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Chapter 1

Blah blah blah blah blah.

Miss Battle-Axe droned on
and on and on.



Horrid Henry drew pictures
of crocodiles tucking into a juicy
Battle-Axe snack in his maths book.

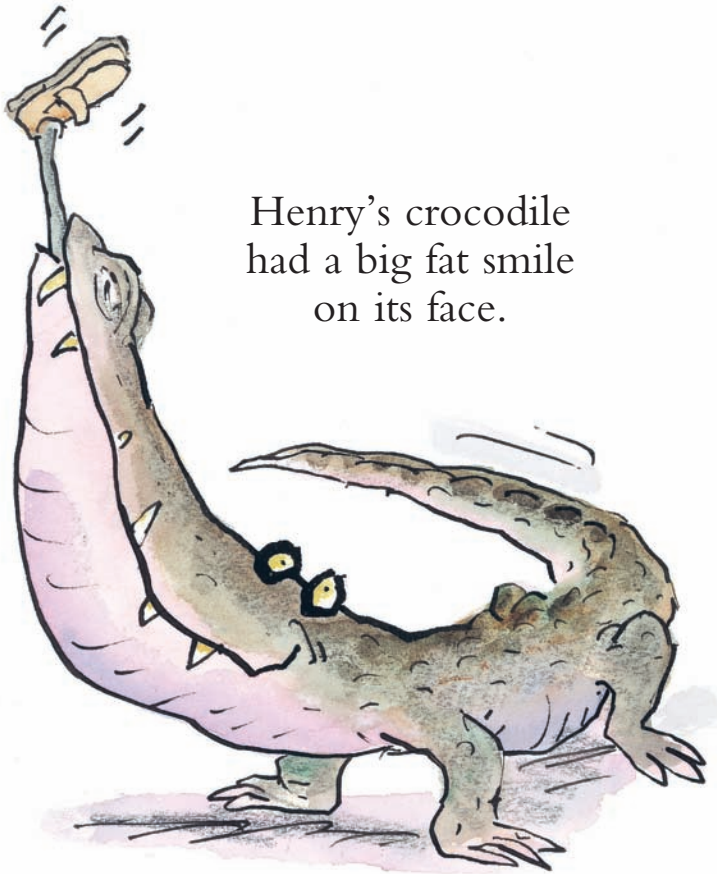


Snap!
Off went her head.

Yank!
Bye bye leg.

Crunch!
Ta-ta teeth.

Yum yum.



Henry's crocodile
had a big fat smile
on its face.

Blah blah blah
books
Blah blah blah
read
Blah blah blah
prize
Blah blah blah . . .
PRIZE?

Horrid Henry stopped doodling.
"What prize?" he shrieked.

"Don't shout out, Henry,"
said Miss Battle-Axe.

Horrid Henry waved his hand
and shouted: "What prize?"



"Well, Henry, if you'd been
paying attention instead of scribbling,
you'd know, wouldn't you?"
said Miss Battle-Axe.



Horrid Henry scowled.

Typical teacher.



You're interested enough
in what they're saying to ask
a question, and suddenly
they don't want to answer.

"So class, as I was saying before
I was so rudely interrupted . . ."
She glared at Horrid Henry.
"You'll have two weeks to read
as many books as you can for our
school reading competition.



Whoever reads the most books
will win an exciting prize.
A very exciting prize. But remember,
a book report on every book on
your list, please."

Oh. A reading competition.
Horrid Henry slumped in his chair.



Chapter 2

Phooey. Reading was hard,
heavy work.



Just turning the pages
made Henry feel exhausted.