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Here are some pictures of Mattie and her family.

Write three words beneath each picture to say what you think the character is like.



Dad



Mum



V



Dontie



Stanley



Anika



Jellico



Mattie



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In Book 2, Mattie and her family go on holiday.

Where is the best place you've been on holiday?

Where would you like to go on holiday?

What makes a good holiday?

Write something exciting that your family has done together...



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Write something exciting you wish you could do...

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Have you ever played 'Would you rather?'

Choose the answer you like best from the following questions...

Would you rather your mum was good at surfing or cooking?

Would you rather your grandma was good at dancing or knitting?

Would you rather live with your family in the town or the country?

Would you rather have a dog or a cat for a pet?

Would you rather be good at schoolwork or sport?

Would you rather go on holiday to the same place each year or a different place?

Would you rather have an older brother or sister or a younger brother or sister?

Would you rather be an only child or have lots and lots of brothers or sisters?

Would you rather grow vegetables in your garden (like Mattie) or flowers?

Would you rather have one special best friend or lots of ordinary friends?



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Who's in your funny family?

Here are some descriptions of Mattie and her family...



Mattie

I worry about EVERYTHING. When I worry my brain changes to spaghetti and gets all tangled up and I can't think straight.



V

My sister V is very bossy. She's thin and wiry like a coat hanger, not a bit like me. Grandma calls her a skinny whippet.



Stanley Anika

Stanley is four and Anika is two. They are always together so everyone calls them Stanika.

Can you describe yourself and someone in your family in one or two sentences each?

Draw a picture if you like.







Key Stage 1 Worksheet

Prediction

1. Look at the cover and the title. Do you think you are going to like this book?
2. At the end of Chapter 3 on page 15, Mattie is worried because her mum has been to the doctor's. What do you think happens next?

Sequencing

3. On pages 60 and 61, what does Grandma do with her balls of wool?

Description

4. Pick out a word from the book that describes Mattie. Now add one of your own. Do the same for V and for Stanley.

Reading aloud

5. Choose your favourite passage from the book. Now read it aloud to your friend.

Questions

6. Write down a question you would like to ask Mattie. Now choose one person from your group to be Mattie and ask her that question. Is the answer a good one?

Characters

7. In your group draw around the outline of someone on a big piece of paper. You may need to glue some small pieces together first. This person is Mattie.
8. Draw in her face and her hair and her clothes.
9. On the outside write some words to describe what she looks like.
10. On the inside write some words to say what sort of person she is.



Feelings

11. From the picture on pages 10 and 11, how do you think the following people felt about Mum being late?

- Mattie
- Dottie
- V

Reviews

12. Who or what did you like in the book?

13. Was there anything you didn't like?

14. Do you want to read the next book in the series, *My Funny Family on Holiday*?

Creating your own

15. Can you write some sentences to describe your own funny family?