

## A Present for Charlie's Mum

Charlie needed to buy a present for his mother because it was her birthday on Sunday. He took a shower, washed his hair with shampoo, and put on his shirt, shorts and shoes. Then he went out to the shops.

He went into a charity shop. First he looked at the things they had on show in the window. He saw a ship in a bottle, some homemade chutney, and a thermos flask.

1. Why did Charlie want to go shopping?
2. What did he see in the window?



chutney



He went into the shop. A child was looking at a book of short stories. He was chewing gum. The shop-keeper told the child not to eat in the shop, or he would throw him out.

3. What was the boy doing when Charlie first saw him?
4. Why was the shop-keeper angry with the boy?

"OK," said the child, and threw the gum on the floor!

The shop-keeper got very angry and shouted at him, "Get out!"

"OK! Chill," said the boy, and walked out.

Charlie spent more time looking at the things in the shop. He saw a shell necklace, a painting of a church and some china plates. He took the plates and said to the shop-keeper, "How much are they?"



"50p each," replied the shopkeeper. Charlie bought 6 plates. He gave the shopkeeper a £5 note and got a £2 coin in change.



"Thank you," said the man, "I wish all children were polite like you."

On the way home, Charlie bought some fish and chips for dinner. He was happy he had found something pretty for his mother. She would like the plates.

**THE END**

5. What did Charlie eat after he went shopping?

6. Underline all the words which begin with sh.

7. Put a circle around all the words that begin with ch.

8. Use a different colour pen. Put a square around all the words that begin with th.

9. Complete these sentences:

Charlie's mum said th \_ \_ \_ \_ for her present.

Her birthday is on a Sunday this year. She is a Christian, so she is going to ch \_ \_ \_ \_.

I like to buy things in ch \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ shops because you know the money will help people.

"People always sh \_ \_ \_ at me," said the child.

"I th \_ \_ \_ I ate too many chips," said Charlie.

I know Charlie's mother. \_ \_ e is very friendly.