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Chapter 1

Horrid Henry sat by the Christmas tree and stuffed himself full of the special sweets he'd nicked from the special Christmas Day stash when Mum and Dad weren't looking.



Horrid Henry was feeling delighted with himself and with the world. Granny and Grandpa, his grown-up cousins Pimply Paul and Prissy Polly, and their baby Vomiting Vera were coming to spend Christmas. Whoopee, thought Horrid Henry, because they'd all have to bring *him* presents.



Thankfully, Rich-Aunt Ruby and Stuck-Up Steve weren't coming. They were off skiing. Henry hadn't forgotten the dreadful lime green cardigan Aunt Ruby had given him last year.



Mum dashed into the sitting room, wearing a flour-covered apron and looking frantic.

Henry choked down his mouthful of sweets.

"Right, who wants to decorate the tree?' said Mum. She held out a cardboard box brimming with tinsel and gold and silver and blue baubles.



"Me!" said Henry.

"Me!" said Peter.

