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# Mr Gumpy's Motor Car







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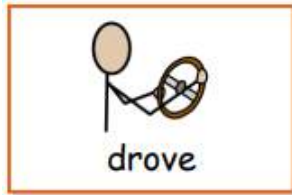
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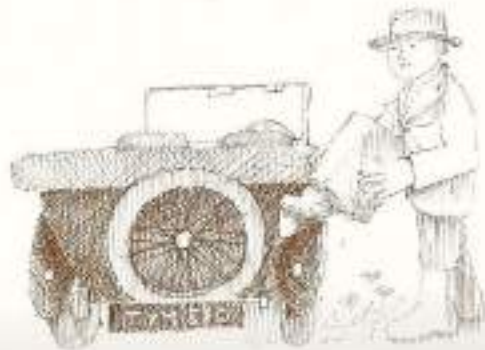
car.



He drove out of the gate and down the lane.



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"May we come too?" said the children.

"May we?" said the rabbit, the cat, the dog, the pig, the sheep, the chickens, the calf and the goat.



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"All right," said Mr Gumpy.  
"But it will be a squash."



squash



And they all piled in.



"All right,"



said



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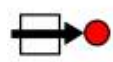


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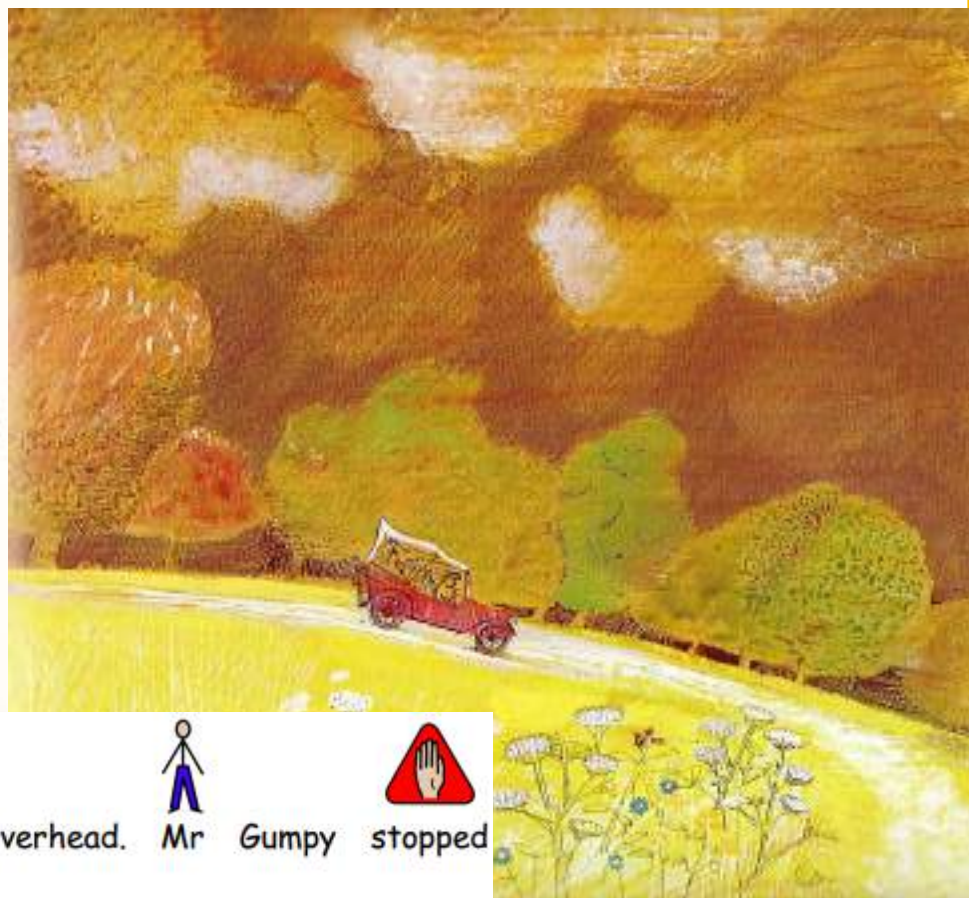
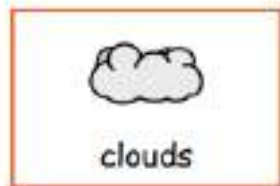


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Very soon the dark clouds were right overhead.  
Mr Gumpy stopped the car. He jumped out,  
put up the hood, and down came the rain.



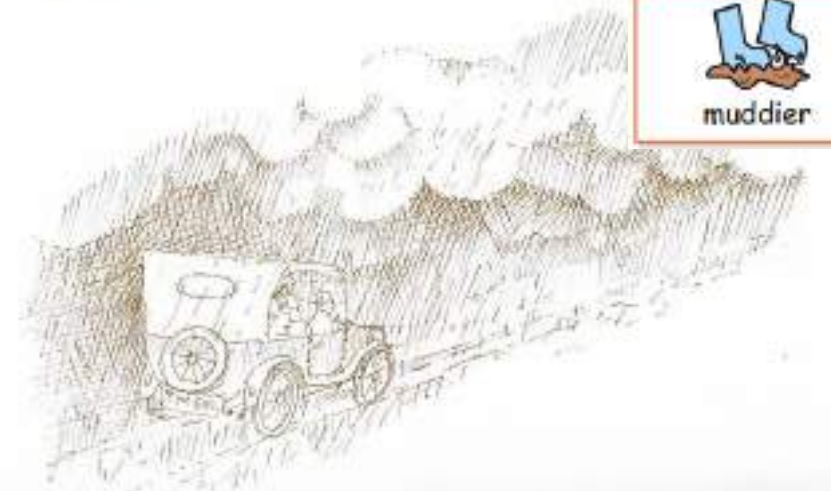
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Mr Gumpy looked at the hill ahead.

"Some of you will have to get out and push,"  
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"Not me," said the goat. "I'm too old."

"Not me," said the calf. "I'm too young."

"Not us," said the chickens. "We can't push."

"Not me," said the sheep. "I might catch cold."

"Not me," said the pig.

"I've a bone in my trotter."

"Not me," said the dog.

"But I'll drive if you like."

"Not me," said the cat. "It would ruin my fur."

"Not me," said the rabbit. "I'm not very well."

"Not me," said the girl. "He's stronger."

"Not me," said the boy. "She's bigger."







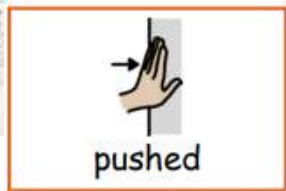


The wheels churned...



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The car sank deeper into the mud.  
 "Now we're really stuck," said Mr Gumpy.  
 They all got out and pushed.



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They pushed and shoved and heaved and strained and gasped and slipped and slithered and squelched.

Slowly the car began to move...

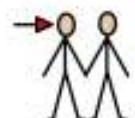






"Don't stop!" cried Mr Gumpy. "Keep it up! We're nearly there."


Everyone gave a mighty heave—the tyres gripped...



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

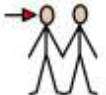


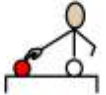


  
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The car edged its way to the top of the hill.  
They looked up and saw that the sun  
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"We'll drive home across the bridge,"  
said Mr Gumpy.  
"There'll be time for a swim."



swim



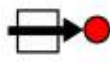
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"Goodbye," said Mr Gumpy.  
"Come for a drive another day."



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Mr Gumpy is going out for a drive in his motor car,  
but the children, the rabbit, the cat, the dog, the pig, the sheep,  
the chickens, the calf and the goat all want to come along, too.  
All is well until the rain pours down, the wheels start to spin on  
the muddy track and Mr Gumpy's companions all find  
excuses not to get out and push the car...



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