

Bertram Poppingstock

PROBLEM SOLVER

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Bertram Poppingstock: Problem Solver

A child genius turned undercover agent. His disguise: bookshop owner. The mission: solve a vengeful ex-teacher's deadly spelling and vocabulary challenges. This is Bertram Poppingstock: Problem Solver.

Improving Your Reading Vocabulary

When Bertram's nemesis Sir Professor Teacher plants a bomb in the school's boiler system, it's up to Bertram and his favourite customer Polly to use their knowledge of vocabulary and reading strategies in order to make sense of a partly burned instruction manual. Knowing about synonyms, morphemes, word families and context has never been more important!



Key stage 3-4: Grammar and vocabulary

Additional Resources

- Synonyms and Antonyms
- Homonyms and Morphology

- Suggested Responses
- Transcript

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Improving Your Writing Vocabulary

Bertram is invited to his former school to make a speech about improving vocabulary when writing. But when his most loyal customer Polly and his robot sidekick Vocab-Bot find him in a trance induced by the diabolical Sir Professor Teacher, they have to follow the strategies in Bertram's speech to break the spell. Will the effects of vocabulary choices on writing style, specificity and purpose be enough to reboot his mind?

Key stage 3-4: Writing

Additional Resources

- Choosing Precise Words
- The Right Words for Your Audience



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Basic Spelling Rules

Sir Professor Teacher has taken the internet hostage and Bertram has to complete a series of complex spelling challenges to stop him from shutting it down. Along the way Bertram relies on helpful spelling rules for vowel pairs, suffixes, compound words and syllables. There are always exceptions to the rule though!

Key stage 3: Writing

Additional Resources

- Rules and Rule Breakers
- Word Breakups



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Spelling for Effect

Bertram's video blog about spelling for humour and characterisation doesn't seem very popular – until one of his fans invites him to do a stand-up comedy routine! But when Bertram goes missing, his friends Polly and Vocab-bot must follow his trail of spelling corrections around the city to find him. Can oxymoron, malapropism and eye dialect really lead them to Bertram – and why can't Vocab-Bot stop laughing?

Key stage 3-4: Writing

Additional Resources

- Confused by Homophones?
- Tricky Words and Wordplay



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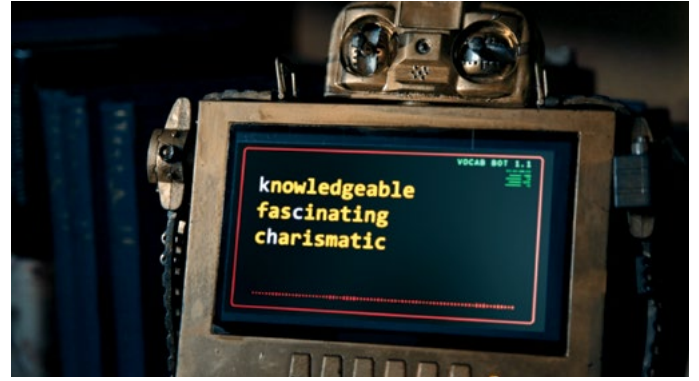
Applying Spelling Rules

Engrossed in solving a crossword puzzle, Bertram fails to notice when the evil Sir Professor Teacher kidnaps his loyal customer Polly. Forced to participate in a Deadly Spelling Bee to save her, Bertram has to rely on his knowledge of word patterns, acrostics, and word origins to solve the toughest of spelling challenges. Will Sir Professor Teacher finally fail Bertram – or will Polly's helpful tips save him from total spelling humiliation?

Key stage 3-4: Writing

Additional Resources

- Spelling Shortcuts
- Plural Spellings
- Suggested Responses
- Transcript



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