The background of the cover is a photograph of a prison cell. The cell is constructed of dark metal bars, creating a grid pattern. In the lower right portion of the cell, a person is sitting on the floor, their back to the camera. The lighting is somewhat dim, and the overall tone is somber and institutional. The title 'Escape' is printed in a clean, white, sans-serif font in the upper right quadrant. Below the title, the authors' names are listed in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. A vertical red bar is visible on the left edge of the cover.

Escape

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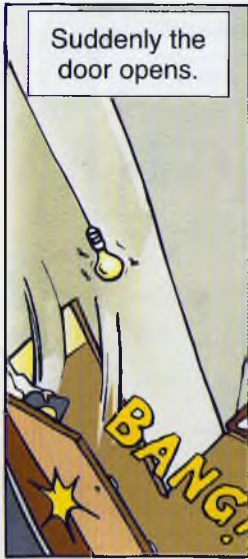
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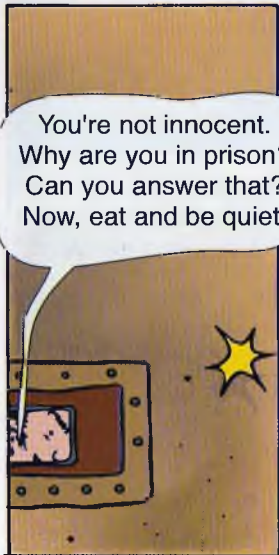


I'm innocent!
Why don't they
believe me?



Five years! I must
stay in this prison for
five years! All I do is
read. This is no life.
I must get out of here.

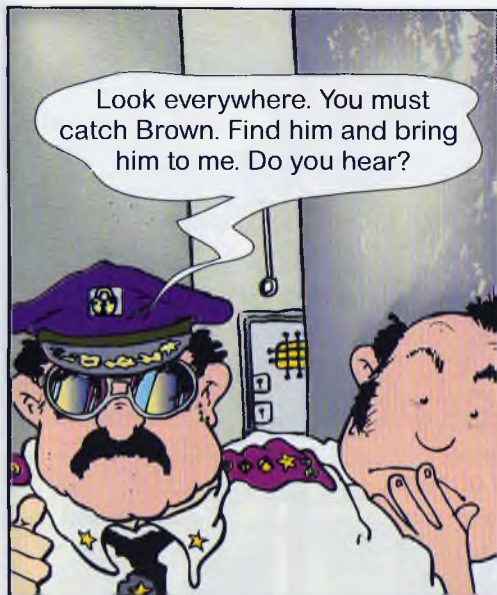




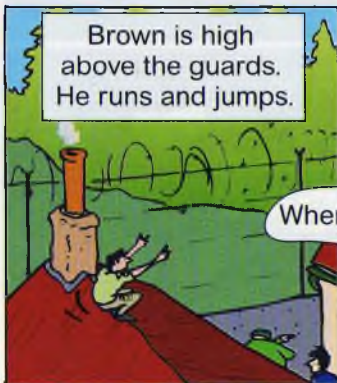
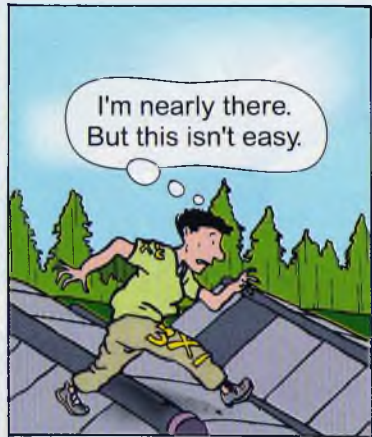






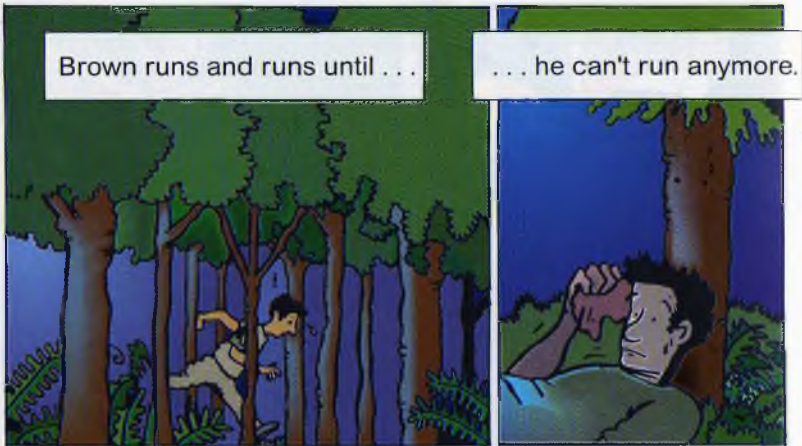


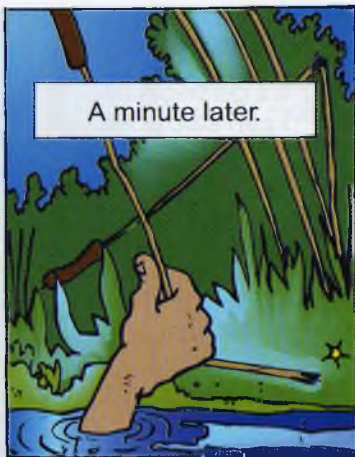












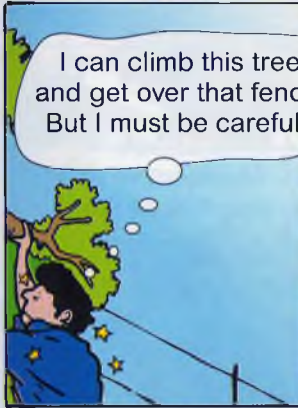
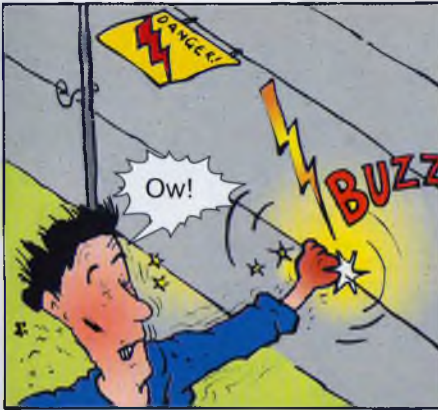






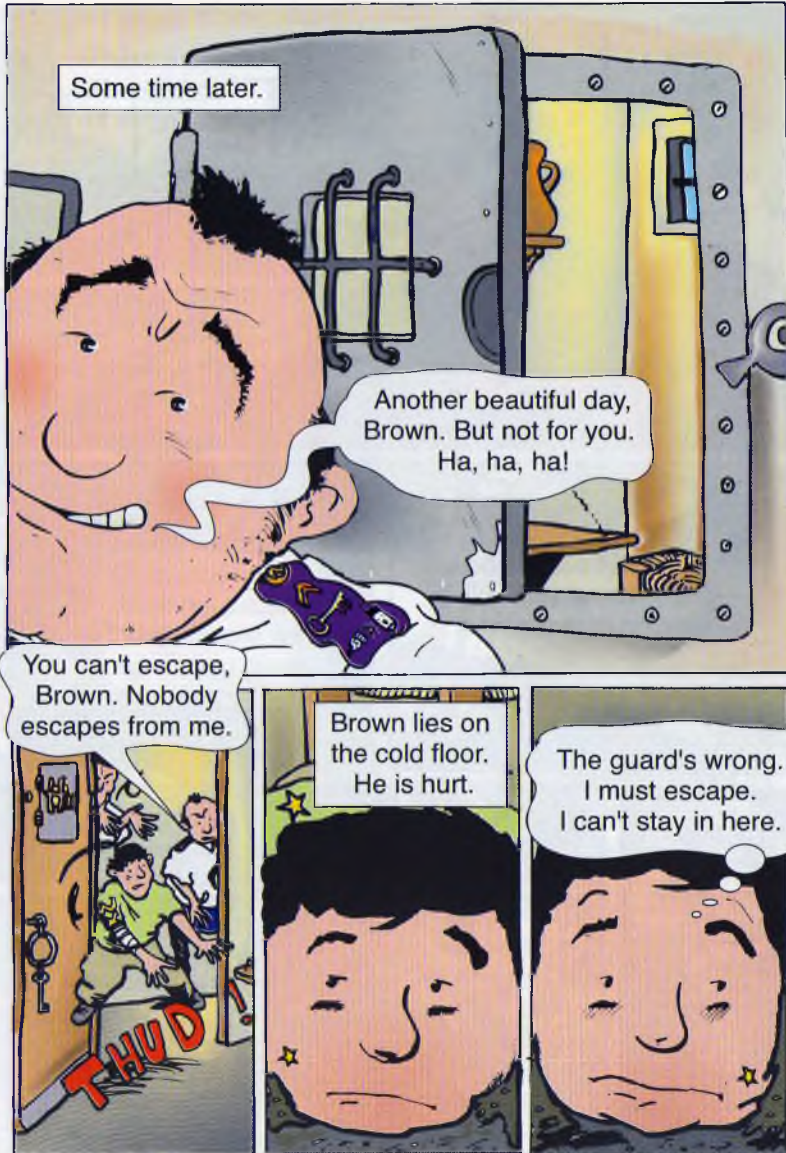






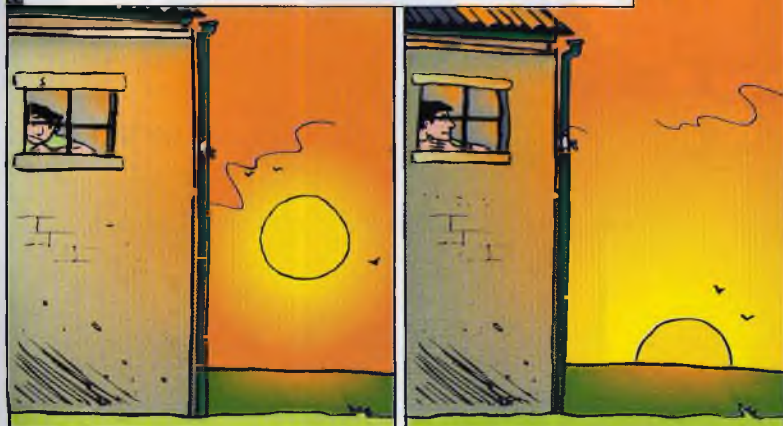


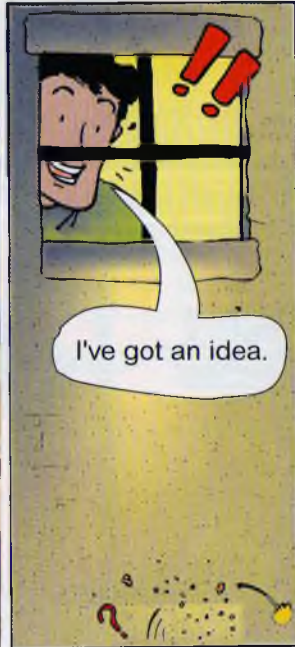
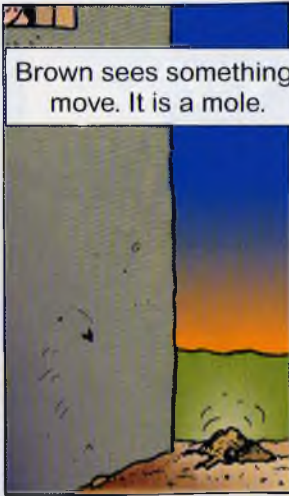






Brown looks out of his window for a long time.





ACTIVITIES

*Before Reading***1 Look at the front cover and answer these questions.**

1 Who is Brown?

a A cross country runner.b A prisoner.c A farmer.

2 What do you think happens to Brown?

a Someone catches Brown.b Brown escapes.c Someone shoots Brown.

3 Do you think Brown is

a ... a thief?b ... a murderer?c ... an innocent man?

4 Is he wearing

a ... a coat?b ... prison clothes?c ... a hat?**2 Read the back cover of the book and answer these questions.**

1 Do the prison guards like Brown?

2 Brown has an idea. What is it, do you think?

ACTIVITIES

While Reading

1 Match the words with the pictures.



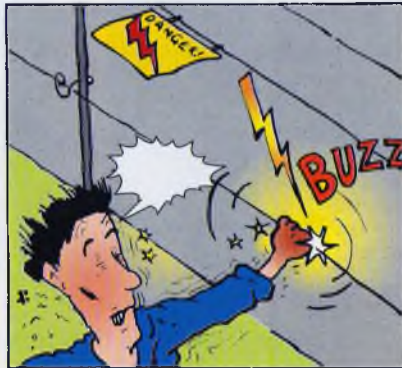
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- a 'Good, I'm safe. The farmer's going away.'
- b 'Be careful, Brown. Don't fall now.'
- c 'Ow!'
- d 'I'm not hungry.'

2 Read pages 1–12.

Are the following true (T) or false (F)?

- | | T | F |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 Brown must stay in prison for ten years. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 Someone sees Brown escape. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 The guard brings Brown his dinner. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 Brown sees a dog out of the window. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 The guard hides from Brown. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 Brown hides in a ditch | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

3 Read pages 13–24 and answer the following questions.

Who

- 1 ... hides in the river?
- 2 ... is sitting by the side of the road?
- 3 ... says: 'He does snore!'
- 4 ... wants her clothes back?
- 5 ... wants three big pizzas?
- 6 ... says: 'Nobody escapes from me'?
- 7 ... is digging a tunnel?

Why

- 8 ... does Brown stop cycling?
- 9 ... does Brown change his clothes?
- 10 ... can't Brown climb the fence?
- 11 ... is Brown's box not on the plane?

What

- 12 ... does Brown take from the camper?
- 13 ... does Brown say to the chickens?
- 14 ... does the woman pilot want to eat?
- 15 ... does Brown do when he is back in his cell?

ACTIVITIES

After Reading

1 Use these words to join the sentences together.

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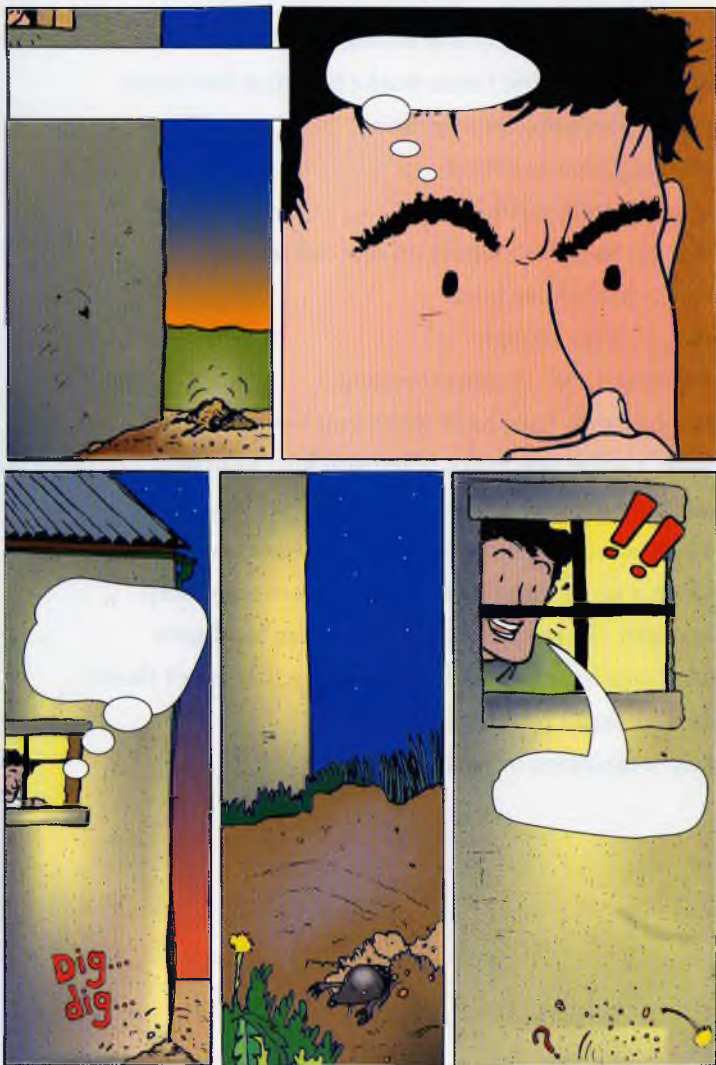
- 1 Brown is in prison. He says he is innocent.
- 2 Brown jumps in the ditch. The guards shine the light.
- 3 The dogs chase Brown. He hides in the water.
- 4 One pilot wants one pizza. The other pilot wants five.
- 5 Brown cannot escape by plane. He has another idea.

2 Write a short letter to a friend. Tell them what the story is about. Include these words in your letter:

*escape prison guard farmer plane box light fence
catch fly dogs book*

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3 Write a different ending by filling in the speech bubbles.



Glossary

believe think someone is telling the truth

electric an electric fence works by using electricity

escape run away from prison

free (*adj*) not in prison

hate strongly dislike

hide go to a place where no one can see you

hurt a broken leg hurts

idea a clever thought

innocent (*adj*) doing no wrong

lie you lie on your back when you sleep

ouch a noise you make when you hurt yourself

safe you are safe when no one can hurt you

shush a noise you say to make someone quiet

snore a noise some people make when they sleep

stomach the part of your body where food goes

thief someone who takes something that is not theirs

turn change the way you are going

way a direction or path

Escape




'I'm not a thief. I'm an innocent man,' shouts Brown. He is angry because he is in prison and the prison guards hate him. Then one day Brown has an idea. It is dangerous – very dangerous.

[Word count 930]



- ◀ STAGE 6
- ◀ STAGE 5
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