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Showtown's Story Fun Challenge

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About Showtown

Showtown is Blackpool's brand new all-singing, all-dancing museum for the whole family. Bang in the middle of Blackpool, this museum of fun and entertainment will throw open its doors in 2023 and we can't wait to welcome you in!

Featuring hundreds of exhibits and fun activities, this new immersive experience will provide hours of entertainment. Whether you're a fun-seeker or future star performer, we want you to get involved and have fun! Get on the dance floor, learn to juggle, or design your own Illumination. There'll be something for everyone at Showtown.

Blackpool 30 reading challenge

Showtown's Story Fun Challenge is aiming to support both **Blackpool 30** and **Get Blackpool Reading** by encouraging more families to read together.

As part of **Blackpool 30**, families in Blackpool are invited to take part in a reading challenge to read for 30 minutes a day. The **Blackpool 30** challenge is for everyone regardless of age. The main message is that reading is fun and good for your wellbeing.

For more information visit:
https://bit.ly/3Hobxmn

Get Blackpool Reading

Get Blackpool Reading is a community-driven campaign led by the **National Literacy Trust** in partnership with Blackpool Council and the Blackpool Opportunity Area.

Get Blackpool Reading works with local partners, schools and businesses to promote reading for pleasure among children and families. They help them prioritise literacy in their lives and give them the skills they need to succeed. They also have a volunteer scheme called '**Literacy Champions**' who are locally-based people keen to get involved and tackle the literacy challenge across Blackpool.

Showtown's Story Fun Challenge

Want to get involved?
Here's how to do it...

Step 1: Read "**What is my job?"** story included in your reading challenge booklet.

Step 2: Watch "**What is my job?"** story video on Showtown's YouTube page. You can find the website link on page 14.

Step 3: Look at the subjects on the chart on page 17. Can you find a book that links to each of them? Write them on your chart.

Step 4: Have a go at reading all the books you listed. Be sure to tick them off as you go!

Well done! You've finished Showtown's Story Fun Challenge. Head to page 18 to find out how to claim your prize.

Where can I find books?

At Showtown we celebrate what makes Blackpool special. We talk about all the things that make Blackpool famous – seaside, magic, circus, shows, dance and of course, the illuminations. In this challenge, we want you to read books on those subjects.

Showtown's subjects are so much fun that we don't think you'll struggle to find books about them but here are some places you could look:

Your school library

Your local library – did you know Blackpool has 8?

Your digital library

You can find out more about your local library and how to use their E-books at:

www.blackpool.gov.uk/libraries

What is my job?

Floss the Seagull was flying over the seaside town of Blackpool when she noticed something quite strange. All the town's people had gathered in a panic, everyone had forgotten what their job was! Everyone except Floss. Her job was to be mischievous.
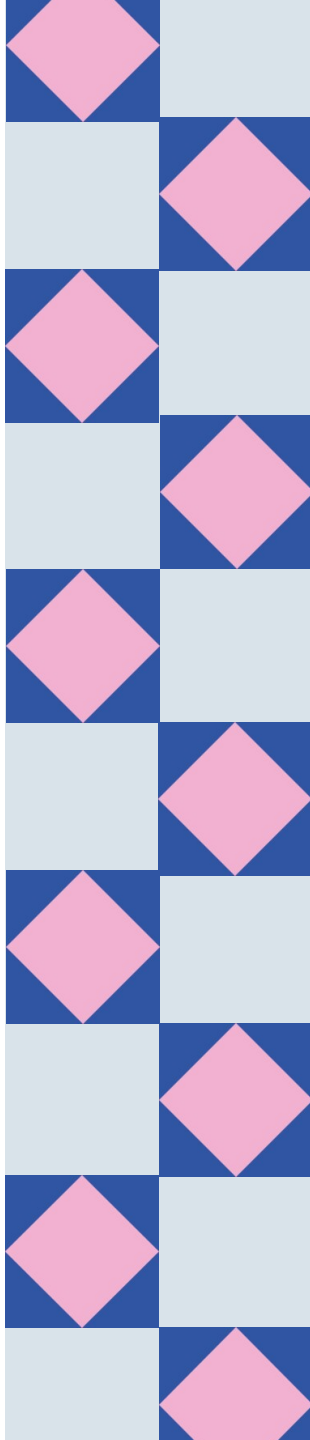
Floss flew down to hear what they were saying.
"I can't remember what I am supposed to do" said one Clown.
"Am I a Police Officer? Or a shopkeeper?" said another Clown.
"What is my job? I can't remember?" said the Taxi Driver.
"I know I make for the tourists but I can't think what it is" said the Rock Maker.

"Me too" said the Roller Coaster Operator.
"I think I press buttons but I can't remember where."
"Eee-aww. What is my job? Is it something to do with people?" asked the Donkey.
"Quick the tourists are coming! HELP!"

"HOLD UP!! I can help you all" Floss said with a sly smile.
The town's people sigh with relieve. They listen carefully to Floss.
"Clowns, you are the tram drivers. Taxi drivers, you are entertainers in the Tower Ballroom. Roller Coaster operator, you are the Tower lift operator.
Blackpool Rock makers, you are in charge of the Illuminations. And Donkey..... you are the Mayor!
Quick, quick, everyone, take your places!"

Like a swarm of bees, the tourists arrive. One of the clowns opens the doors to the tram and smiles at the tourists.

"Hop on please".

The Clown starts to feel a bit silly and as each person pays their money, he squirts them with water from his flower.

One after the other, the people sit down with dripping wet faces. They look out the window to see another clown driving a tram.
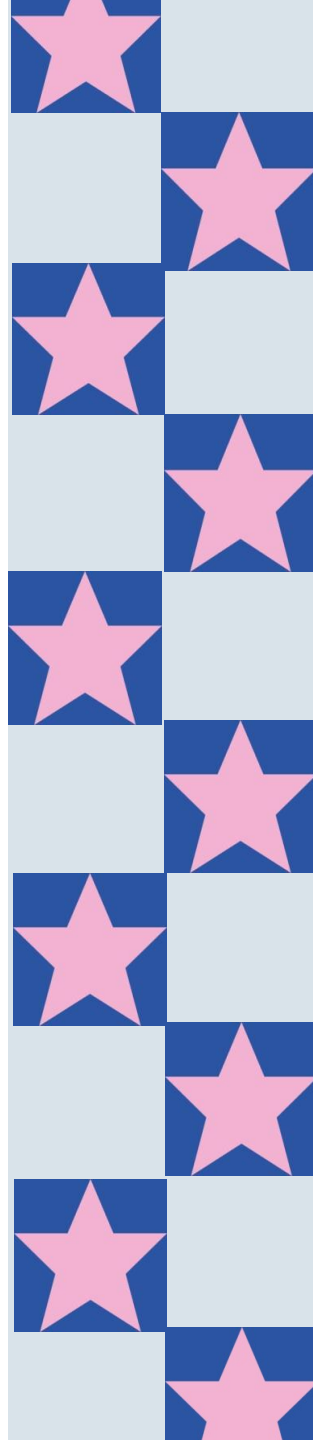
"Ready, steady, go!!".

They are having a tram race!

The people start screaming "weeeeeeeee" and "faster, faster, faster!"

It was the funniest tram ride they had ever had.

Inside the Blackpool Tower the Taxi drivers begin their show of marvellous entertainment.

"Right everyone, we want you all to join in with this new, cool dance, so find someone to dance with." Everyone gets ready to dance.

"OK, put one hand on the other person's head and the other hand on their elbow. Take a step to the right and then two steps to the left, sideways and then spin around on the spot!"

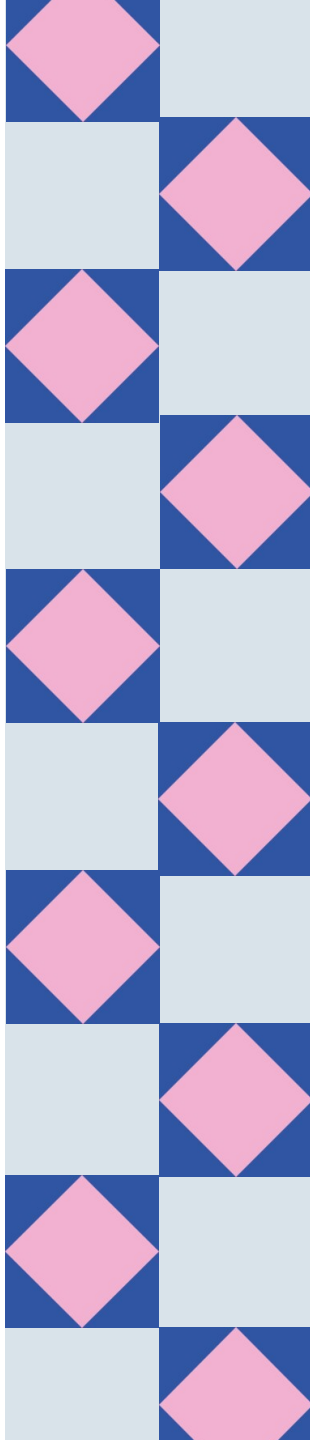The people give it a try. They all bump into each other and stand on each other's toes.

"Wonderful everyone, I think we are ready for the music!" says one Taxi driver.

The music begins. Everyone starts dancing but no one knows what they are doing and end up in a big heap on the floor. Someone in the heap starts laughing "tee hee hee" and that sets everyone off. They all start laughing! "HA, HA, HA, HA!!!"

People over at the Tower lift are waiting to go up and see the views. The Roller Coaster operator opens the doors to the lift and fills it with people. "It's a bit slow lift, I'm going to turn it up to super-duper fast. The doors close. The lift makes a big clunk and then...

Weeeeeeeeee!! All the people go flying up the Tower so fast it makes their faces wobble. They arrive at the top in seconds. The doors open for the people to get out but they all shout "AGAIN, AGAIN!!!" They were having so much fun.

Up a ladder the Blackpool Rock makers are putting the final touches to the Illuminations. They are having fun pressing buttons, changing the colour of lights and flicking switches. They have no idea what they are doing.
"Let's hope everyone likes our light show".

When the sun goes down, they switch them on. The lights along the promenade flash on...and off...and on...and off and change colour again and again. They have made a disco party! Everyone has a great time dancing under the lights. Wooooo!

All the towns people come and join the disco after a hard day's work.
"You have all done such great work today" says Mayor Donkey.
"Oh, I have just remembered I have Fridays off and tomorrow is Friday" he says with a smile. "So who would like to be mayor?"
"We will!"
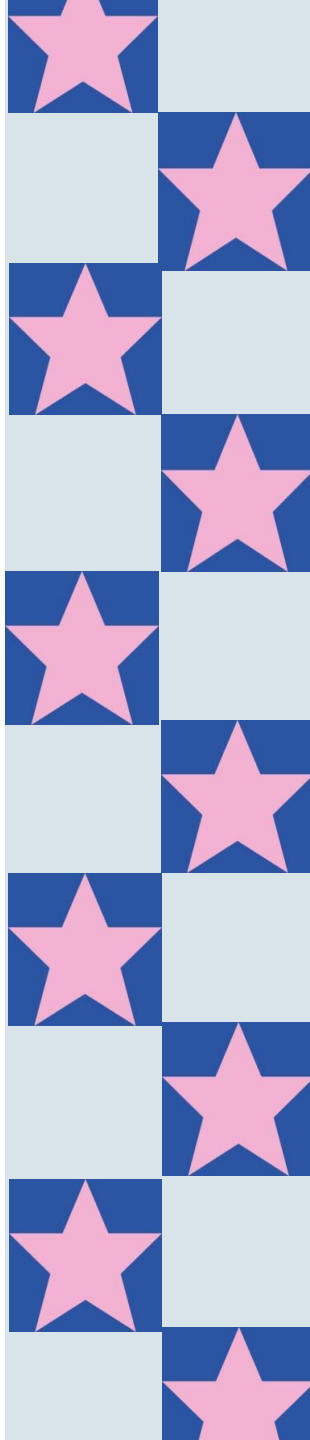"Looks like we're in for another day of fun tomorrow!" laughs Floss the Seagull.

Head to Showtown's YouTube channel to subscribe and watch "What is my job?" – https://bit.ly/35KIjBl

Quick quiz

1. What was your favourite part of the story?

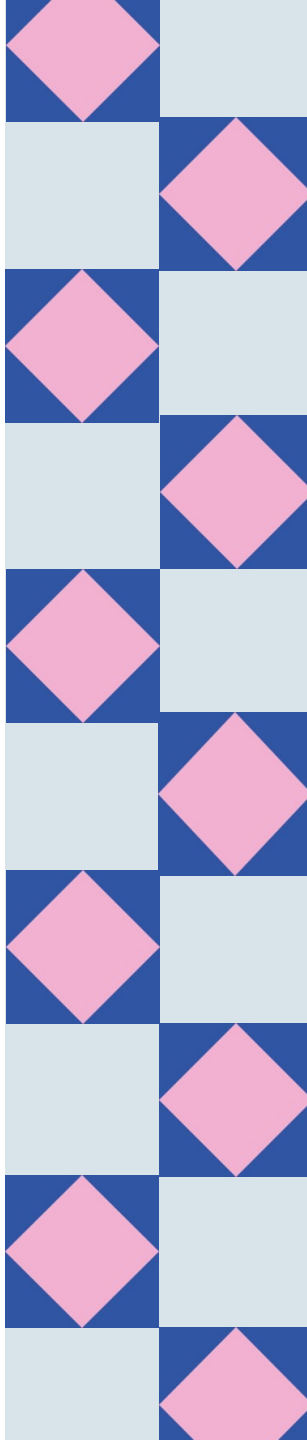2. Why was this your favourite part of the story?

3. What do you think is the moral of the story?

4. Can you retell the story to someone? Who did you share it with?

Reading Chart

Subject	Book name	Read
Circus		
Dance		
Seaside		
Light		
Magic		
Shows		

Thank you for completing **Showtown's Story Fun Challenge**.

Please return your completed pack to the address printed on the back of this booklet or email it to:

info@showtownblackpool.co.uk

All completed packs will receive a Showtown goody bag and book courtesy of **Get Blackpool Reading.**

Please remember to include your address below so we are able to send out your prize:

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