

Year 2 English Homework

- You **do not print the homework, write directly in your red homework books.**
- Please read the story and answer the questions.

Give this story a title: _____

A man had four sons, who were constantly arguing and fighting over every tiny thing. This upset the man, as he had tried to bring them up to be kind and calm.

One day, the arguing had gone on for a very long time and the man was at the end of his tether. He felt that he needed to show them that their endless quarrelling would lead to great unhappiness.

The man went into the garden and found four sticks. He tied them up into a bundle with some string. He then asked his sons to sit around the table. He passed the bundle of sticks around the table and asked each son if they could break it. Each son tried, but was unable to break the bundle of sticks.

He then untied the bundle of sticks and gave one stick to each son. He asked them all to break their stick. They all managed to do this very easily.

He said to them: "Sons, can you see that if you stick together and support each other you will be stronger and it will be harder for your enemies to injure you? If you continue to argue, you remain divided and will be no stronger than that single stick."



- Now it's time to think about what happened in the story you read.
- You might need to read the story again to remind you.
- You will need a dictionary to help you - **you can google the word**
- Please **write complete sentences in your red homework books.**
- Remember finger spacing and full stops.

1) What upset the man?

2) *The man was 'at the end of his tether'.* What does this mean? Tick one:

- he was happy he didn't care
 he was really fed up he was lonely

3) Find the word in the second paragraph that means the same as arguing.

4) What did the man think his sons' arguments would lead to?

5) Once his sons were sat around the table, what did the man ask them to do with the bundle of sticks?

6) What did each son find?

7) What happened when he gave each son a single stick?

8) What was the man trying to make his sons understand by giving them the sticks?

- **For a challenge;** you can write about the lesson you learnt from this story
- How can you implement this in your life?