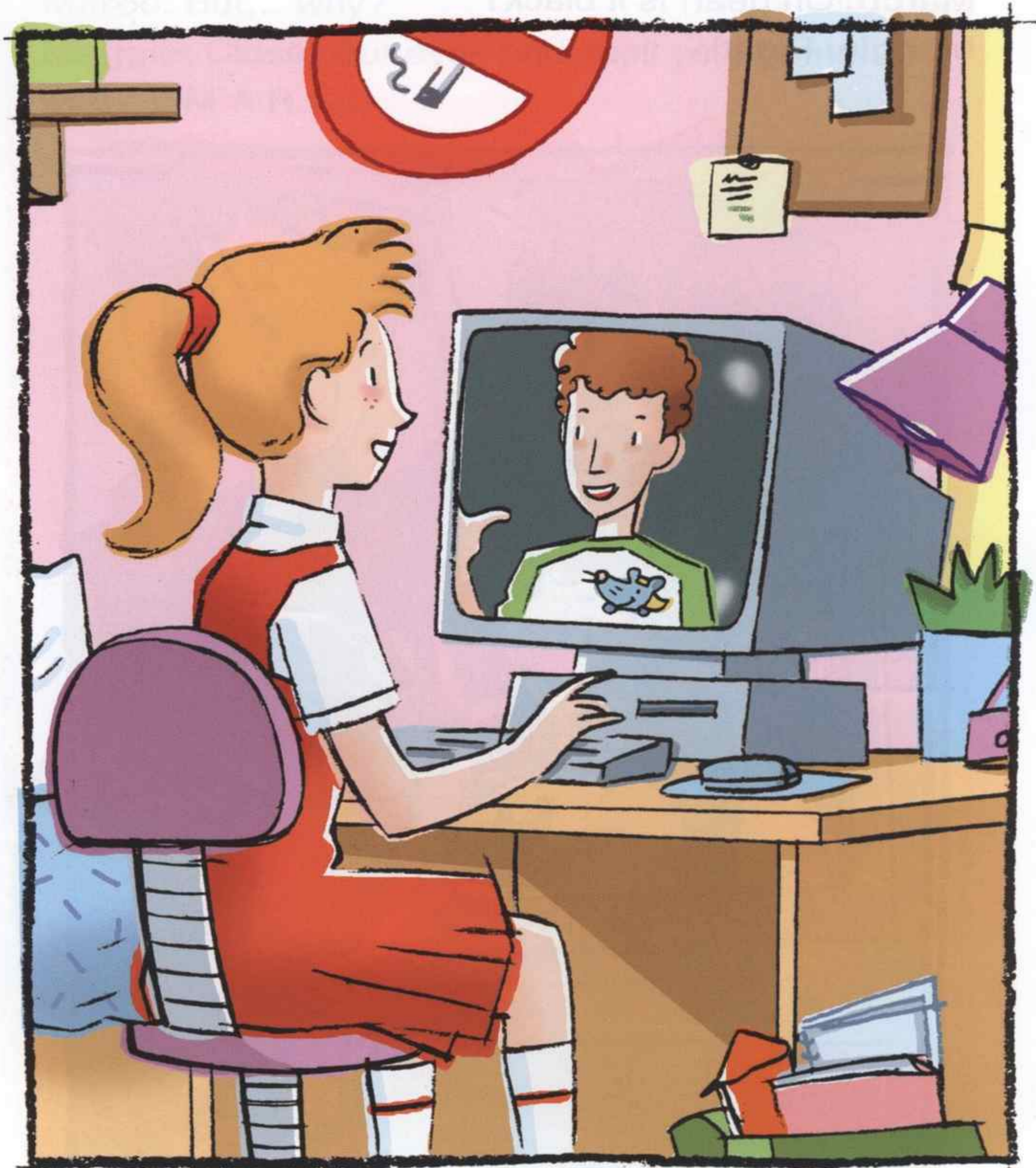
Marco: Hey Kate... it's me, Marco!

Kate: Marco, from Italy? On the computer!?

Marco: Quick! Type your name and surname!

Kate: OK. K.A.T.E. J.O.N.E.S.

Marco: And your address.



Kate: Wow Marco! You're here! You're in my bedroom!

Marco: Yes. Look it's me!

Kate: Oh! What's that in your pocket?

Marco: This is Maggie. She's my computer mouse.
She's magic!

Cat: Hissss!

Maggie: Squeak, squeak!

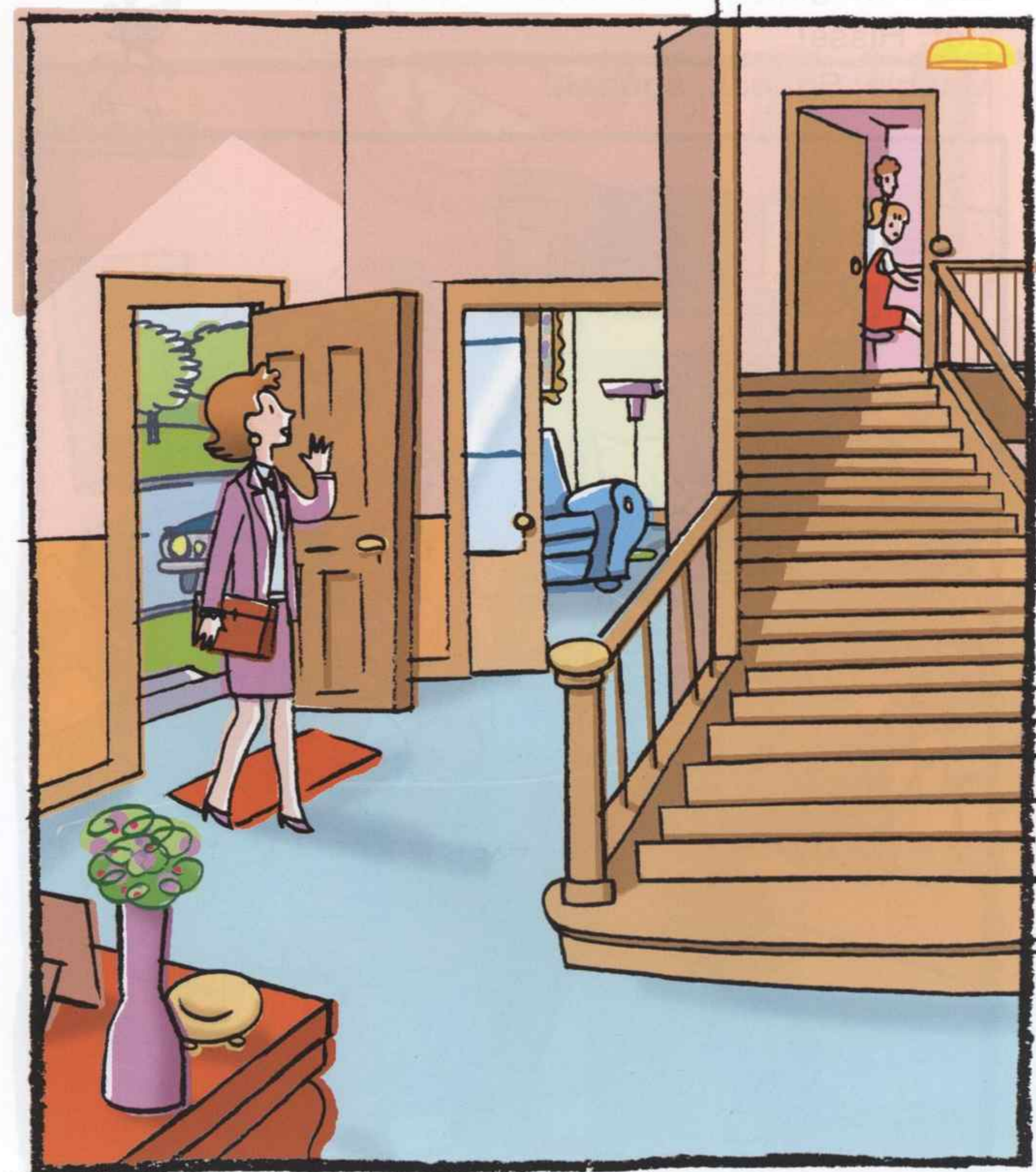


Mum: Kate! Hurry up! It's time for school.

Kate: Come on, Marco! Let's go to school!

Marco: School? What day is it?

Kate: Monday, of course! Let's go! It's late.

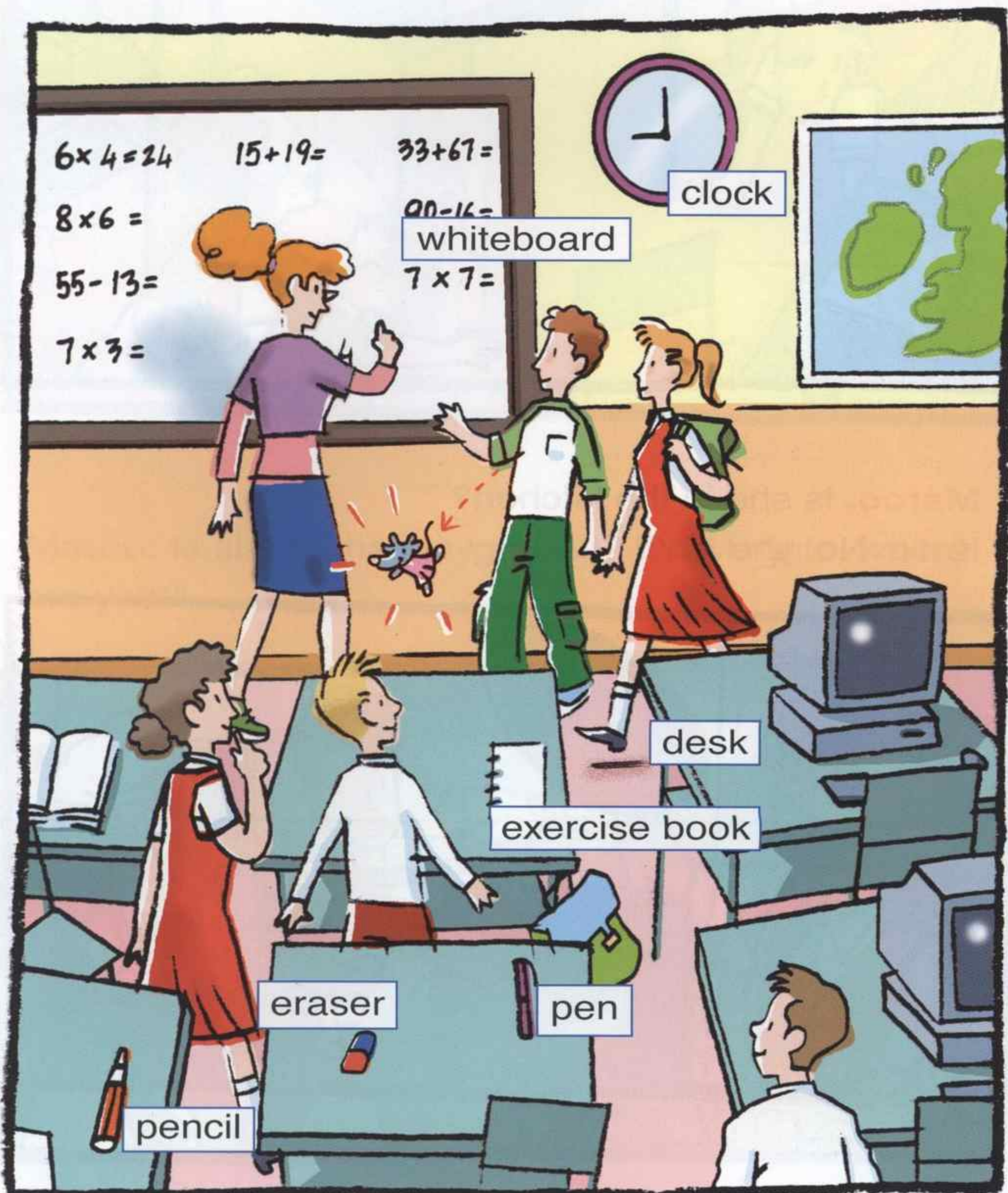


Kate: What's $15+19$ Marco?

Marco: Erm... I don't know. Thirty three?
No, thirty four!

Kate: Erm... let's see. Yes, that's right!

Marco: Oh no, Kate! Where's Maggie?



Marco: Is she under the desks?

Kate: No, she isn't!



Marco: Is she in the kitchen?

Kate: No, she isn't!



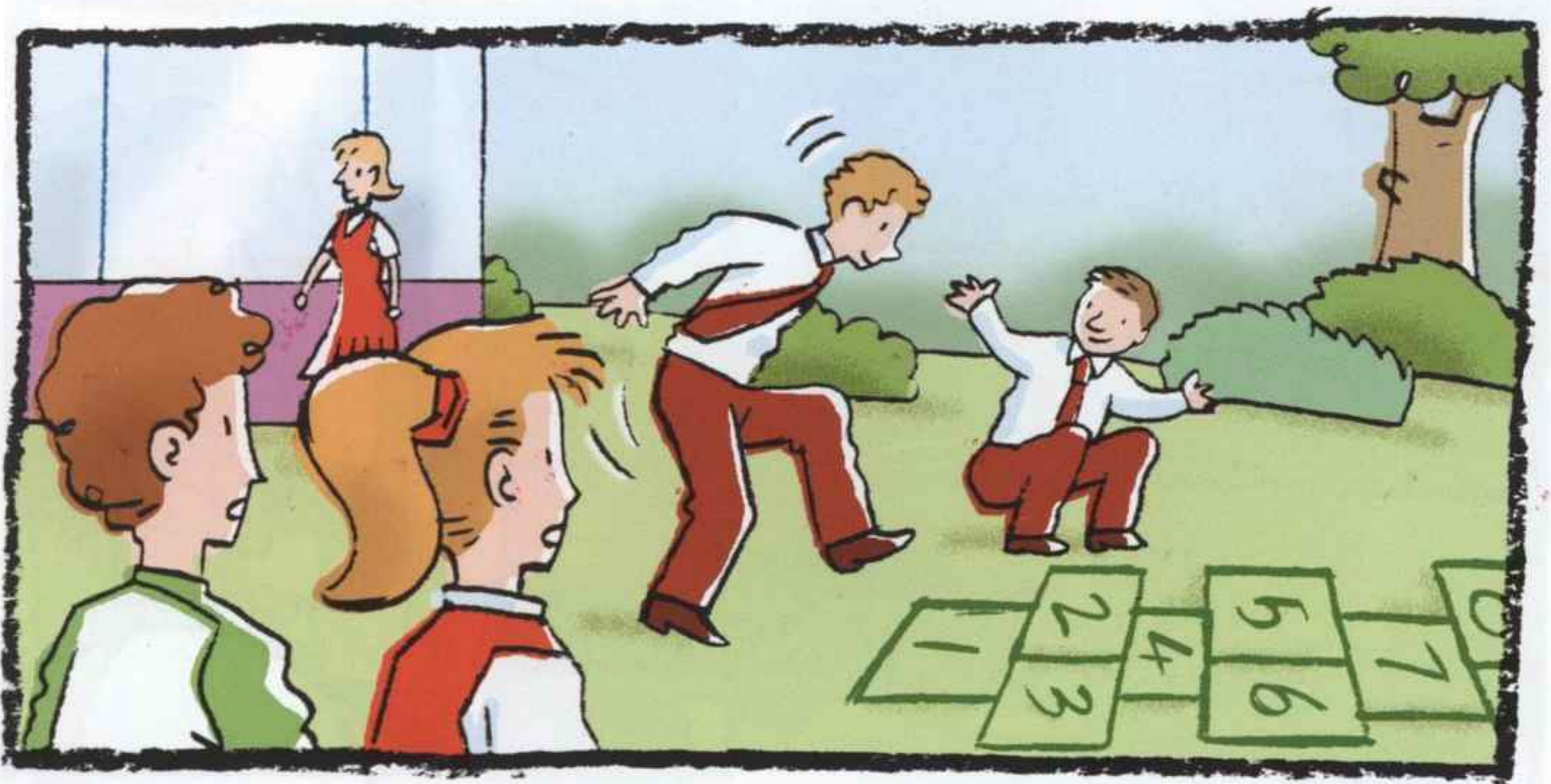
Kate: Where is she?

Marco: Is she in the toilets?

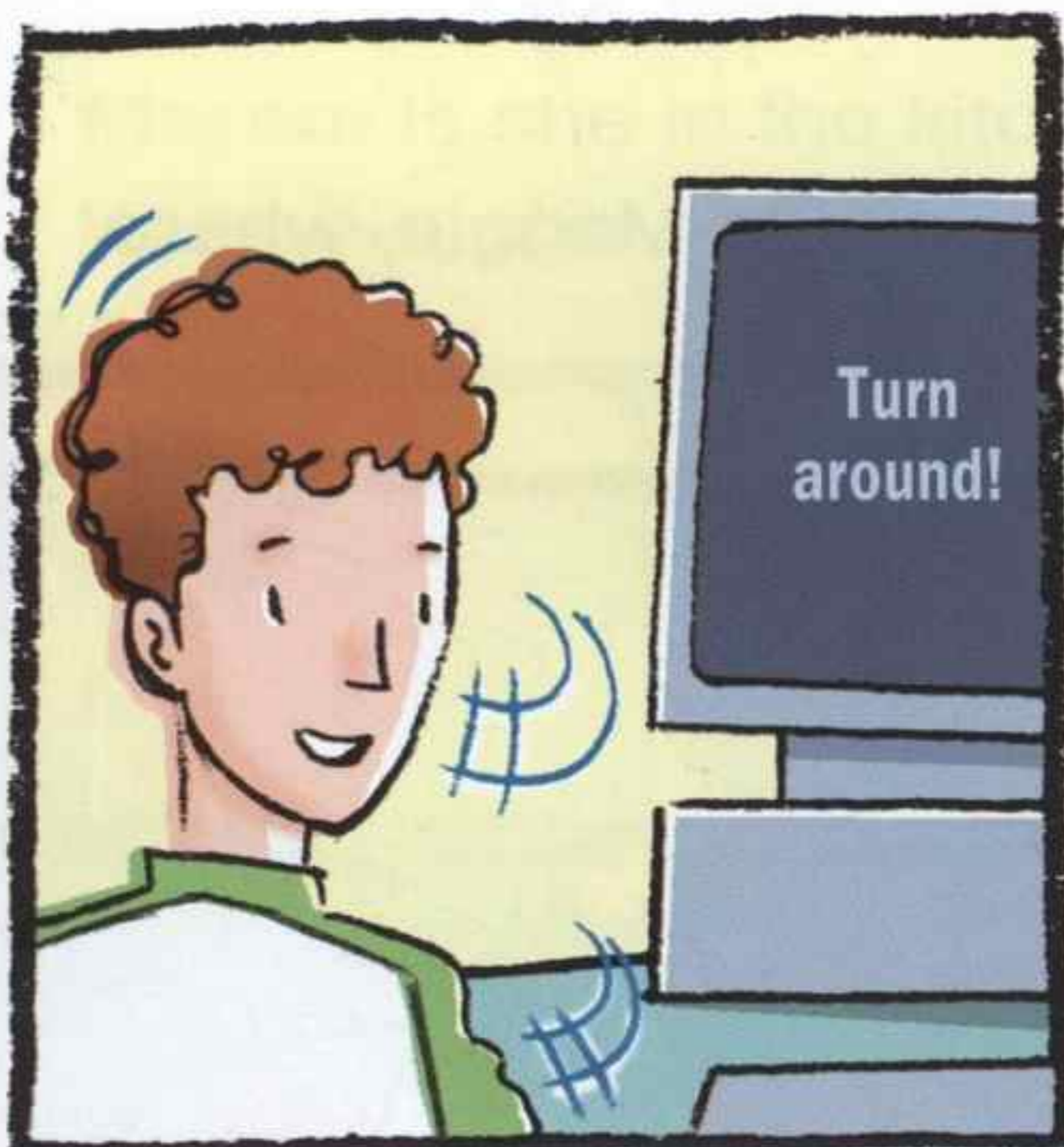
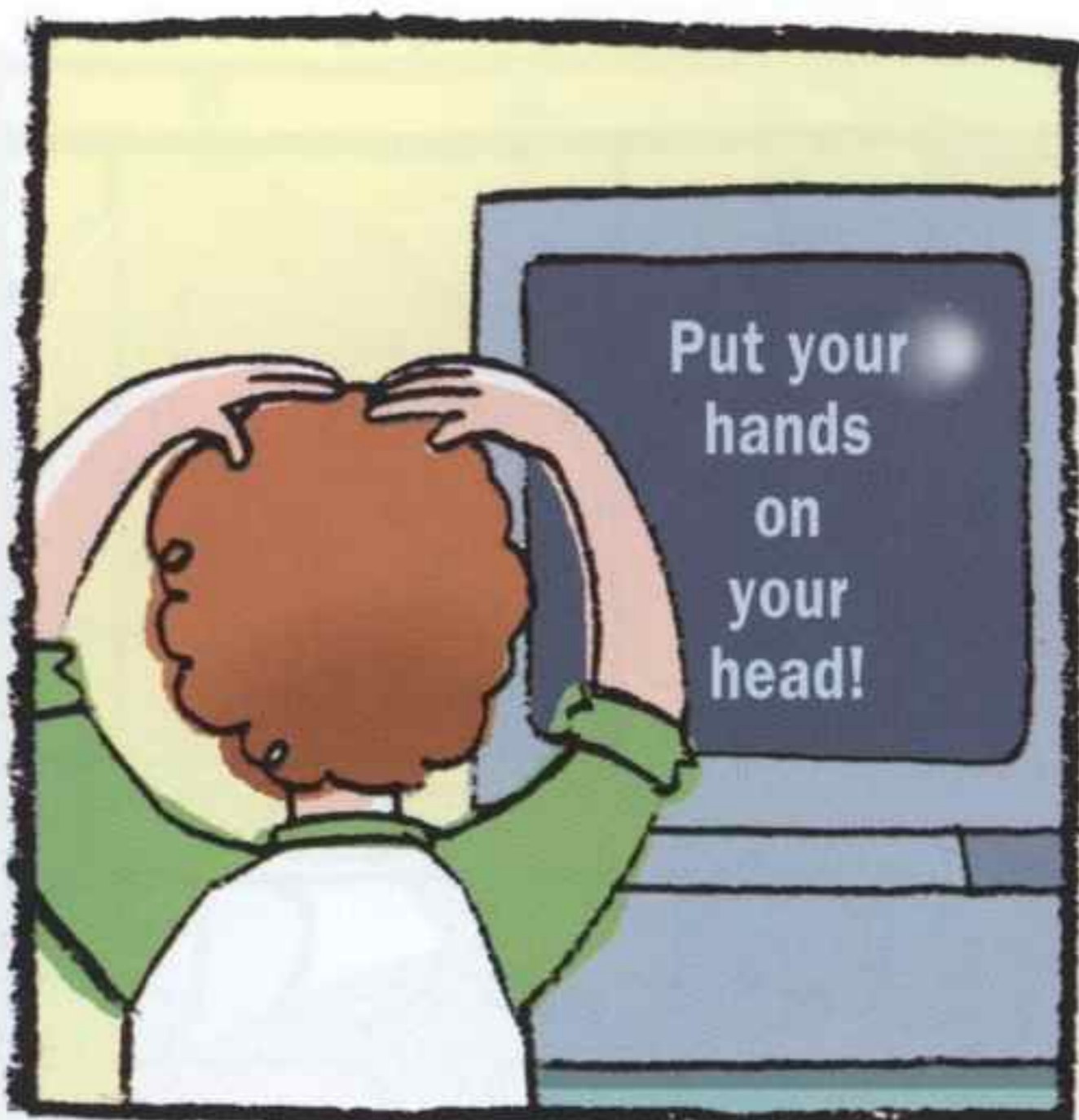
Kate: No, she isn't!



Marco: Is she in the playground? Oh Maggie, where are you?



Marco: Are you in the computer Maggie?
Oh! The computer is ordering me to do things!



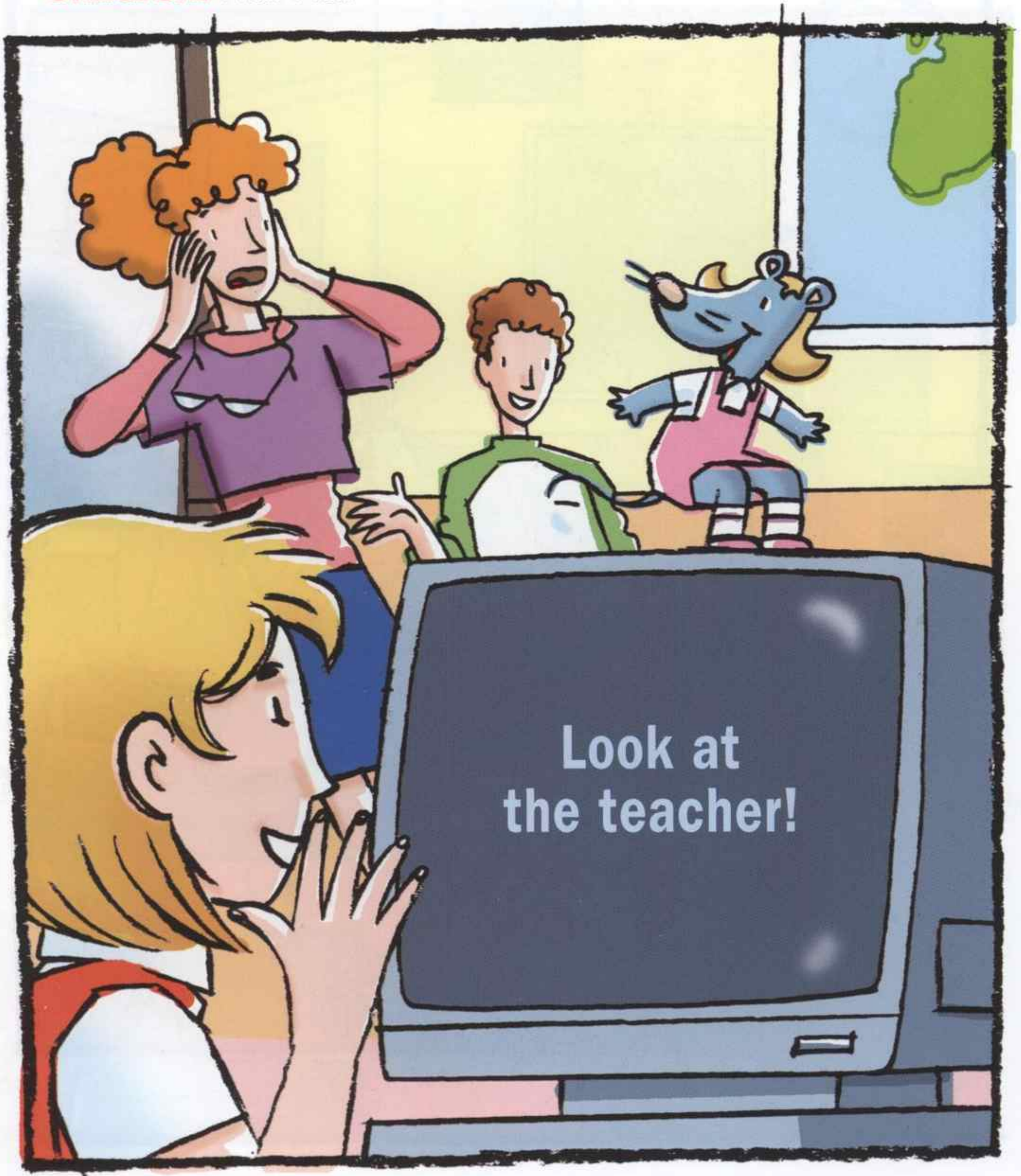
Teacher: Argh! There's a mouse on the computer!

Marco: Ah, there you are Maggie. Maggie is my mouse!

Children: Your mouse?

Marco: Yes, she's from a computer!

Children: Ha! Ha!



Teacher: Oh, look at the time. It's four o'clock!

Kate: Bye, Miss. See you tomorrow.

Teacher: Bye, Kate. Bye, Marco.



Maggie: I don't like cats. Come on Marco. Let's go home to Italy!

Marco: Wait a minute. Let's finish the computer game.

Kate: Yes, let's finish it!

Maggie: Oh come on, please! Let's go!



Marco: Bye, Kate.

Kate: Bye, Marco. Here's a photo of us at school.
Please write.

Marco: OK.



Maggie: Close your eyes, Marco. Now spell Italy.

Marco: I.T.A.L.Y.



Now you spell Italy!

Maggie: Close your eyes and count from ten to one.

Marco: Ten, nine, eight...



Now you count from ten to one!

Marco: I'm home! Where are you Maggie?
Are you in my pocket? Are you in the computer?



Maggie: Squeak, squeak!

Marco: Oh, there you are! But you're not Maggie!
You're just a computer mouse!



Maggie: No, I'm not. I'm Maggie, the magic computer mouse! Let's write to Kate!



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