

Book 34

The Amazing Escape

Chapter 2

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furious caretaker fault basin window

Work hard at your braille reading.

The footsteps are getting very near.

We have to work fast, whispers Abi. Where is the door to the staff cloakroom? We will hide in there. Hurry, Sam. HURRY!

The door handle starts to creak as they rush to the door in the other corner of the staff room.

Mr Snodgrass bursts into the staff room just as the children manage to shut the cloakroom door.

Mr Snodgrass looks about him. There he sees the broken mug and the pool of coffee in his briefcase. He rushes over to have a closer look.

Oh no, he bellows. All my worksheets
are soaked, and my new cricket jumper will have
coffee stains on it. Mrs Snodgrass will have
my guts for garters!

Lock the door, hisses Abi, a bit too
loudly. Mr Snodgrass hears her.

Who is there? he shouts. Where are you hiding?

The children hear him moving about the room.

Turn the key, Sam! Please HURRY,

begs Abi.

As she says this, Abi hears Mr

Snodgrass striding over to the cloakroom

door. Just as he tries to open the door,
Sam manages to lock it. Mr Snodgrass
rattles the handle, and bangs and shouts.

Open this door AT ONCE, he bellows.

Abi and Sam keep quiet, shaking with fear.

Mr Snodgrass is furious!

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I am going to get the caretaker and the head teacher, he roars. We will break this door down if we have to!

The children hear his footsteps hurrying away.

We are in for it now, wails Sam. We're well and truly trapped! Why did you bring your

**Dad's silly iPod to school? This is all
your fault, Abi!**

**I'm sorry, Sam, says Abi. But
maybe we can climb out of the toilet window and
escape?**

No way, moans Sam. There is quite a big

drop, and we will break our legs.

Can you see anything that we can use to lower us down, asks Abi. Her brain is working fast.

How about my skipping rope?

It's too short, says Sam gloomily.

But I can see Mr Snodgrass's new scarf

on a peg over there. If we tied it to your skipping rope, it may just about reach the grass.

It will have to do, says Abi. There is no choice!

Abi works fast, tying one end of the scarf firmly to the tap on the basin, and tying the other

end to her skipping rope. Sam drops the other end of the skipping rope out of the window. He looks out.

I think your plan will work, he says excitedly. The rope nearly reaches the grass. I'll slide down it, and you follow when I

call.

**Abi can hear voices and footsteps just
outside the door.**

Go go go, Sam, she begs him.

**Sam squeezes out of the little window and slides
down the rope. Abi dares not wait for him to**

**call, and follows Sam as fast as she can. As
Abi grabs the rope and starts to slide down,
a number of things happen all at once.**

**The tap breaks away from the basin with Abi and
Sam both on the rope. Abi falls the last
little way to the grass. She is not hurt, and**

jumps up at once.

The caretaker forces the cloakroom door open, and in rushes Mr Snodgrass.

It is at that exact minute that a big jet of freezing cold water from the broken tap spurts out in his face!

**With all the shouting and rumpus in the staff
cloakroom, nobody sees Abi and Sam
running as fast as they can out of the school gates!**

**Still feeling rather shaky, they wait near the gates
for Sam's Mum to collect them. Abi
remembers something, and asks Sam where the iPod**

is.

Oh no, wails Sam. I left it on the shelf in the staff room when the coffee fell over. All that fuss for nothing! You said your Dad will make you into mincemeat. Do you think he will?

No, of course not, but he won't be very

pleased, groans Abi. Then she thinks of something. With a bit of luck, Mrs Snodgrass will get so mad when she sees the state of Mr Snodgrass's jumper and scarf that she will truly have his guts for garters!

Abi says

Where did Sam and I hide?

Why do you think the tap broke?

**Write about a time when you did something that made
your parents or teachers cross.**