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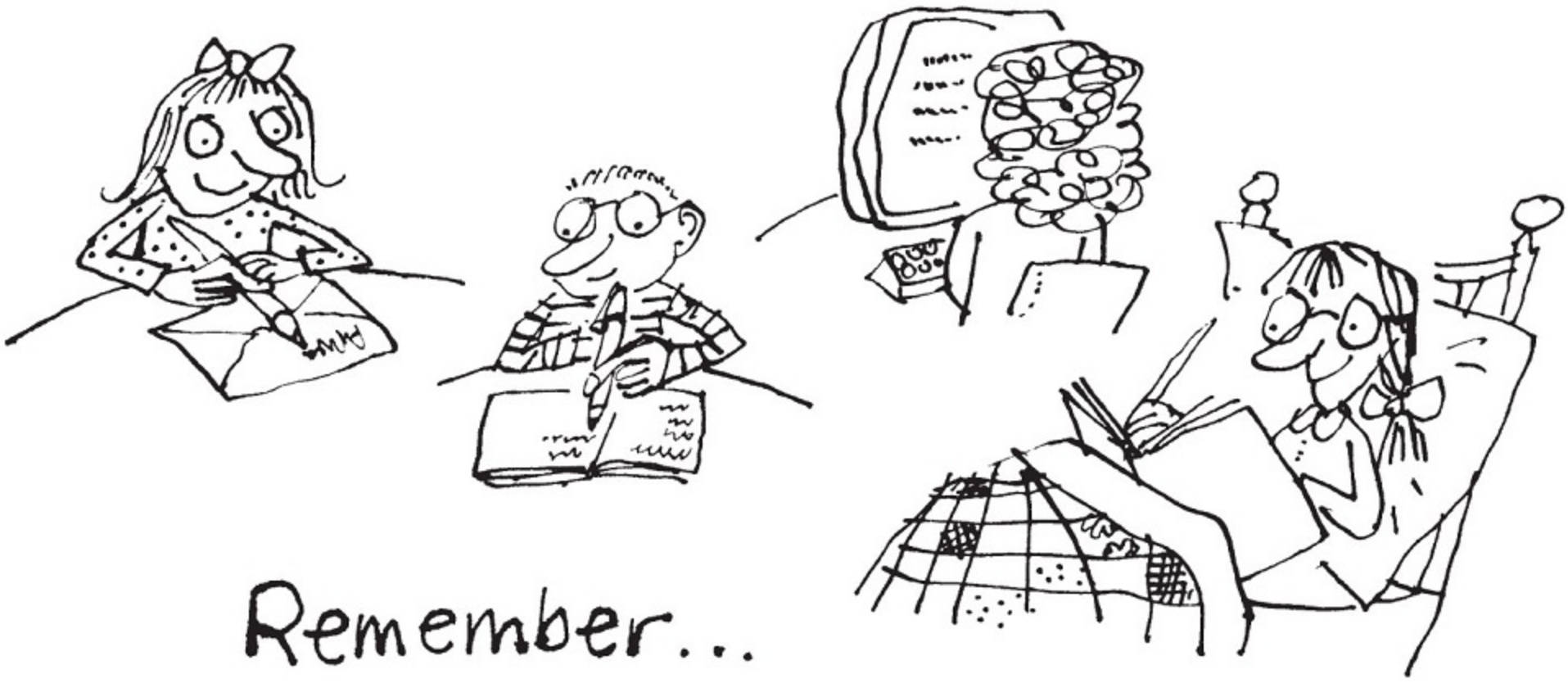
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Remember...

you can write a poem
on the back of an envelope,
in an old exercise book,
on a computer,
or in bed!







you can write a poem
on a piece of parchment,
in a classroom,
on a whim,
in a hurry,
on the bus,
or in your head!







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Funny Folk



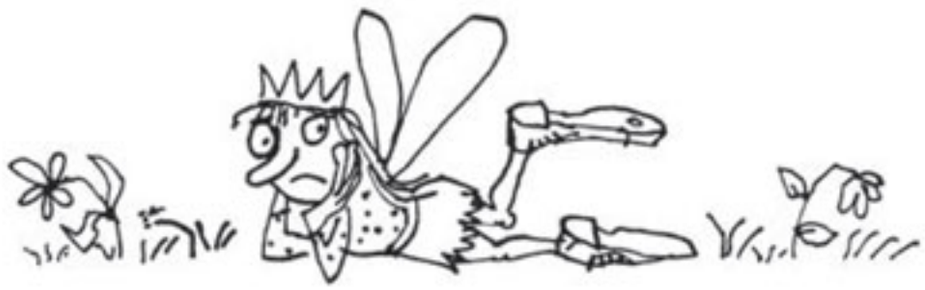
When Betty Eats Spaghetti

When Betty eats spaghetti,

she slurps, she slurps, she slurps.

And when she's finished slurping,

she burps, she burps, she burps.



Freda, the Flat-footed Fairy

I'm Freda the flat-footed fairy,
my friends are the twinkle-toed lot –
they're slippery as butter,
they flit and they flutter
but look at these two feet *I've* got.



It's hard on a flat-footed fairy,
when others are nimble and quick,
to have two clodhoppers
which really are whoppers,
good only for giving a kick.

My friends are all frightfully flighty,
they frolic and fly fancy-free,
they're frothy and frilly
and frequently silly
and not at all clumsy like me.



My feet, like the lids of a dustbin,
are big and as flat as can be.
I can't be a leader,
I'm just poor old Freda,
the flat-footed fairy – that's me!

P.S. But wait! Things are not always awful
and something that *does* make me laugh –
I can stamp on a walnut,
a big or a small nut,
and break it quite cleanly in half!



Sir Hector

Sir Hector was a spectre
and he loved a lady ghost –
at midnight he'd collect her
and he'd drive her to the coast.

And there upon the shingle
they would rattle all their bones,
and ocean sounds would mingle
with their melancholy moans.

Percy the Pirate

When people think of pirates,
they think of strapping men
with cutlasses and whiskers,
and names like Jake or Ben.

But Percy was a pirate
more fearsome than the rest,
although he had no muscles
or hairs upon his chest.

