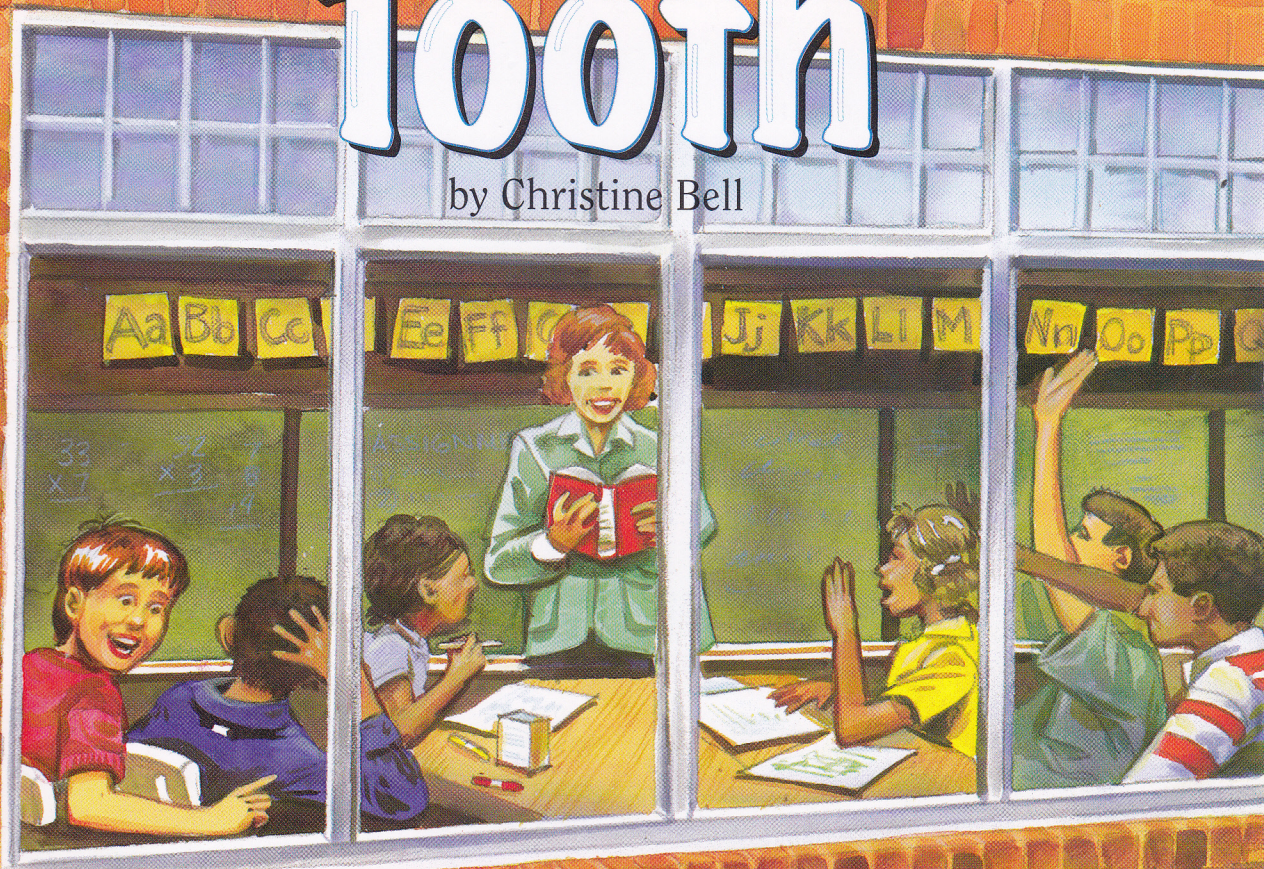


Jinx's Tooth

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Jinx was a joyful puppy. He loved to run and tumble and sniff flowers. But he did not like being alone. So every day, Jinx went to school.

Jinx sat outside the window of the first-grade classroom. When the children laughed, Jinx barked. When the children sang, Jinx howled. Jinx wished he could be a child.

One day, Jinx saw a tooth fall out of a little girl's mouth. The girl showed it to the teacher. The teacher put the tooth in a little box.

The next day a boy's tooth fell out. Jinx found a box in the trash. Jinx would take the box to school.



COMPREHENSION

A Read each question. Write *a* or *b*.

- 1 What is this story really about?
 - a A puppy that wishes he were a child
 - b A puppy that likes to sing
- 2 What did Jinx want?
 - a He wanted to lose a tooth.
 - b He wanted to be like the first graders.
- 3 How did Jinx know to put the boy's tooth in a box?
 - a He saw it done at school.
 - b He thought of it on his own.
- 4 How are the boy and the girl alike?
 - a They both lose teeth.
 - b They both like to laugh.
- 5 What will Jinx most likely do the next day?
 - a Bury his box
 - b Go to school

LEARN ABOUT WORDS

B

p + ill = pill

Look at each row of letters. Add one letter or group of letters from each row to *ill* to make a word. Then write the word below.

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|----|------|------|-----|
| 1. | b, | u, | o |
| 2. | f, | e, | c |
| 3. | j, | h, | x |
| 4. | r, | w, | i |
| 5. | d-r, | c-r, | t-r |

+ ill

LEARN ABOUT WORDS (continued)

C Read the words you wrote. Which one best fits in each sentence? Write the word.

- 6 Jinx climbed the _____ to the school.
- 7 Jinx watched the class practice a fire _____.
- 8 Jinx _____ never become a child.
- 9 Jinx will _____ the hole with dirt.
- 10 Jinx found a one-dollar _____ next to the school.

THINK ABOUT IT

D Day and say end the same way. They rhyme.

Read each pair of sentences. Which word in () rhymes with the underlined word? Write the word.

- 1 Jinx liked the children all right.
He thought about them all (day, night).
- 2 Jinx was sometimes sad.
Going to school made him (glad, smile).
- 3 Jinx saw the bus and ran.
He said to himself, "I think I (will, can)."
- 4 Jinx liked to hear the children sing.
He also liked to hear the bell (ring, sound).
- 5 Jinx loved the girls and boys.
He would play with them on the playground (slides, toys).