

THE CARPET GOES

ON THE CEILING

'What now?' they all said, looking at Muggle-Wump.

'Ah-ha!' cried Muggle-Wump. 'Now for the fun! Now for the greatest upside down trick of all time! Are you ready?'

'We're ready,' said the monkeys. 'We're ready,' said the birds.

'Pull out the carpet!' shouted Muggle-Wump. 'Pull this huge carpet out from under the furniture and stick it on to the ceiling!'

'On to the *ceiling*!' cried one of the small monkeys. 'But that's impossible, Dad!'

'I'll stick *you* on to the ceiling if you don't shut up!' snapped Muggle-Wump.

'He's dotty!' they cried.

'He's balmy!'

'He's batty!'

'He's nutty!'

'He's screwy!'

'He's wacky!' cried the Roly-Poly Bird. 'Poor old Muggles has gone off his wump at last!'

'Oh, do stop shouting such rubbish and give me a hand,'

said Muggle-Wump, catching hold of one corner of the carpet.

'Pull, you nitwits, pull!'

The carpet was enormous. It covered the entire floor from wall to wall. It had a red and gold pattern on it.

It is not easy to pull an enormous carpet off the floor when the room is full of tables and chairs.

'Pull!' yelled Muggle-Wump. 'Pull, pull, pull!' He was like a demon hopping around the room and telling everyone what to do.

But you couldn't blame him. After months and months of standing

on his head with his family, he couldn't wait for the time when the terrible Twits would be doing the same thing. At last that's what he hoped.

With the monkey and the birds all pulling and puffing, the carpet was dragged off the floor and finally hoisted up on the ceiling.

And there it stuck.

All at once, the whole ceiling of the living-room was carpeted in red and gold.

Questions

1. Which characters appear in chapter 24?
2. How many questions are there in the text?
3. How long had Muggle-Wump and his family been standing?
4. Which words are used instead of the word 'crazy'?
5. What do you think a 'nitwit' is?
6. Can you find two adjectives that describes the carpet?
7. Why do you think '*you*' is written in italics? (slanted text)
8. Why does Roly-Poly Bird say 'poor old Muggles'?
9. What does the carpet look like?
10. Why is there an exclamation mark after 'Pull, pull, pull!'
11. Find a simile, what effect does it have on the reader?
12. Is there an example of alliteration within chapter 24?