

# Stanley and the Strange Red Button

Stanley Small slumped his head onto the jigsaw and sighed. He was sooooo bored. He closed his eyes and listened to the rain pitter-patter on the window and wondered if it was ever going to stop. Why-o-why did his parents send him off to stay with his boring Uncle Sven and boring Aunt Maude for the whole summer holidays? It wasn't fair! They'd given him this 2000-piece flower-jigsaw to do and it was driving him insane! He wanted adventure, not mind-numbing boredom! "Uuughhh!" he moaned loudly. For the first time in his life, Stanley Small wished he was back at school.

"Stanley, sit up straight!"

He opened one eye and peered up. Boring Aunt Maude stared back. "Now, Stanley," she said in her annoying squeaky voice. "Uncle Sven and I are popping out to walk around some gardens. While we're gone please remember the house rules. No television, food or those ghastly computer games, understand?"

"Yes, Aunt Maude," Stanley said, rolling his eyes.

"One more thing," Uncle Sven added, waddling in to the room. "Under no circumstances are you to enter my study. It's completely off-limits and highly dangerous, is that quite clear?"

Stanley's eyes widened. "Er, yes, of course, Uncle Sven," he said. "Have a lovely time!"

As soon as they had closed the front door, Stanley raced upstairs. "Dangerous?" he said to himself as he turned the handle to his uncle's study. "How exciting..." He slowly opened the door and peered inside. Dusty books hung from high shelves, whilst the floor was littered with sheets of paper. At the end of the room, in the middle of a messy desk, was a strange red button. Stanley walked over and looked at it. The words 'DO NOT PRESS' were written on top. He smiled, wondering what it did. He slowly looked from left to right, then took a deep breath. Closing his eyes, and with his heart beating fast, Stanley Small then reached forward and pushed the red button!

Suddenly, there was a flash of red light and Stanley began to feel rather strange. "Waaagh!" he yelped as he shrunk to the size of an ant!

He looked around. The carpet was like a jungle. How on earth am I going to get out of this one? he thought to himself...



1. Why did Stanley wish he was back at school?

2. Why do you think Stanley's eyes widened when Uncle Sven told him his study was highly dangerous?

3. What happened when Stanley pressed the red button?

## Mental maths and fluency

### Section 4

Write what one tenth less would be:

$$1.2 = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$$

$$4.8 = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$$

### Section 5

What is the value of the underlined numbers?

$$9\textbf{8}61 = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$$

$$21\textbf{2}1 = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$$

$$1\textbf{3}246 = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$$

### Section 6

Complete these calculations:

$$\boxed{\phantom{00}} + 50 = 120$$

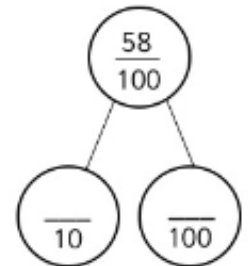
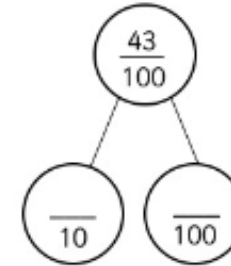
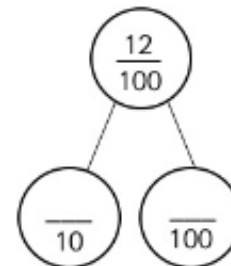
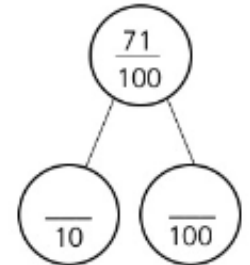
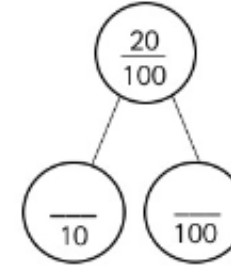
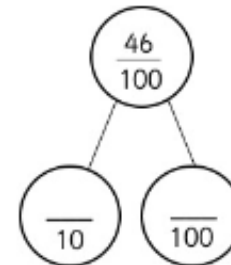
$$\boxed{\phantom{00}} - 14 = 577$$

$$\boxed{\phantom{00}} + 8 = 753$$

$$\boxed{\phantom{00}} - 67 = 67$$

## Maths—

Partition the hundredths into tenths and hundredths.



Pick a challenge to complete this week.

**Geography**

Edible plate tectonics!

Earthquakes happen most commonly at plate boundaries. With three sandwich biscuits, gently remove the top biscuit, snap it in half and place back on top of the filling. Can you create the types of plate boundaries (constructive, destructive, and conservative) by moving the top biscuits in a similar way to the tectonic plates? What do you notice about how easy it is to move the biscuit 'plates' over the filling (mantle)?

**DT**

Textile Hunt

We would like you to investigate and explore your home, making a list of as many different materials and textiles as you can.

**Science**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z6wwxb/articles/zp4w8hv#z4qgg7h>

Using this link we would like you to explore how your local environment is changing.

**French**

Imagine you are spending your summer holidays in France.

You are in a caf .

What will you order?

Create a list in French.

**RE**

Could you find a traditional Jewish recipe for Challah bread?

**Challah**

Challah bread is made before Shabbat so that it is ready to be eaten on the day. These loaves are round but they would often be plaited in an oval shape. They can have sweet or savoury flavours added to the dough, or they can be left plain.

**PE**

Research a famous cricketer, why are they famous? Do they have any special skills? How did they become a cricket player?



Year 4's  
Home Learning

Homework due back on  
21.05.25