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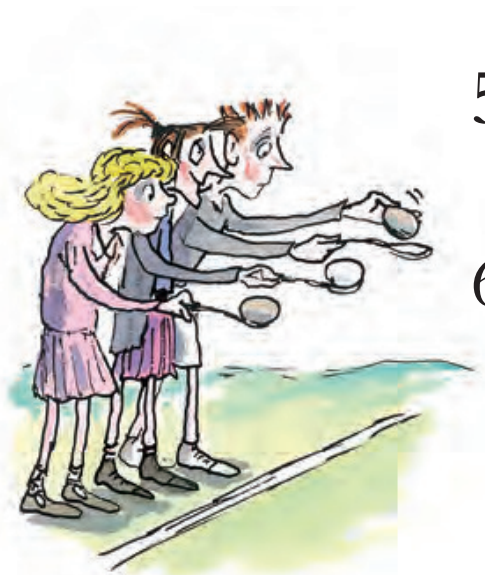
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Chapter 1

"We all want Sports Day to be a great success tomorrow," announced Miss Battle-Axe. "I am here to make sure that *no one*" – she glared at Horrid Henry – "spoils it."



Horrid Henry glared back.
Horrid Henry hated Sports Day.
Last year he hadn't won a
single event.



He'd dropped his egg in the
egg-and-spoon race,



tripped over Rude Ralph in the
three-legged race,



and collided with Sour Susan
in the sack race.



Henry's team had even lost
the tug-of-war.



Most sickening of all, Perfect Peter had won both his races.



If only the school had a sensible day, like TV-watching day, or chocolate-eating day, or who could guzzle the most crisps day, Horrid Henry would be sure to win every prize.

But no. *He* had to leap and dash about getting hot and bothered in front of stupid parents.

When he became king he'd make teachers run all the races then behead the winners. King Henry the Horrible grinned happily.



"Pay attention, Henry!" barked Miss Battle-Axe. "What did I just say?"

Henry had no idea.
"Sports Day is cancelled?"
he suggested hopefully.



Miss Battle-Axe fixed him with her steely eyes. "I said no one is to bring any sweets tomorrow. You'll all be given a delicious, refreshing piece of orange."

Henry slumped in his chair, scowling. All he could do was hope for rain.

