



GRANDAD'S HAT

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Dedication

Dedicated to the memory of Jo, a very brave lady, and also to Lauren who wanted to know more.

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Foreword.

‘Grandad’s Hat’ is a collaboration between Alzheimer’s Research UK, a group from the pharmaceutical company Eisai Limited, James Threadgold and children’s author Matt Elliott. It is a storybook about dementia.

Dementia, which affects over 850,000 people in the UK, is a word used to describe symptoms like confusion, memory changes and difficulties with day to day tasks. Alzheimer’s disease is the most common cause of dementia, but there are others, like vascular dementia, dementia with Lewy bodies and frontotemporal dementia.

‘Grandad’s Hat’ can be used as either a picture book or a story book to help young children understand how dementia can affect their older relatives and support parents in talking to their children about dementia. The story centres around two children helping their Grandad, who is leaving things in unusual places - most of the pictures have something not quite right in them. But it’s also about continuing to be positive, no matter what age you are or how age affects you.

‘Grandad’s Hat’ came about when staff from Eisai Ltd met a little girl who had a poorly grandmother. This little girl wanted to know about her grandmother’s symptoms and had many unanswered questions.

**Grandad's hat
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Where, oh, where
did he leave that?**



Lucy



Luke



**Did he hang it
on the hook?
Quickly! Quickly!
We must look.**



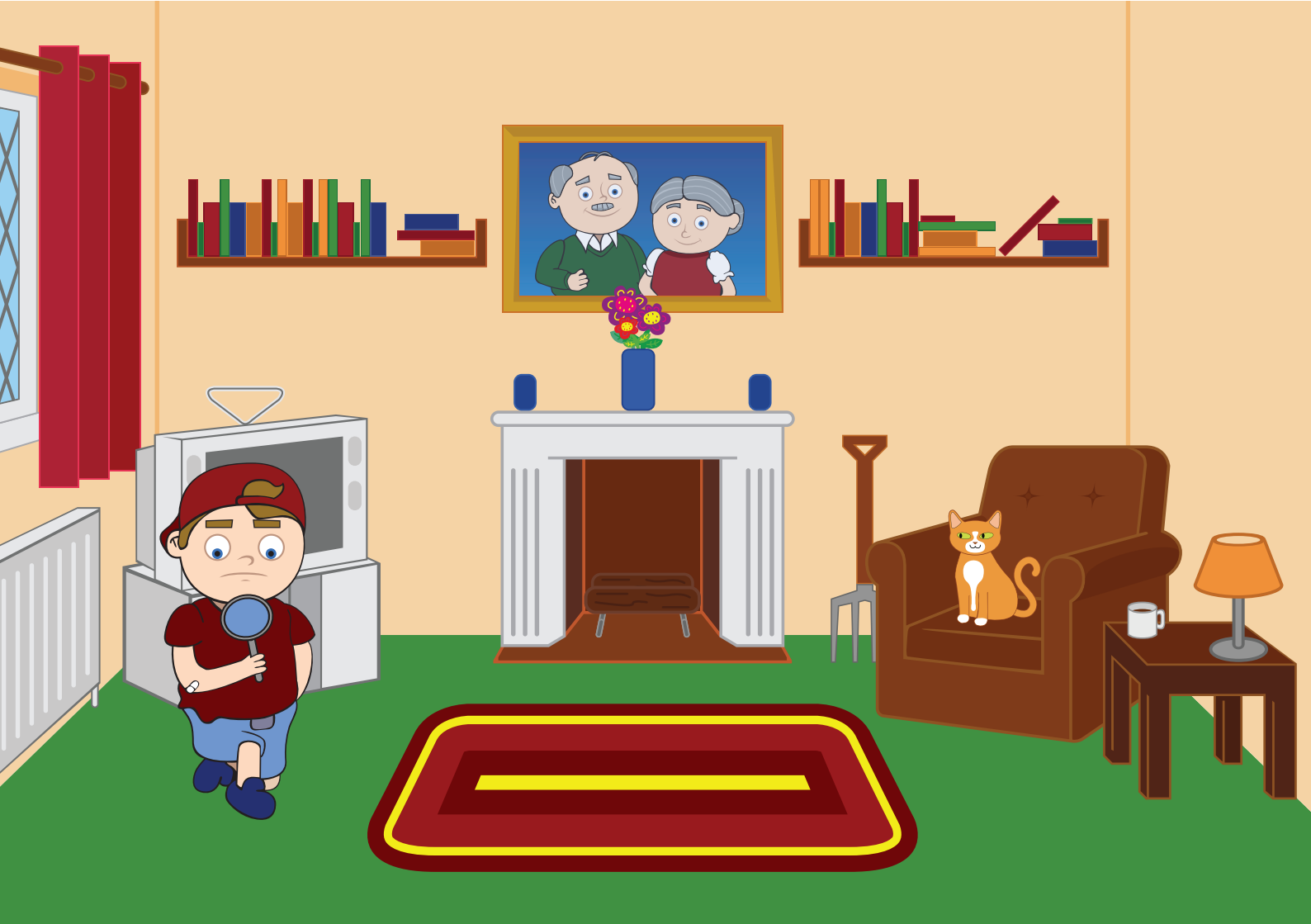
Have you noticed
Grandad is getting very
forgetful lately?



**Did he rest it
on the chair?
Can you see it
anywhere?**

He seems
to leave things in
strange places.

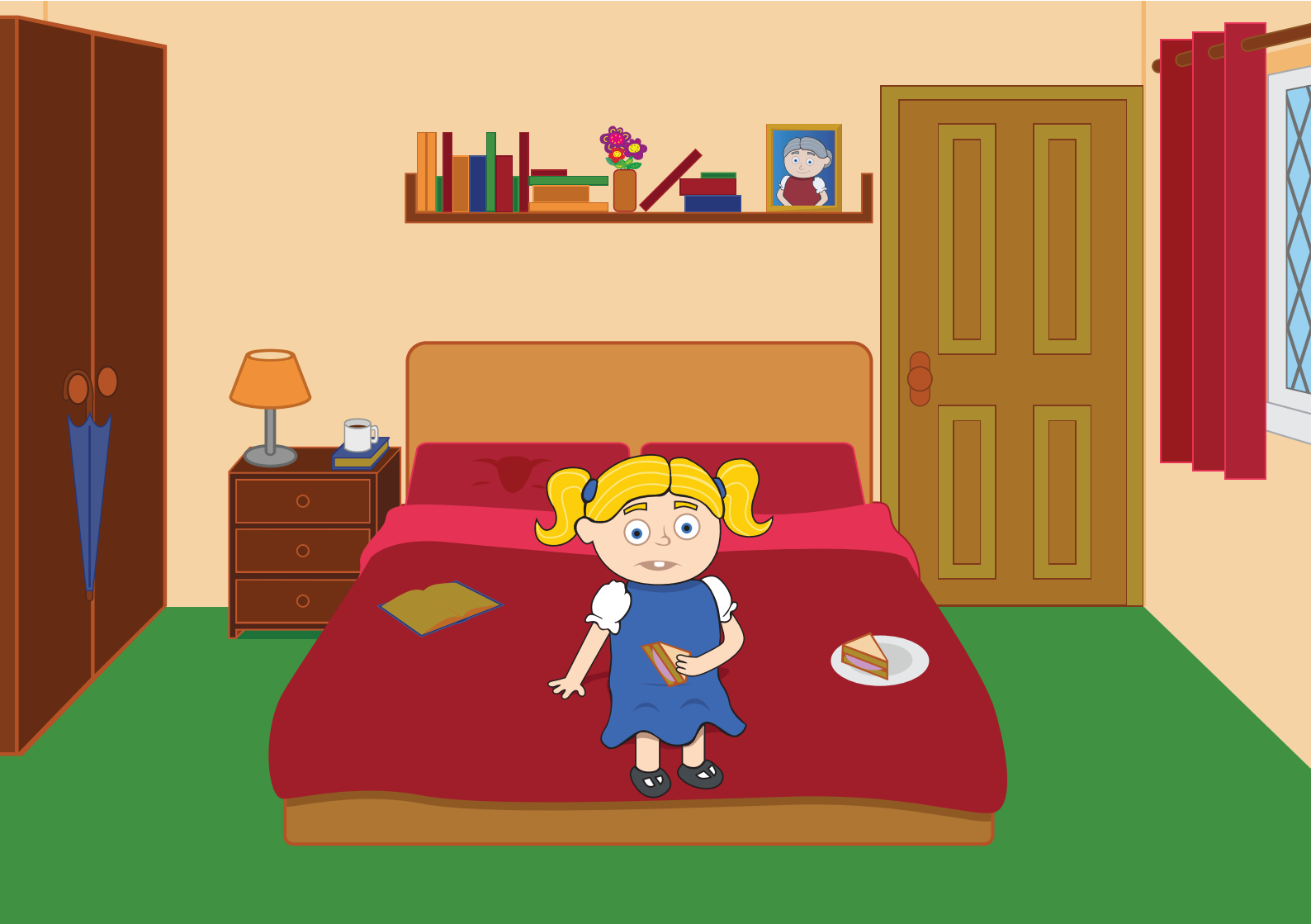




**Did he lay it
on his bed?
Or on the book
that he just read?**

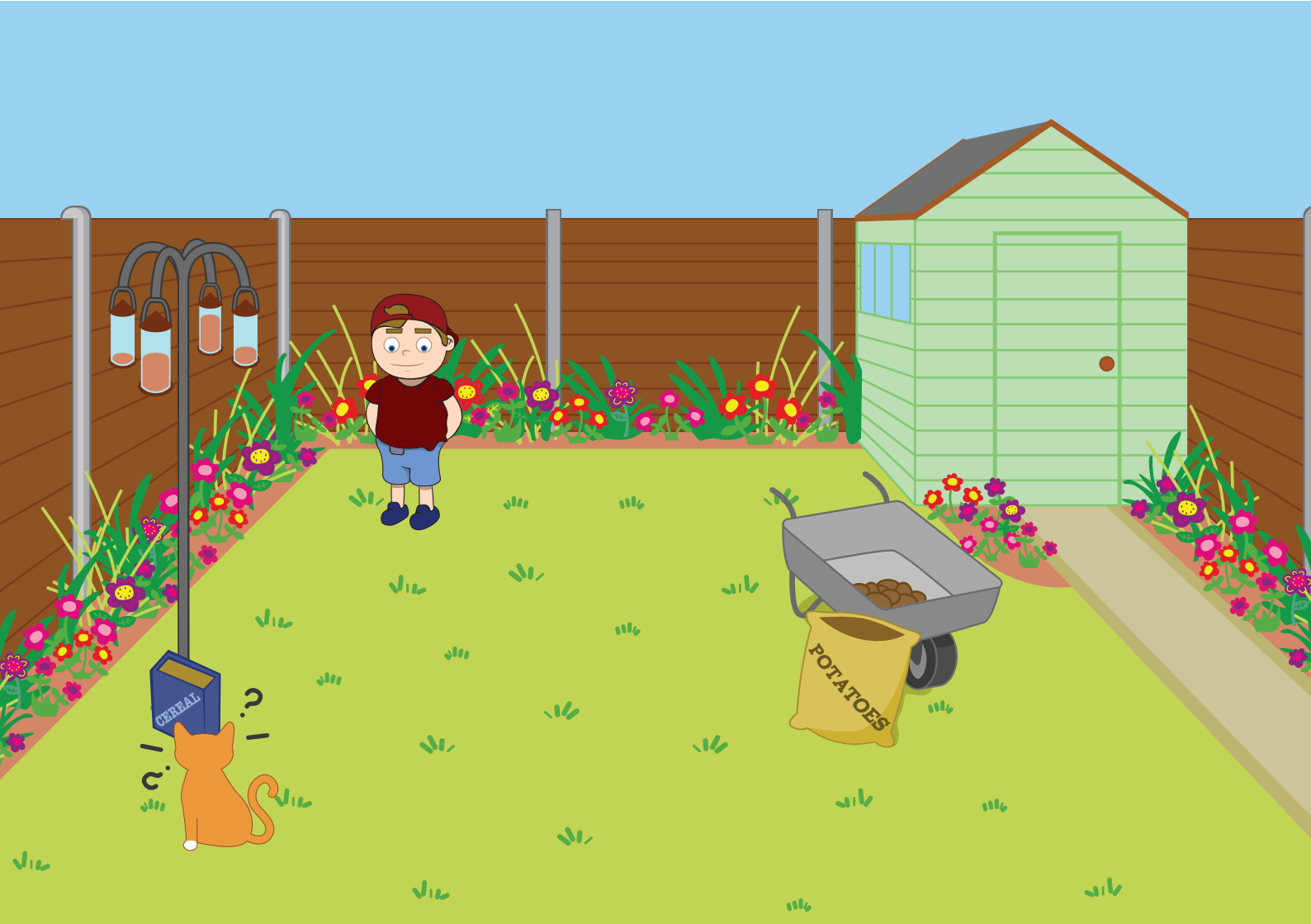


Mum says Grandad
has something called
dementia.



**Did he leave it
in the yard?
Finding it
is getting hard.**





**Did he leave it
in the shed,
Sometimes he thinks
that's his bed.**

Dad says dementia
doesn't just affect Grandad's
memory, sometimes it makes
him confused and he
gets lost too.





**That hat is nowhere
to be seen.
Can you think where else
he has been?**

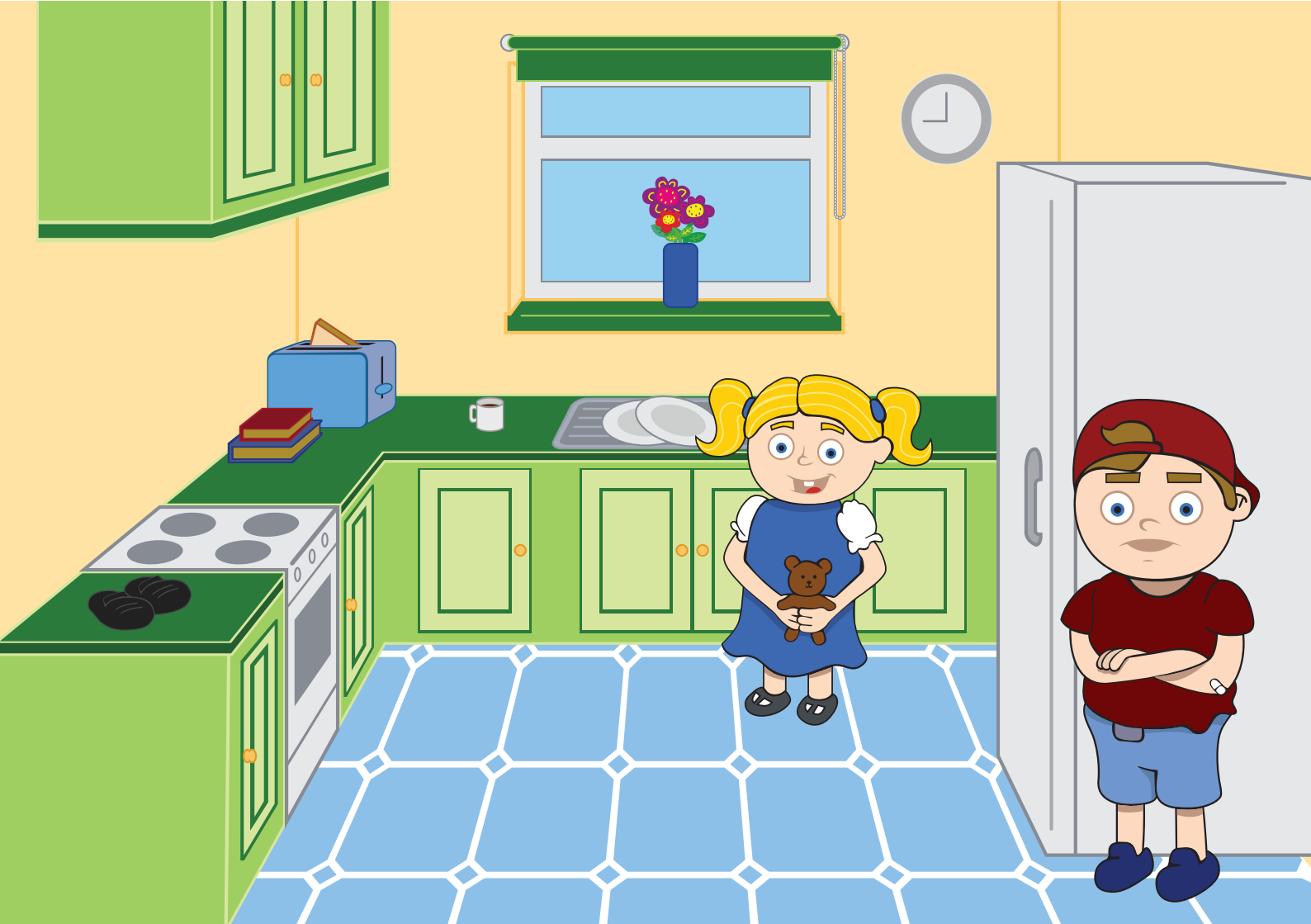
Grandad remembers the
past but not what has
happened just now - like
where he put his hat!





**Did he take it off
when he had tea?
Quick! To the kitchen!
Let's go and see.**





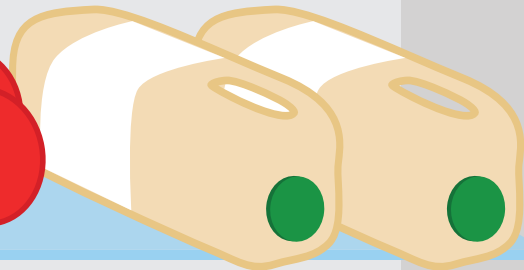
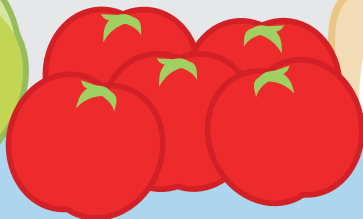
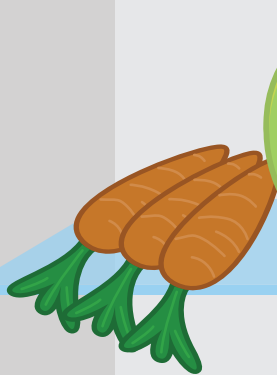
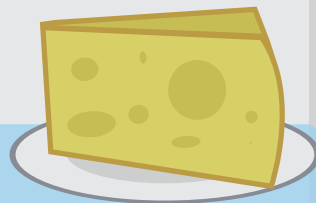
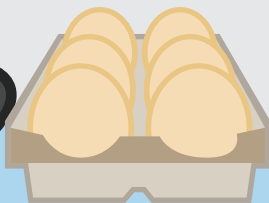
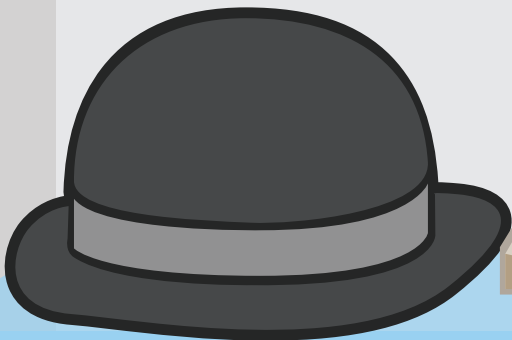
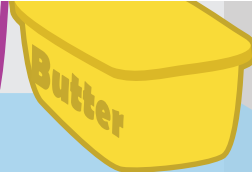
**I saw him eat
a ham sandwich
Look! There it is!
It's in the.....**





FRIDGE!!







Hoorah! Grandad has found his hat, now we can all go to the park and have fun together.

Yes, perhaps Grandad will help us feed the ducks and tell us one of his stories again?



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Grandad can't remember where he put his hat and needs help finding it. He is getting more and more forgetful these days and often leaves things in the wrong places. Can you find all the things that Grandad has put in the wrong place and help Luke and Lucy to solve the mystery?

A charming story designed to help children learn about some of the symptoms of dementia in a positive and engaging way.



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