

Meet Mr Bean



People in Britain first saw Mr Bean on TV in 1990. Mr Bean was different because the actor, Rowan Atkinson, didn't speak very often. Because of this, people enjoyed Mr Bean in other countries, too, like France, Italy, Greece and Spain. But who is Mr Bean?

- * He lives alone in a small flat in London.
- * He usually wears the same clothes: a jacket and a red tie.
- * He drives an old Mini. Mr Bean loves his little car!
- * Rowan Atkinson says Bean is a 'child in a man's body'. He isn't always nice.
- * Life is never easy for Mr Bean. He finds problems everywhere.

The lives of Mr Bean

Mr Bean is a star on film and television.

Television: Fourteen different Mr Bean stories were on television between 1990 and 1995.

Cartoon: In 2002, there was also a cartoon of *Mr Bean* on television. The same actor, Rowan Atkinson, was the voice of Mr Bean.

Film: The first Mr Bean film was in 1997: *Bean – The Ultimate Disaster Movie*. In the film, Mr Bean goes to Los Angeles for a job and stays with an American family. The second film, *Mr Bean's Holiday*, was in cinemas ten years after the first film! People watched it all over the world.

Do you like Mr Bean? Do you think he's funny? Why/why not?

Books: There are a lot of *Mr Bean* comics and books. One of them is all about France!

Mr Bean speaks!

We asked Mr Bean some questions about his holiday in France.

Why did you go on holiday to France?

All this English rain, rain, rain, rain and more rain!

Did you like French food?

Yes, but next time I'm taking a bag of sandwiches.

What are your favourite clothes?

My left shoe.

Why?

It follows my right shoe very well.

What makes you angry?

All these stupid questions!

What do these words mean? You can use your dictionary.
sandwich cartoon actor



Mr Bean has problems in the kitchen!