



## Pictures

1. Osserva le illustrazioni di questo capitolo e scegli la didascalia più adatta per ciascuna.

- 1) Swami has great fun at school.
- 2) Swami: the best student in the class!
- 3) Swami's in trouble.
- 4) Swami's homework is very bad.
- 5) Swami gets his teacher into trouble.

## Words

2. Risolvendo i seguenti anagrammi troverai il nome di cinque materie scolastiche.

- 1) SMATH \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) SHINÇLE \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) PHOÇEAGRY \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) NILRÇEIO \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) ROTISHY \_\_\_\_\_

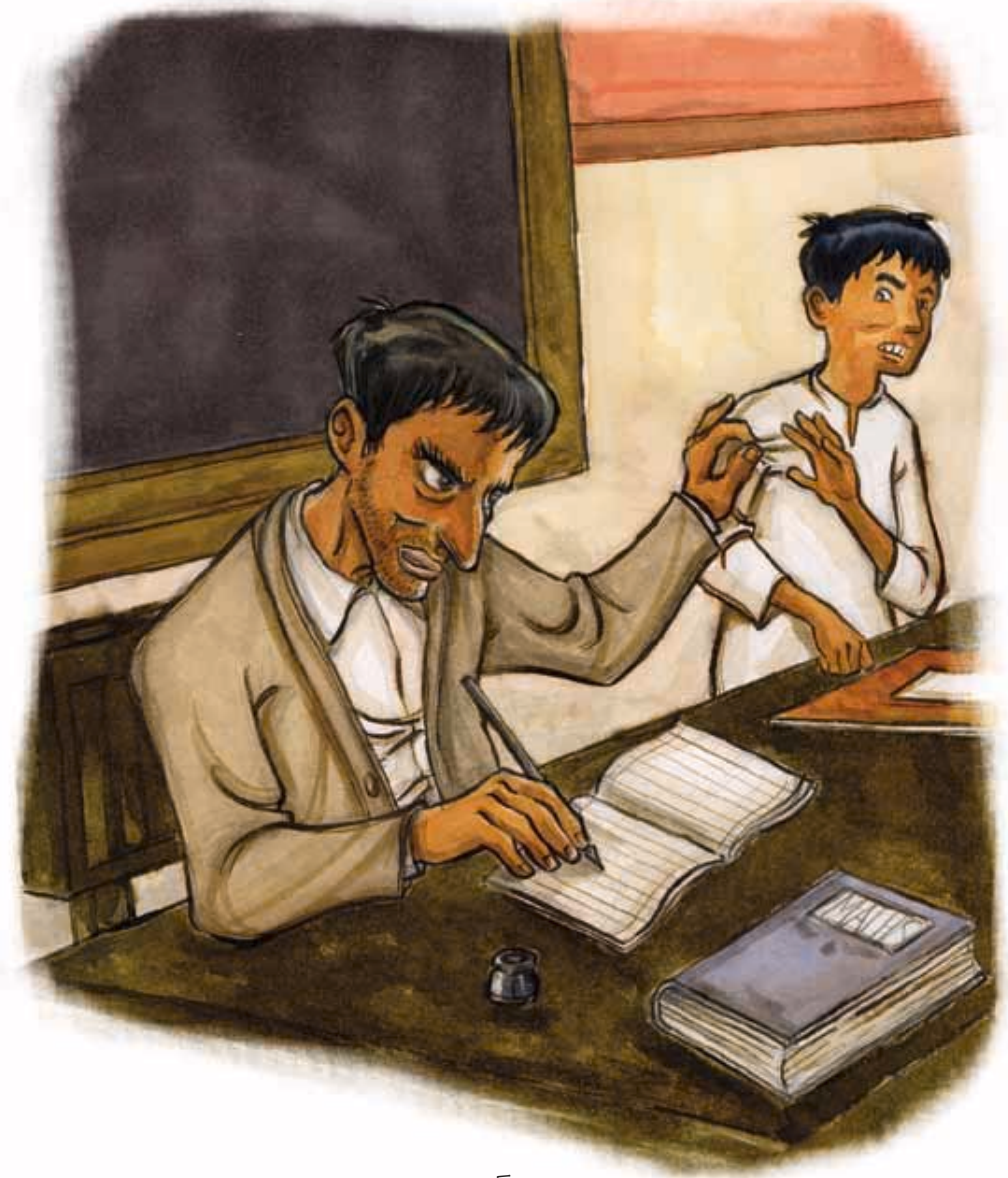
## CHAPTER 1

# The Letter

It was Monday morning. Swami was particularly reluctant at the idea of getting up and going to school. He still had his Maths, English and Geography homework to do.

Two hours later, he was standing at his Maths teacher's desk. Mr Vedanayagam was writing 'very bad' at the bottom of Swami's homework and pinching his arm viciously. Then he threw his exercise book back in Swami's face and told him to go and sit down.

Luckily, the next lesson was History. The History teacher, Mr Pillai, was kind and always cheerful while telling the class stories of battles and wars. However the fun was soon over and then Mr Ebenezar took over the class for his lesson – Religion. Unfortunately, Ebenezar was a fanatic. Tears rolled down his cheeks when he spoke about the Christian religion and those same cheeks became red with rage at any reference to the Hindu religion. Swami, who was getting tired of Ebenezar's insinuations, suddenly stood up and asked: "If Jesus was a God, why was he crucified? Why did he eat flesh and fish and drink wine?" Ebenezar's answer to his question was to go up to Swami and try to pull his left ear off!





# The Letter

## Check your comprehension

3. Queste affermazioni sono vere o false? Segna T (true) o F (false).

- |  | T                        | F                        |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1) Swami liked Mondays.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2) Mr Vedanayagam was a kind teacher.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3) Ebenezar taught religious instruction.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4) Swami's father wrote a letter to Mr Ebenezar.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5) Swami was afraid of the headmaster.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6) Swami has lots of friends at school.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7) Samuel was called 'The Pea' because he was so fat.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8) The headmaster told Swami to tell him, instead of his father, if there were any problems at school. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Ora riscrivi le affermazioni false in modo corretto.

## Words

4. Collega la forma base dei seguenti verbi (1-8) al loro passato (a-h).

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|-----------|------------|
| 1) throw  | a) told    |
| 2) tell   | b) became  |
| 3) take   | c) rolled  |
| 4) roll   | d) replied |
| 5) become | e) threw   |
| 6) try    | f) closed  |
| 7) reply  | g) tried   |
| 8) close  | h) took    |

5. Completa le seguenti frasi usando alcuni verbi dell'esercizio 4.

- 1) Mr Vedanayagam \_\_\_\_\_ Swami's book in his face.
- 2) When Ebenezar spoke about religion tears \_\_\_\_\_ down his cheeks.
- 3) Ebenezar \_\_\_\_\_ to pull Swami's left ear off.
- 4) Swami \_\_\_\_\_ the door with a huge sigh of relief.

6. Completa le seguenti frasi con i nomi delle parti del corpo menzionate nel capitolo 1.

- 1) Tears rolled down Ebenezar's \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2) Ebenezar tried to pull Swami's left \_\_\_\_\_ off.
- 3) Vedanayagam got great pleasure in pinching Swami's \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4) He then threw his exercise book back in his \_\_\_\_\_.

## Language

### PAST CONTINUOUS

Mr Vedanayagam *was writing* 'very bad' on Swami's homework and *pinching* his arm viciously.

7. Completa le frasi con il passato progressivo dei seguenti verbi.

get tired    wait    do    stand    study

- 1) Two hours later Swami \_\_\_\_\_ at his Maths teacher's desk.
- 2) Swami who, \_\_\_\_\_ of Ebenezar's insinuations, stood up.
- 3) Swami's friends \_\_\_\_\_ anxiously outside for him.
- 4) The boys \_\_\_\_\_ still \_\_\_\_\_ Christ's Nativity.
- 5) Ebenezar said they \_\_\_\_\_ a bit of revision.