

Billy loves the old sweet shop. But who is living there now?
It's the Giraffe, the Pelican and the Monkey! The animals are
window cleaners. But then, they see a burglar in a window.
How can they stop him?

Penguin Readers is a series of popular classics, exciting contemporary fiction and
thought-provoking non-fiction, written for learners of English as a foreign language.
The series is aligned to the Common European Framework of Reference for
Languages and includes language activities that help develop key skills.

ROALD DAHL

A Penguin Readers series of your favourite
Roald Dahl characters and stories!

	CEFR level	Story word count	Headwords
1	A1	1,000–2,000	550
2	A1+	3,000–4,000	700
3	A2	5,000–7,000	1,000
4	A2+	8,000–10,000	1,200

Lexile measure 490L

U.K. £7.99 CAN. \$16.99

ISBN 978-0-241-61107-4



6 1 6 9 9




www.penguinreaders.co.uk

Available online:



THE GIRAFFE AND THE PELLY AND ME



Illustrated by Quentin Blake

ROALD DAHL

ROALD DAHL

Penguin  Readers

THE GIRAFFE AND THE PELLEY AND ME

Illustrated by Quentin Blake

LEVEL

1

This book has been simplified for English Language Learners
by Hannah Fish
Series Editor: Madeleine Burgess

CONTENTS

About Roald Dahl and Quentin Blake 8

About this story 8

Meet ... 9

Chapter 1 The old sweet shop 13

Chapter 2 The Duke 22

Chapter 3 The window cleaners 34

Chapter 4 The burglar 44

Chapter 5 A new home 54

Chapter 6 Billy's sweet shop 64

Talk about ... 74

Project! 76

ABOUT ROALD DAHL AND QUENTIN BLAKE



Roald Dahl was a children's writer, and many of his stories are very famous across the world. Do you know any Roald Dahl books?



Quentin Blake drew pictures for Roald Dahl's stories. Do you like the pictures in this book? Which is your favourite picture?

About this story

In this story, Billy meets three animals. They are a giraffe, a pelican and a monkey. Giraffes are very big animals, and they live in Africa. Pelicans are birds, and they often live near the sea. There are lots of different monkeys in the world. Sometimes they live in trees.

MEET ...



Billy



The Monkey



Pelly the
Pelican



The Giraffe



The Duke



The Duchess

Chapter 1
NEW WORDS



tall (adj.)



a ladder (n.)



fly (flew) (v.)



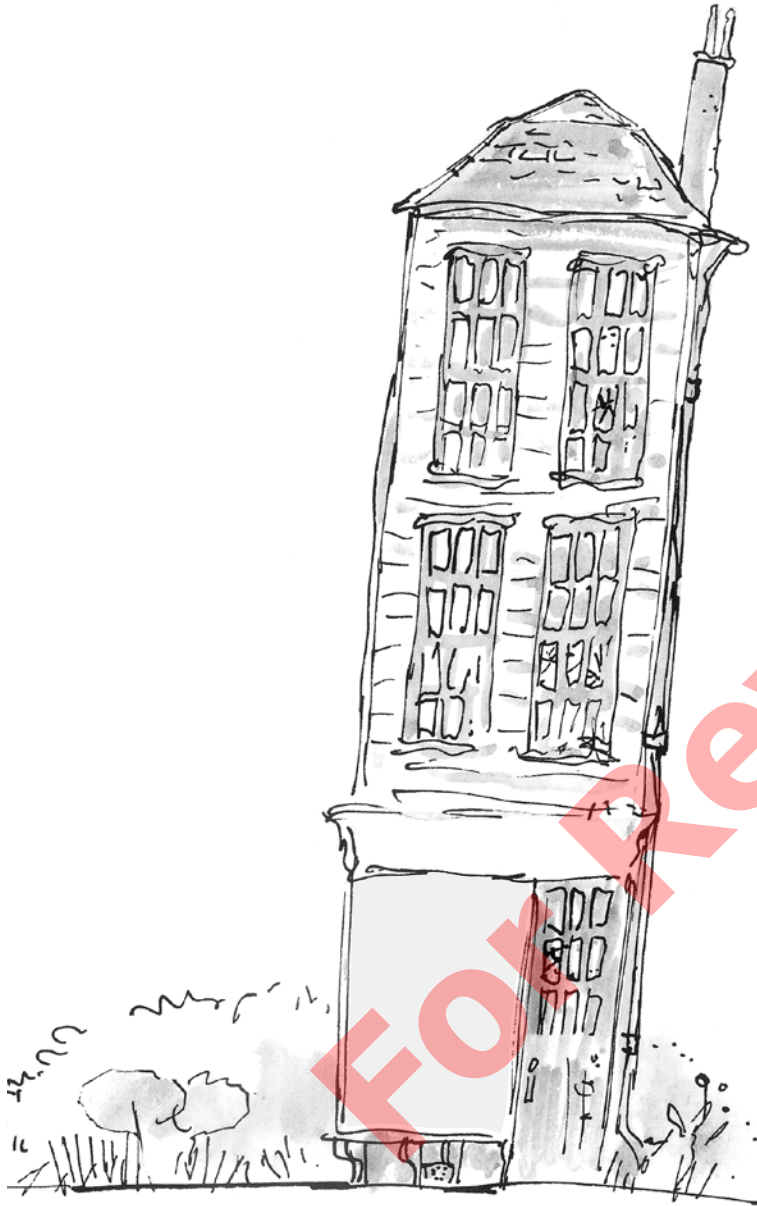
a beak (n.)

Chapter 1
WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Answer the questions.

- 1 Look at the picture on page 14.
What is coming out of the window?
- 2 Look at the pictures on page 15.
Who is looking out of the windows?
- 3 Look at the picture on page 17.
Where is Billy sitting? Why?

Now let's read Chapter 1!



CHAPTER 1

The old sweet shop

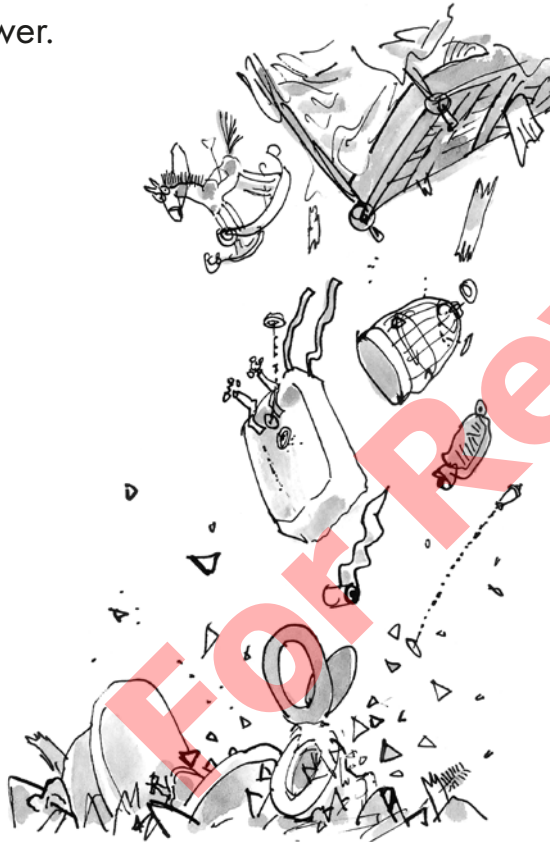
There was a big old house near my home.
It was an old sweet shop, but now it was
closed. The door was never open, but I often
looked in the windows. It was very dark and
dirty in there.

One morning, I went to the old sweet shop, and I looked at it. *I would like my own sweet shop*, I thought. I loved sweets.



Then a bath came out of the window! Then a toy horse, a bed and lots more things came out of the window, too! Now they were all in the road. I waited, but nothing more came from the shop.

"Hello!" I said. But there was no answer.



The next day, I went back to the old sweet shop. It had a new red door, and the door was very **tall**. *Who is in there?* I thought. *Why do they need that tall door?*

On the window, there were some new words.

*We can clean your windows,
and we do not need **ladders**!*

Then a window opened at the top of the shop, and I saw a head. Wow! I thought. *Is that a giraffe?*

Then a second window opened, and a big bird looked out. "Hello, I'm Pelly the Pelican!" he sang.

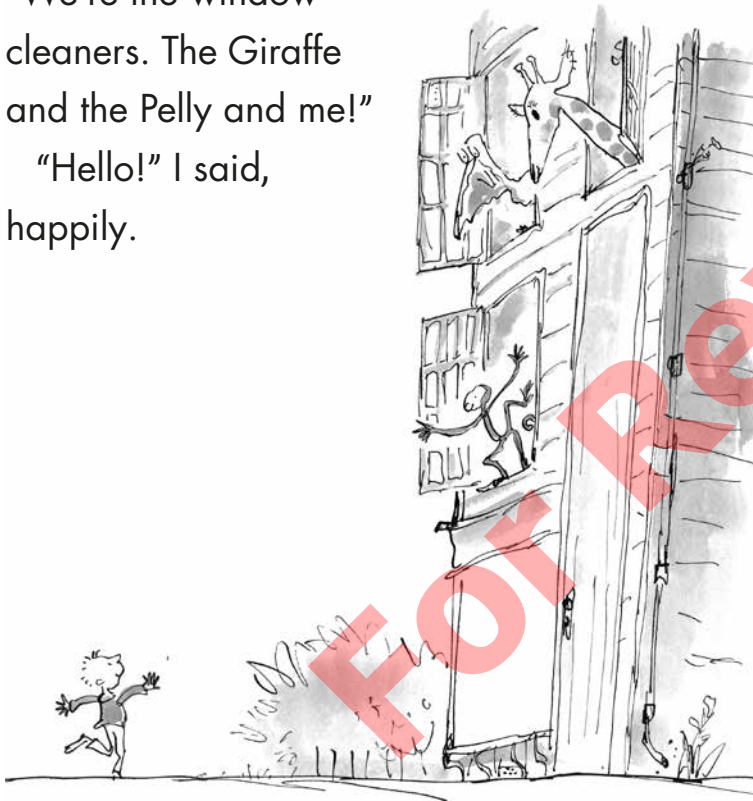


"Hello, Pelly!" I said. "Who is your friend in the first window?"

"She's the Giraffe," the Pelican answered. "She's the tall and beautiful Giraffe!"

A third window opened, and I saw a different animal. "Hello! I'm Monkey!" he sang. "We're the window cleaners. The Giraffe and the Pelly and me!"

"Hello!" I said, happily.



Then the Giraffe said, "Pelly, **fly** here with the boy, please."

The Pelican flew down, and he opened his big **beak**. "You can sit in here," he said.

I sat in the Pelican's beak, then we flew to the Giraffe's window.



The Giraffe smiled at me. "What's your name?" she asked.

"I'm Billy," I said.

"Can you help us, Billy?" she said. "We must clean windows because we need money for food."

Chapter 1

WHAT CAN YOU REMEMBER?

Match the pictures to the words.

1



a beak

2



fly

3



tall

4



a ladder

Are these sentences true or false?

1 Billy would like his own sweet shop.

True

2 There are five animals in the old sweet shop.

3 The animals are street cleaners.

4 The animals need ladders.

5 The animals need money for food.