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## A Birthday Surprise

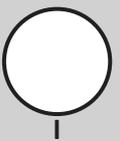


One day, Monster Chef got out all his cookery books. He wanted to make a special feast for Monster Mum's birthday.

"I know," said Monster Chef. "I'll make a special birthday stew!"

**I** Why did Monster Chef want to make a feast?

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Monster Chef went to the fridge.

He took out ...

a tin of wasps,  
a small bucket of maggots,  
a lot of slimy mushrooms  
and a loaf of green bread.



- 2** Draw a circle round the word that means the same as 'slimy'.

Tasty

Slippery

Smelly

Raw

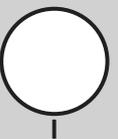
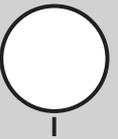
- 3** What do you think Monster Chef is going to do with the things he takes out of the fridge?

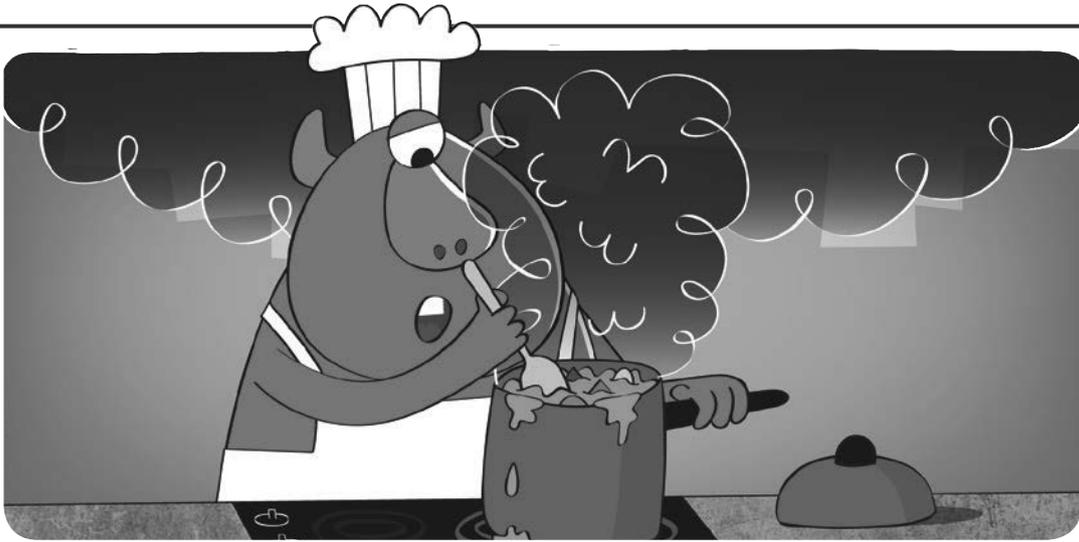
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Throw them away

Make a stew out of them

Give them to Monster Mum





Monster Chef started chopping and frying and stirring.

Soon the kitchen was full of smoke.

“Oh dear,” said Monster Chef.

“This stew looks all wrong. It’s revolting!”

**4** Why do you think the kitchen was full of smoke?  
Tick **one** box.

Monster Chef’s stew was burning.

Someone had started a fire next door.

Monster Chef was cold, so he lit a fire.

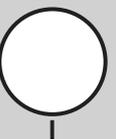
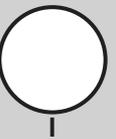
**5** Draw a circle round the word that means the same as ‘revolting’.

Surprising

Delicious

Disgusting

Lumpy



Monster Mum came into the kitchen.  
Bravely, she tasted the stew.  
“Wow!” she said. “It looks  
*revolting* – but it tastes *lovely!*”  
And she ate up every bit.



**6** Why do you think the author chose the title ‘A Birthday Surprise’? Tick **one** box.

Because monsters don’t exist

Because Monster Chef makes a birthday surprise for his mum

Because people often get surprises on their birthday

**For teacher use**

Your mark	_____ out of 6
What went well	
How to improve	

