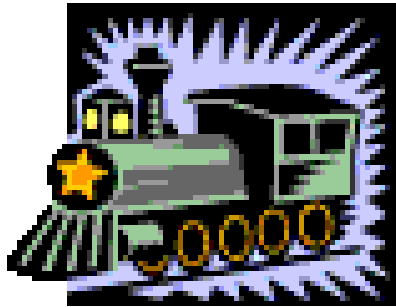


**The
Little Black
Engine
and other stories**



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A very nice chapter book

Hello, chuff, chuff.
Hope you enjoy it.

Chuff, chuff, bye!



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I. The Little Black Engine's birthday

It was the Little Black Engine's birthday. The Little Black Engine had a lost seat. He was very sad.

He counted his presents. One was an extra funnel. The other was a new seat. He was really pleased.

And then the guard blew the whistle but the train wouldn't go. The driver suddenly saw



there was no coal so he walked to the engine shed and brought buckets and buckets of coal.

Then the train went chug, chug, whoooo, whooo, chug, chug, chuff, chuff, chuffa chuff, whoo, whooo.

Then he slowed into the buffers at Mallaig station. All the passengers got off, but to the drivers' surprise another group of passengers got on, which didn't usually happen. So he went chug-a-chug, chug, chug, whoo, whoo, chug-a-chug, chug-a chug, whoo, whoo and arrived back at Fort William.

2. Buckets of coal

One day Little Black Engine's driver went and got buckets and buckets of coal from the engine shed. And when he climbed up the ladder to empty his buckets he saw that there was plenty in already, but he put it in anyway.

He went very, very fast along the track because the driver kept putting so much coal



into his fire.
There was so
much steam so
you couldn't see
the engine.



The train wouldn't stop at Mallaig because
it had too much coal in its engine.

The buffers were pushing back and the
train was pushing forward and suddenly
Little Black Engine's driver saw where they
were and stopped bailing coal into the fire.

“Phew!” said little Black Engine as he let
off steam and stopped.

Little Black Engine had seen where they
were but his driver hadn't. He'd been
trying to say to his driver “Stop! Jam on
the brakes!” but he couldn't because the
buffers were pushing him.

The guard opened all the doors and the people were holding onto poles. But as soon as the driver stopped bailing coal into the fire all of the doors slammed shut. The guard walked along the train and found that all the doors had slammed shut – every single door on the train. And then the guard opened all the doors and the people got out. They tried to catch the boat but the boat had already left because it had taken too much time when the train was fighting with the buffers.

The end.

Bye bye, chuff, chuff.

3. The Little Black Engine has no coal

One day, Little Black Engine's driver climbed up the ladder to look to see if there was plenty of coal in the coal truck. There was none there!

He fell into the coal truck. Then the guard saw him and moved the ladder in the coal truck, and Little Black Engine's driver did monkey bars along the ladder until the guard lifted him down onto the platform.

There was no coal in the engine shed nor in the coal delivery centre. The diggers were trying to dig coal up on the beach but they couldn't find any. Then a digger found one bit of coal, but one bit of coal wouldn't do for a train, would it? It would only go chuff and then stop.

After a lot of digging the diggers managed to find plenty of coal on the beach and

they put it all in the truck and then they went brmm, brmm to the station and dumped the coal in the coal buckets in the engine shed. Little Black Engine's driver carried them to the engine and then dumped them in and then the coal truck was full.

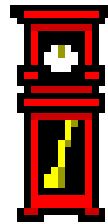
Little Black Engine felt great and smiling. He would be able to get to Mallaig now.

The end.

Chuff, chuff Bye bye.

The pendulum was missing from the clock

The pendulum was missing from the clock. It went in the lampshade. No-one put it there. It was just there, in the lampshade. But really someone had put it there, they just kept it a secret. They never gave the secret away.



The clock stopped. They didn't know what to do.

Didn't know if it was breakfast time
Didn't know if it was lunch time
Didn't know if it was time to go to bed
Didn't know if it was bath time
Didn't know if it was time for elevensies
Didn't know if it was time to get up
Didn't know if it was night time – it was winter so they couldn't just tell by when it got dark. It was dark all the time.

But then someone looked up at the lampshade and said, “What’s that?” And then afterwards they got a ladder, looked inside and there they saw the pendulum for the clock.

They put it back on the clock. The clock didn’t work. But after they gave it a bang or two, it worked.

Tick, tock, tick, tock, tick tock, tick, tock.

The end

JOKES:

Q: What do you do when a pendulum goes missing from a clock?

A: Be sure to always look in the lampshade!

What would we do if there wasn't a number 10 on the clock?

Well the beginning of the story is, there once was a clock which didn't have a number 10 on it. So they went out hunting for the number 10. Couldn't find it anywhere. They searched over every country, and every place in every country, but they couldn't find it, even at the very bottom of the sea.



They didn't know when bath-time was. Is your bath-time at 10 O'clock? They didn't know when 10 O'clock was. They didn't know when it was time for tenses instead of elevenses.

So they wondered what to do, and they had a good idea – they could draw the number 10 on it.

The end

SONGS

The hands on the clock

(To the tune of the wheels on the bus)

Ready steady, go!

The hands on the clock go round and round
Round and round, round and round.
The hands on the clock go round and round
All day long.

The hands on the clock show the numbers on the clock
The hands on the clock show the numbers on the clock
The hands on the clock show the numbers on the clock
All day long

The numbers on the clock tell the time on the clock
The numbers on the clock tell the time on the clock
The numbers on the clock tell the time on the clock
All day long.

Everything happens all day, all day
Everything happens all day, all day
Everything happens all day, all day
All day long

The end

JOKES

Q What does a steam engine do when it's got a flat battery?

A Either get some more coal on board, or do the same as a car – Ha Ha HA!

RECIPES

Clock Cake

Just make a chocolate cake and then ice a clock on it. Very simple.

The end

Bye bye!

10

dring
dring
ding
ding



10



Help! I've lost my number 10!



Hold on to
your number 10!



It's very rare...

Number 10s don't usually go missing on
clocks