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How many animals can you see? What are they?

Once upon a time, hundreds of years ago, the little town of Hamelin in Germany was full of rats.





The rats were everywhere – in the streets, in the shops, in the houses – inside and outside. They looked for food everywhere, and they jumped out of everything. Every time someone opened a cupboard, a box or a pot, a rat jumped out. “Aaaargh! Shoo! Shoo! You dirty little things! Get out of my house!” “Eeeeeek! Leave my biscuits alone, you thieves!”



What was the problem in Hamelin?

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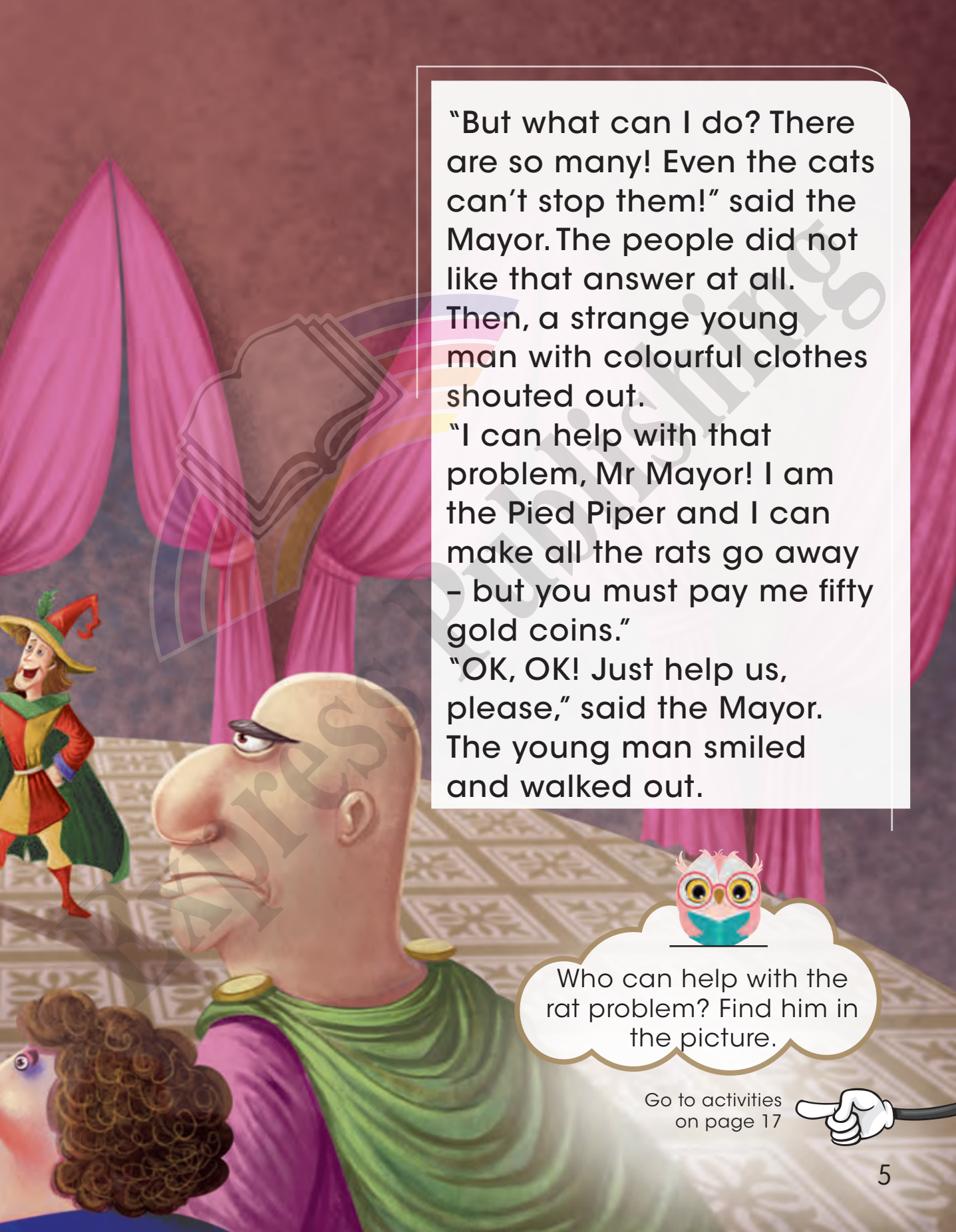


Where are these people?

The people of Hamelin were very angry and wanted the Mayor to do something.

"The rats are destroying everything, my lord - our food, our clothes, our houses! You must save us from them!"





"But what can I do? There are so many! Even the cats can't stop them!" said the Mayor. The people did not like that answer at all. Then, a strange young man with colourful clothes shouted out.

"I can help with that problem, Mr Mayor! I am the Pied Piper and I can make all the rats go away – but you must pay me fifty gold coins."

"OK, OK! Just help us, please," said the Mayor. The young man smiled and walked out.



Who can help with the rat problem? Find him in the picture.

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ACTIVITIES

for pages 2-3



1 Listen and say.



hundreds



town



rat



outside

inside



look for



dirty

clean



get out



thief / thieves

2 Look and choose.



1

outside / inside



2

dirty / clean



3

look for / get out



4

thieves / rats

3 Look and draw lines to make sentences.



1

The cat •

• are •

• dirty.



2

The children •

• is playing •

• for food.



3

The clothes •

• is looking •

• outside.






4

The rat •

• are walking •

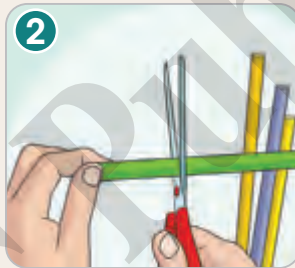
• inside.

You need:

- ☐ 6 large drinking straws 
- ☐  one A4 sheet of coloured card
- ☐ scissors 
- ☐  double-sided sticky tape



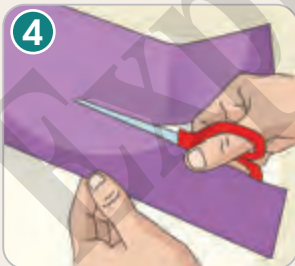
Choose the straws you want. Each straw will make a different sound.



Cut the straws so that each straw is shorter than the next one.



Stick the straws together by wrapping double-sided sticky tape around them.



Cut a strip of coloured card, twice as long as all of your straws together.



Wrap it around the straws, on top of the tape.



Place the straws to your mouth. Blow across the tops to play the pipes and make music.