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STAGE 3

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Uncle Jack and the Meerkats

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Uncle Jack and the Meerkats

Pages 2 and 3

• Choose from the words :

(Daisy - garden - ball - bark - meerkats - crying - Smith)

1. Uncle Jack was reading a book in the _____.
2. Jim and his sisters, Daisy and May, were playing with a _____.
3. Grampy the dog began to _____.
4. "What's the matter Grampy"? asked _____.
5. They saw two _____ in a _____.
6. They were baby meerkats and they were _____.
7. "Let's go and talk to Mr. _____". Said Uncle Jack.

• Put (✓) or (x):

1. Uncle Jack was reading a book in the pet shop. ()
2. Jim and his brothers were playing with the kite. ()
3. Daisy the dog began to bark. ()
4. Uncle Jack, Grampy , Jim, Daisy and May looked into the next door garden. ()
5. They saw four meerkats in a cage. ()
6. The baby meerkats were playing. ()
7. "Let's go and talk to Uncle Jack ". Said Mr. Smith . ()

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Pages 4 and 5

• **Choose from the words:**

(Jim - Smith - crying - sadly - next - Meerkats - pet shop)

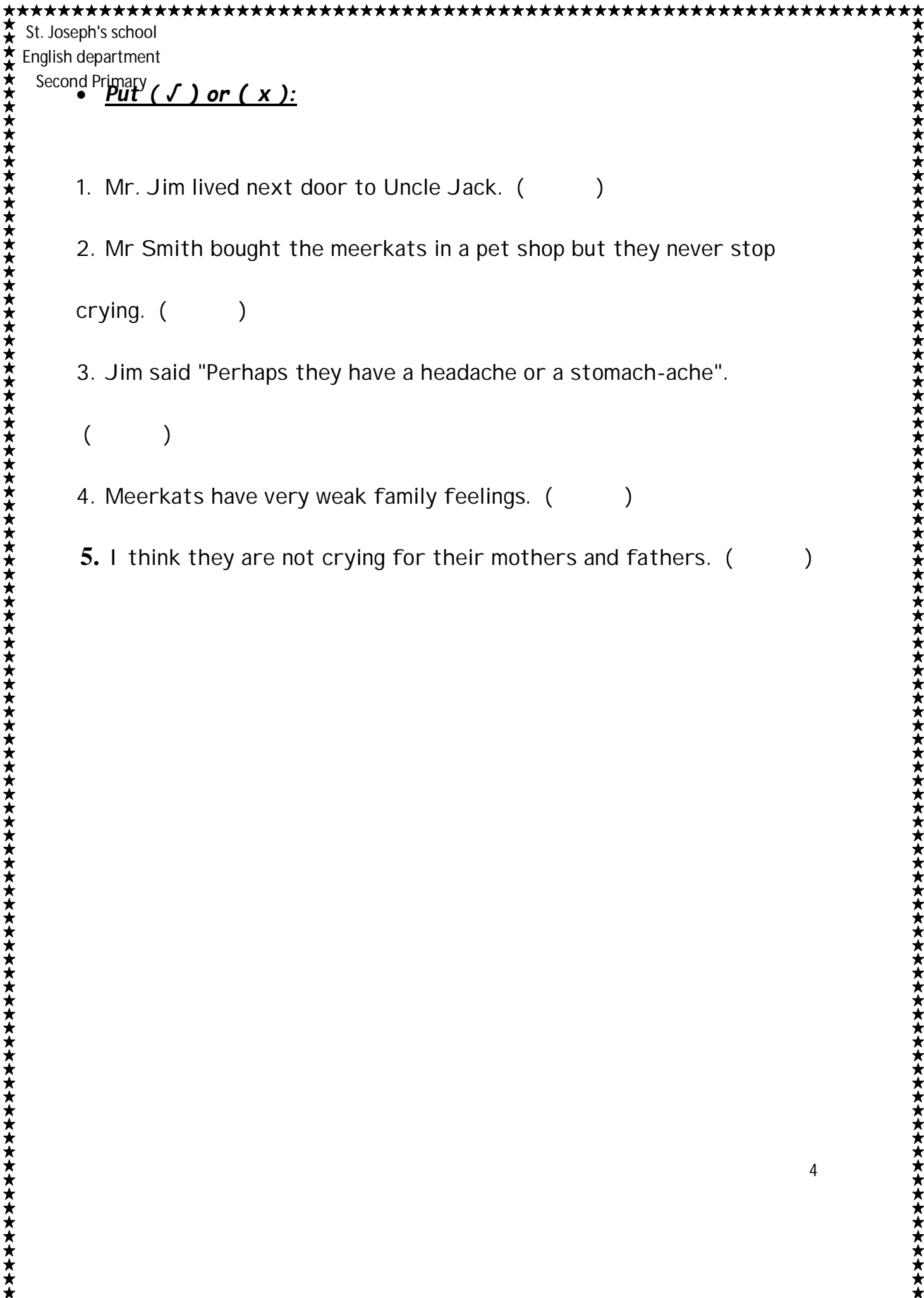
1. Uncle Jack and the children went to see Mr. _____ who
lived _____ door.

2. Mr Smith said _____ "I bought the meerkats in a
_____ but they never stop crying "

3. "Perhaps they have a toothache or a stomach-ache".
Said _____.

4. _____ have very strong family feelings.

5. I think they are _____ for their mothers and fathers.



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• Put (✓) or (x):

1. Mr. Jim lived next door to Uncle Jack. ()

2. Mr Smith bought the meerkats in a pet shop but they never stop crying. ()

3. Jim said "Perhaps they have a headache or a stomach-ache".
()

4. Meerkats have very weak family feelings. ()

5. I think they are not crying for their mothers and fathers. ()

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Pages 6 and 7

• Choose from the words:

(Desert - Uncle Jack - Jim -blankets - home - desert - Daisy and May - food)

1. The _____ come from the Kalahari _____.

2. Uncle Jack looked at Mr Smith "Shall we take them _____"?

He asked.

3. The next day _____ put the things in the hot-air balloon.

4. Uncle Jack put in some _____ and some _____
in the hot-air balloon.

5. It can be very cold in the _____ at night.

6. _____ went to get the meerkats but they weren't
there.

7. _____ said "We must go and look for them".



• Put (✓) or (x)

1. Jim pointed to the cage "Look ! He said, Witdraai, Kalahari Desert, South Asia". ().
2. The meerkats come from the Kalahari Desert. ()
3. "Shall we take them home"? Asked Mr Smith. ()
4. The same day Mr. Smith put the things in the hot-air balloon.
()
5. Uncle Jack put in some food and some blankets in the plane.
()
6. In the desert it can be very hot at night. ()
7. Jim went to get the meerkats and they were there. ()
8. Uncle Jack and Mr. Smith said they must not go and look for the meerkats. ()



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Pages 8 and 9

• Choose from the words :

(Daisy - bank - the twins - cinema - Uncle Jack - town - bus station - meerkats)

1. Uncle Jack, Mr Smith, Jim, _____ and Grumpy looked for the meerkats all over the _____.
2. _____ looked in the gym.
3. Mr Smith looked in the _____.
4. Jim looked in the _____ .
5. _____ looked in the cafe.
6. May looked in the _____.
7. They couldn't find the _____.

• Put (✓) or (x)

1. Jim, Daisy , May, Uncle Jack , Mr. Smith and Grumpy looked for the meerkats all over the town. ()
2. Mr. Smith looked in the gym. ()
3. Daisy looked in the bank. ()
4. Jim looked in the supermarket. ()
5. May looked in the cinema. ()
6. They couldn't find the meerkats. ()

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Pages 10 and 11

• **Choose from the words :**

(Uncle Jack - MP3 - crying - carried - Kalahari Desert - family - the pet shop - baby meerkats - Jim - four)

1. They found the meerkats outside _____ window.
2. Inside the pet shop were _____ more baby meerkats. They were all _____.
3. "May be they are all brothers and sisters. I think you are right".
Said _____.
4. _____ said, "Please buy them Uncle Jack". Then we can take them all home to the _____".
5. Uncle Jack bought the baby meerkats and the children _____ them home.
6. Jim asked Uncle Jack "How can we find the _____ of the _____? Is the Kalahari Desert very big"?
7. Uncle Jack answered "Yes, it is, but I have an idea. Can you give me your _____ please Jim"?

1. Put (✓) or (x)

1. They found the meerkats outside the library window. ()
2. Inside the pet shop were two more baby meerkats. They were all crying. ()
3. "May be they are all mothers and fathers. I think you are right". Said Uncle Jack. ()
4. "Please buy them Uncle Jack". Said Jim. Then we can take them all home to the Kalahari Desert. ()
5. Mr. Smith bought the baby meerkats and the children carried them home. ()
6. "How can we find the family of the baby meerkats? Is the Kalahari Desert very small" ? Jim asked Uncle Jack . ()
7. Uncle Jack answered "Yes, it is, but I have an idea. Can you give me your MP3 please Jim"? ()

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Pages 12 and 13

• Choose from the words :

(grumpy -surprise - barked - recording - smiled - crying)

1. "Why are you _____ the meerkats crying"? Asked Jim.
2. Uncle Jack _____ and said, " Wait and see"!
3. Grumpy was very very _____! He _____ loudly
WOOOOOOF.
4. The meerkats suddenly stopped _____ and looks at Grumpy in
_____.

• Put (✓) or (x)

1. "Why are you the children crying"?Asked Jim. ()
2. Uncle Jack smiled and said, "Wait and see"! ()
3. Meerkats was very very grumpy! He barked loudly WOOOOOOF
()
4. Grumpy suddenly stopped crying and looks at the meerkats in
surprise. ()

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Pages 14 and 15

• **Choose from the words :**

(mountains - idea - forests - school bags - desert - seas - meerkats - jungles)

1. Uncle Jack's hot-air balloon flew over _____ and _____ and _____ and rivers and _____ until it arrived at the Kalahari Desert.
2. The baby meerkats were in the twins _____.
3. The baby _____ were very excited.
4. They could see the _____ below and they knew they were nearly home.
5. Uncle Jack wanted to put his _____ into action.

• **Put (✓) or (x)**

1. Uncle Jack's hot-air balloon arrived at the Kalahari Desert. ()
2. Uncle Jack's hot-air balloon flew over forests and rivers and jungles only. ()
3. The baby meerkats were in Uncle Jack's bag. ()
4. The baby meerkats were very excited. ()
5. They could see the rivers below and they knew they were nearly home. ()
6. Mr. Smith wanted to put his idea into action. ()

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Pages 16 and 17

• **Choose from the words :**

(brought - aunts - attached- families - grandfathers - happy - mother
- holes -

1. Uncle Jack _____ the MP3 to a loudspeaker and turned it on.
2. Suddenly meerkats began to come out of _____ all over the desert.
3. The baby meerkats ran to find their _____.
4. The baby meerkats _____ their family to meet Uncle Jack and the children.
5. They brought their father and _____ and brothers and sisters.
6. They brought their grandmothers and _____.
7. They brought their _____, uncles and cousins.
8. Everyone was very _____!

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Pages 18 to 21

• Choose from the words :

(catch - nets - wild - Kalahari - crying - cages - shouted - listen -
meerkats - lorry - men)

1. It wasn't just the _____ who heard the baby meerkats
_____.
2. Over the hills came some men in a _____! The men had
_____ and _____.
3. They wanted to _____ the meerkats and take them to pet
shops.
4. The _____ began to catch the meerkats and put them into
the cages.
5. "Stop! Stop please"! _____ May and Daisy.
6. "Meerkats are _____ animals. They aren't pets. They want to
stay here in the _____ Desert ". Said Jim.
7. The men didn't _____.



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• Put (✓) or (x)

1. The meerkats only heard the baby meerkats crying. ()

2. Over the hills came some men in a lorry! The men had box and cages.
()

3. They wanted to catch the meerkats and take them to home. ()

4. The men began to catch the meerkats and put them into the
nets. ()

5. "Stop! Stop please! ". Shouted Jim. ()

6. Jim said, "Meerkats are pet animals. They aren't wild! They don't
want to stay here in the Kalahari Desert ". ()

7. The men didn't listen. ()



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Pages 22 and 23

• Choose from the words :

(cages - jumped - holes - supper - shouted - crying - lions - dinner - hills)

1. It wasn't just the meerkats and the men who heard the baby meerkats _____.
2. Over the _____ some lions! They were thinking "Yummy ! Meerkats and men for _____! Our favourite _____" !
3. Uncle Jack and Jim opened the _____ and the meerkats ran quickly to their _____.
4. Daisy and May _____ into the balloon.
5. Hurry up! The _____ are coming"! Shouted Daisy and May".
6. They _____ to Jim and Uncle Jack and the meerkats to hurry up.



1. **Put (✓) or (x)**

1. It was just the meerkats and the men who heard the baby meerkats crying. ()
2. Over the hills some tigers! They were thinking "Yummy ! Meerkats and men for supper! Our favourite lunch"!()
3. Uncle Jack and Jim opened the nets and the meerkats ran quickly to their holes. ()
4. Daisy and May jumped into the balloon. ()
5. Hurry up! The lions are coming"! Shouted Jim and Uncle Jack. ()
6. They shouted to Daisy, May and the Meerkats to hurry up. ()



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Pages 24 and 25

• Choose from the words :

(meerkats - balloon - jumped - men - catch - happy - promise - afraid -
balloon -

1. Uncle Jack and Jim jumped into the _____.
2. The men were _____, the lions were between them and their lorry.
3. "Please, let us jump into your _____ !" one of the men said to Uncle Jack.
4. "Uncle Jack said " Of, but promise not to _____ meerkats again.
5. The men _____ onto the balloon.
6. Everyone was _____, except the lions who didn't have _____ or _____ for supper.
7. Uncle Jack said "Don't forget your _____".



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- ★ 1. Uncle Jack and Jim jumped into the balloon. ()
- ★ 2. The men were happy, the lions were between them and
★ the balloon. ()
- ★ 3. "Please let us jump into your balloon "! One of the men said to
★ Jim. ()
- ★ 4. Uncle Jack said " Of, but promise to catch meerkats again. ()
- ★ 5. The men jumped onto the lorry. ()
- ★ 6. Everyone was happy, except the lions who didn't have men or
★ meerkats for dinner. ()
- ★ 7. Jim said "Don't forget your promise". ()

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Pages 26 and 27

• Choose from the words :

(pointed - Uncle Jack - waved - laugh - lorry)

1. The lions went away and the men go into their _____.
2. It was time for _____ and the children to go home.
3. Everyone _____ goodbye to the meerkats.
4. Jim _____ to the lorry with the men. He started to _____.

• Put (✓) or (x)

1. The lions went away and the men go into their balloon . ()
2. It was time for Uncle Jack and the men to go home. ()
3. Everyone waved goodbye to the lions. ()
4. Jim pointed to the balloon with the men. He started to laugh.
()