



'I think I'll do some baking today and make a gingerbread man.'

'What a good idea, dear wife. But how will you do that?'

'First I'll mix the ingredients for the gingerbread dough, and then I'll shape it into a smart little man.'

'He already sounds delicious!'

'And then, dear husband, I'll add a few finishing touches before popping him into the oven.'

'You are a very clever cook, dear wife. And a gingerbread man will be perfect for our morning tea!'

'He certainly will! I think he's going to be a tasty little champion.'

Fifteen minutes later

'And out of the oven he comes. I'll rest him here on the windowsill so that he can cool down.'

'I'll put the kettle on to make us a big pot of tea, dear wife.'

'Oh my goodness! Our dear little gingerbread man is escaping!'

'Escaping? But he is not a real ...'



'I can't believe what I'm seeing! He has jumped over the flower garden, and now he's off down the road!'

Ways to read this story

This story is suitable for school and home. Some 'how to read' ideas are below.

- With a partner or small group, take it in turns to read the rows.
- Don't rush! This helps you to say each word clearly.
- Think of yourselves as actors by adding lots of facial and vocal expression. Small gaps of silence also create dramatic energy. These techniques will bring the story to life.
- If you meet a new word, give it a go and then move on.
- Don't be scared of unusual words. They will become your new best friends. (New words strengthen your general knowledge and enable you to become vocabulary-rich in your day-to-day life.)

Have fun!