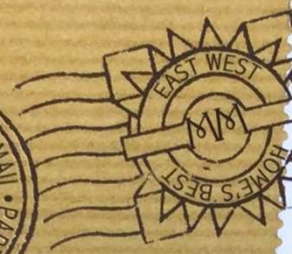


# Monday

Read up to slide 8, then answer these questions:

1. What is the name of the desert Sunny lives in?
2. What is the adjective that describes Sunny's family?
3. What five things do Sunny's family do together?
4. Look at slide 6. Explain what you think the meerkats are learning about.



Meerkat  
Mail

Emily Gravett



Sunny lives in the Kalahari Desert.  
It is VERY dry and VERY hot.  
Sometimes Sunny thinks it is . . .



... TOO hot.



Sunny comes from a large family.  
They work together,



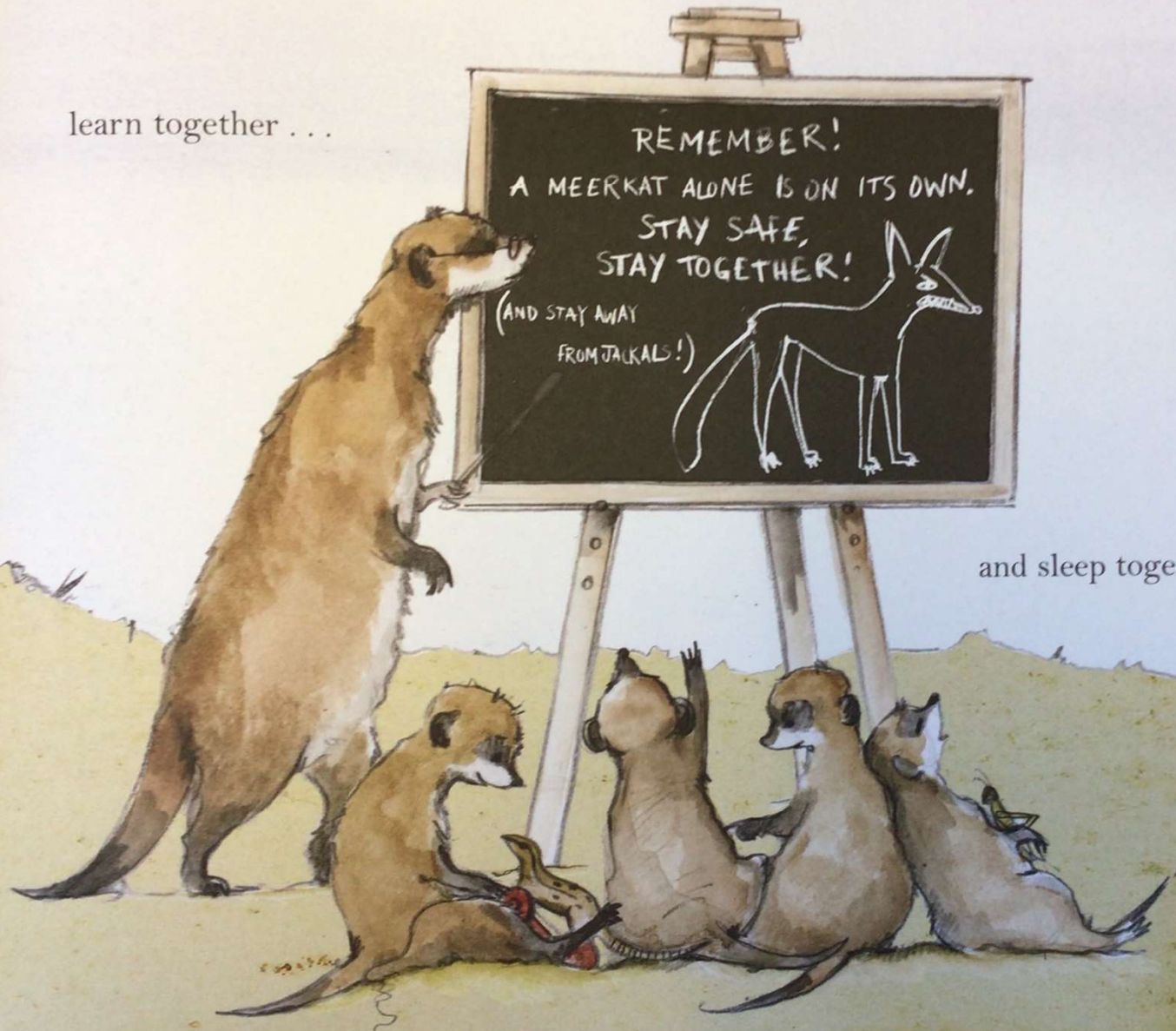
play together,



eat together,

learn

learn together . . .



and sleep together.



In fact, they do everything together.  
They are VERY close.

Sometimes Sunny thinks they are  
TOO close.






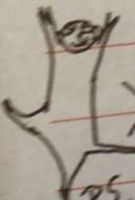




# Tuesday

Read up to slide 15 and then answer the following questions:

1. What did Sunny wish?
2. Who does Sunny visit on Monday?
3. Look at slide 14. What is the weather and the food like?
4. What are Sunny's two cousins called?

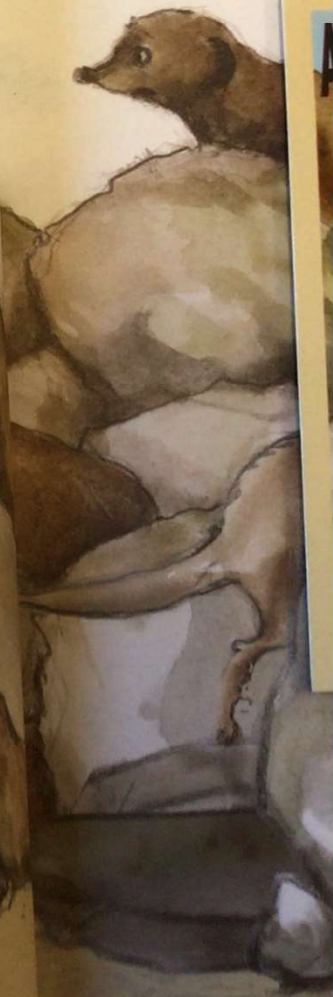


Sometimes, Sunny wishes that he could live somewhere else.  
So he packs his suitcase, and writes his family a note.

 Dear Everyone   
I'm off to find somewhere  
PERFECT to live.   
(Don't worry Mum, I'll be  
staying with our Mongoose  
relatives, so will be quite safe)  
Love from  Sunny   
P.S. I promise to write   
  




On Monday Sunny visits his Uncle Bob.





**AFRICAN RED HORNBILL**

**warning mongoose of danger**


Uncle Bob's family make him very welcome.  
But Sunny just doesn't fit in.

# DWARF MONGOOSE

HELOGALE BARVULA

To Mum and Dad

It's a lot like being at home here.

(Except that I am the BIGGEST,  HOORAY)

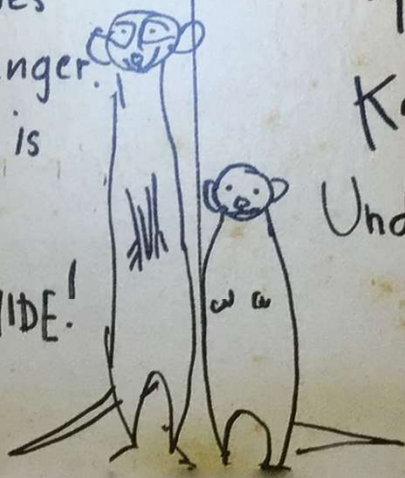
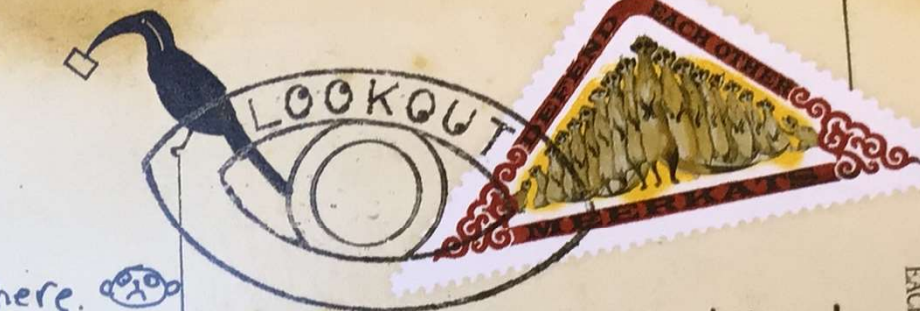
The weather is ☀ and the food is fantastic (lots of scorpions! YUM!)

Best thing is no one has to keep lookout because there's this bird, which goes SQUAWK! when there is danger.

I told Uncle Bob our family motto is STAY SAFE, STAY TOGETHER.

He told me theirs is RUN AND HIDE!

From Sunny



The BIG Meerkat Mob.

Sandy Burrow

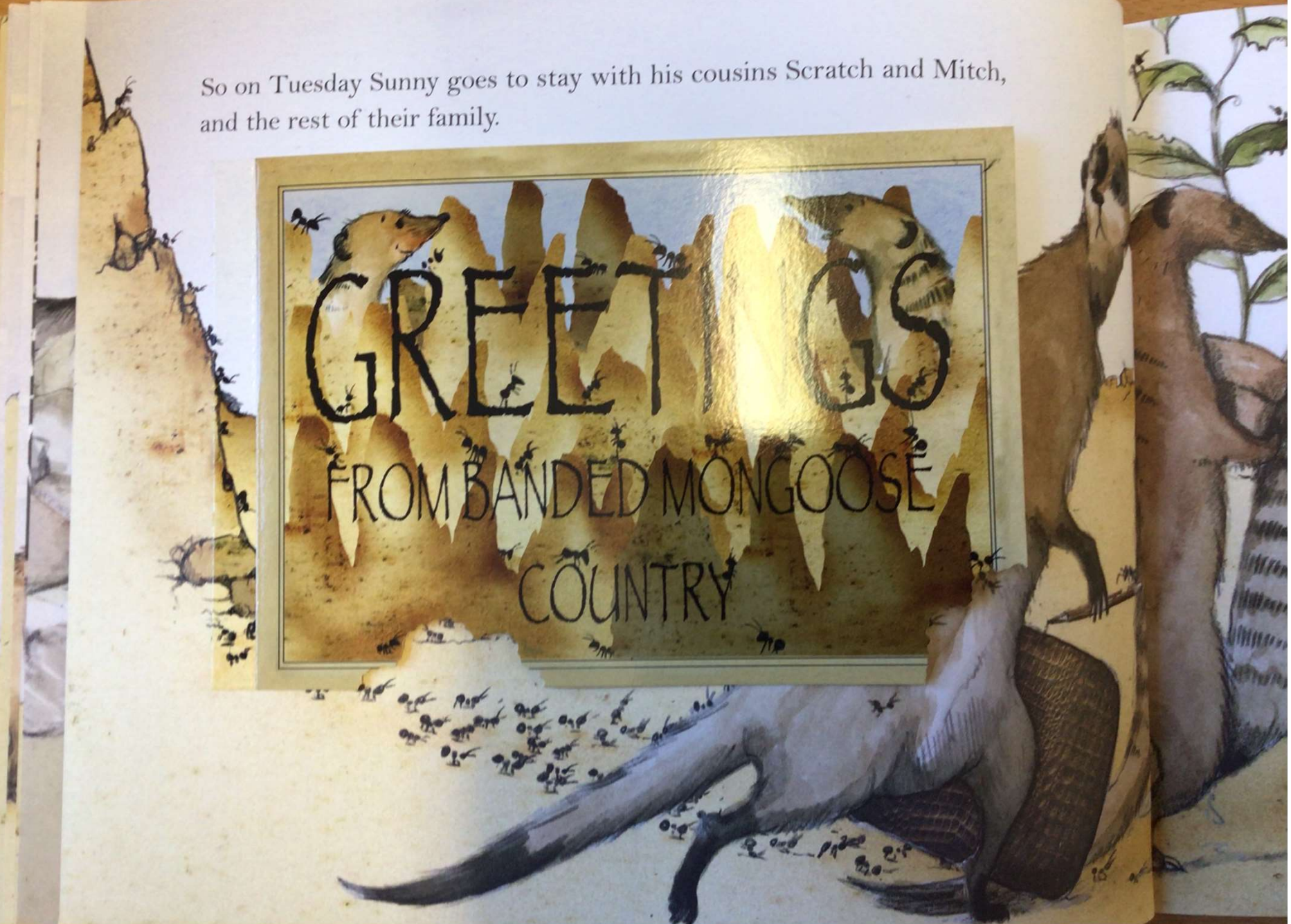
The Dunes

Kalahari Desert.

Under the BIG BLUE SKY

DWARF MONGOOSES UNDER THREAT ARE TOO SMALL TO DEFEND EACH OTHER. INSTEAD, THEY DISPERSE TO FIND SAFETY

So on Tuesday Sunny goes to stay with his cousins Scratch and Mitch,  
and the rest of their family.



# Wednesday

Read to slide 22 and then answer the following questions:

1. What does it mean by 'itchy feet'?
2. Where did he arrive on Wednesday?
3. What food did not agree with Sunny?
4. What is Ed's favourite food?

Banded Mongooses live in groups of 10-20. Their diet consists mainly of insects. They are nomadic, moving every few days.

POST CARD

This space may be used for  
CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Mum and Dad

We have been living in  
an old termite mound...but  
we are moving...

There is plenty to eat!

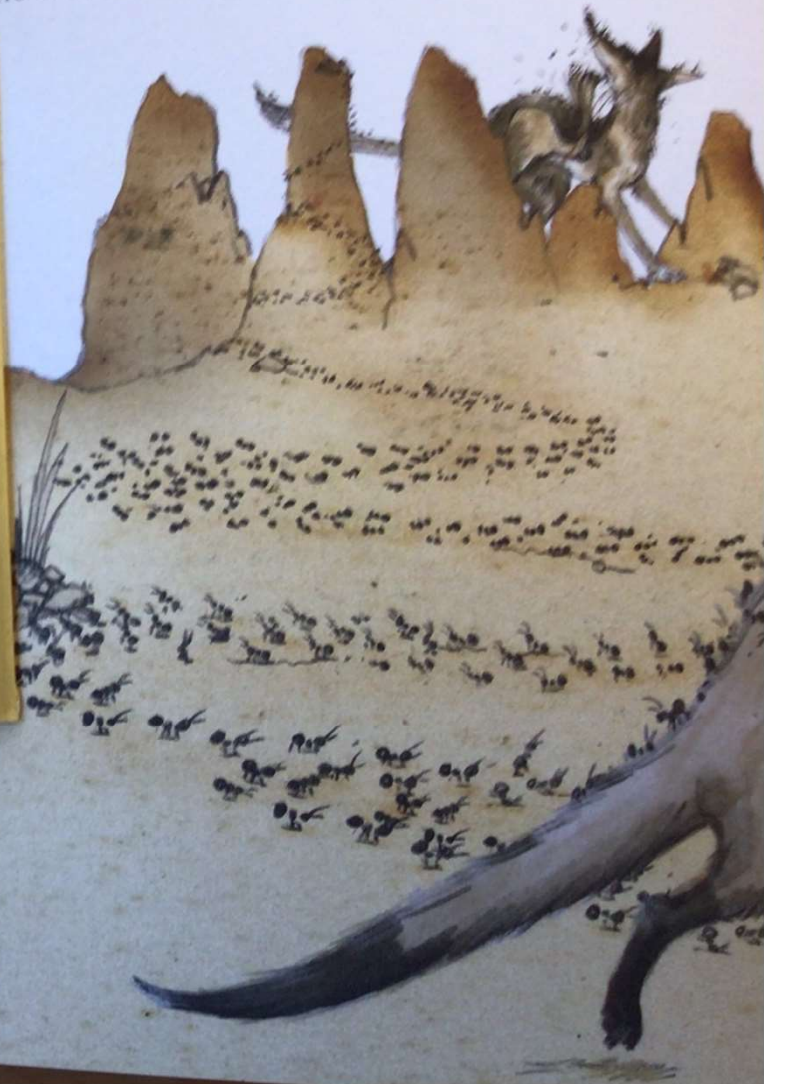
Yours ~~ticklishly~~ ticklishly

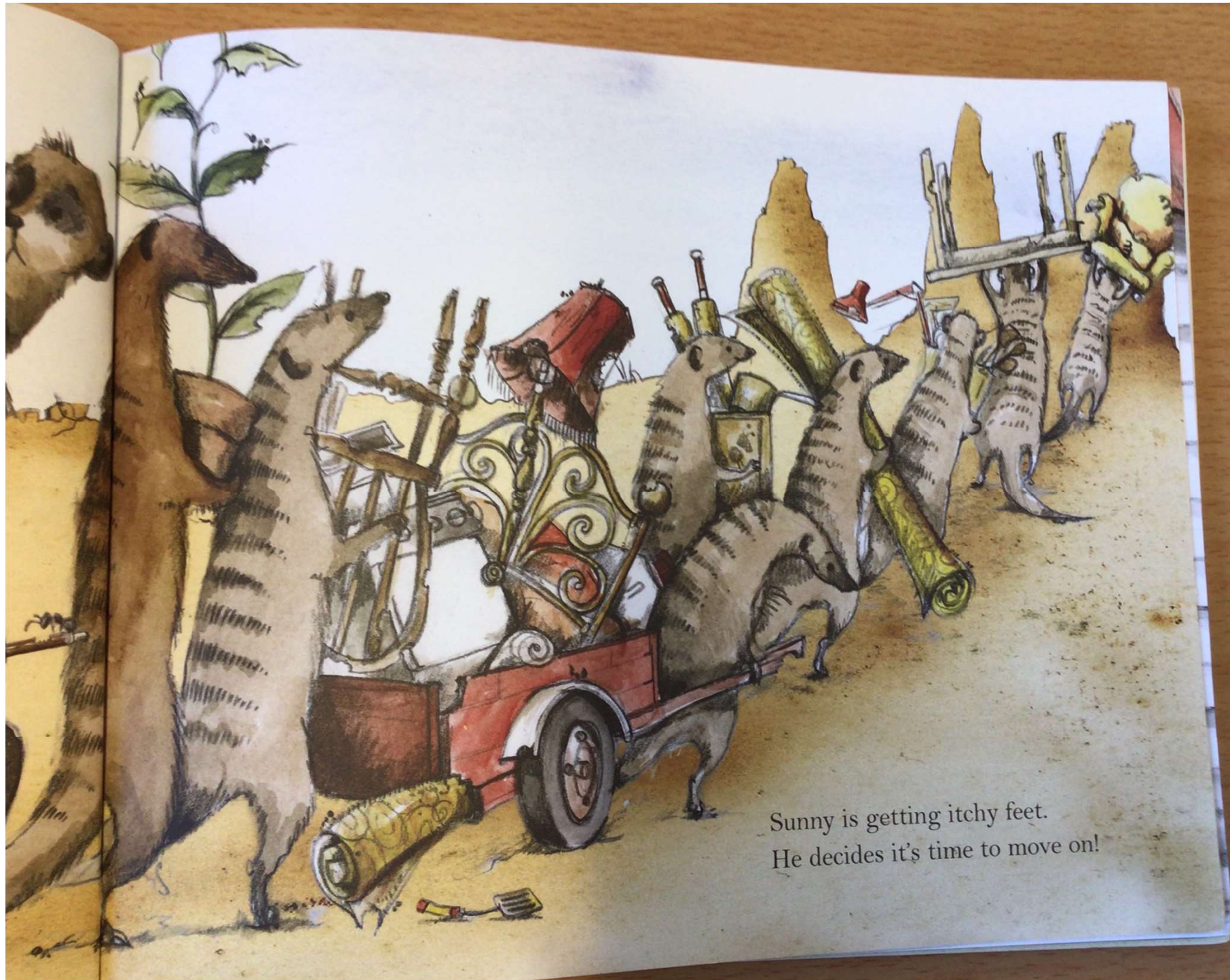
Sunny X



THE YEERKAT MOB  
COSY BURROW  
THE DUNES  
KALAHARI DESERT  
UNDER THE BIG  
BLUE SKY

So on Tuesday Sunny goes to stay with his cousins Ser and the rest of their family.





Sunny is getting itchy feet.  
He decides it's time to move on!

On Wednesday he arrives at his cousin Edward's.





Sunny is not at all sure that eggs totally agree with him.

POST



CORRESPONDENCE

CARD

ADDRESS



Indian Grey Mongooses live alone in forests and fields. They often stay close to human habitation and have been known to attack domestic poultry.

Dear Mum, Dad, Grandad and Grandma

I'm staying on a farm!

Ed's favourite food is chicken.

I haven't tried it yet,  
but I've had plenty of eggs!

(Tell Mickey they're not as good  
as scorpions)

love from

Sunny x x

THE MEERKAT MOB

SANDY BURROW

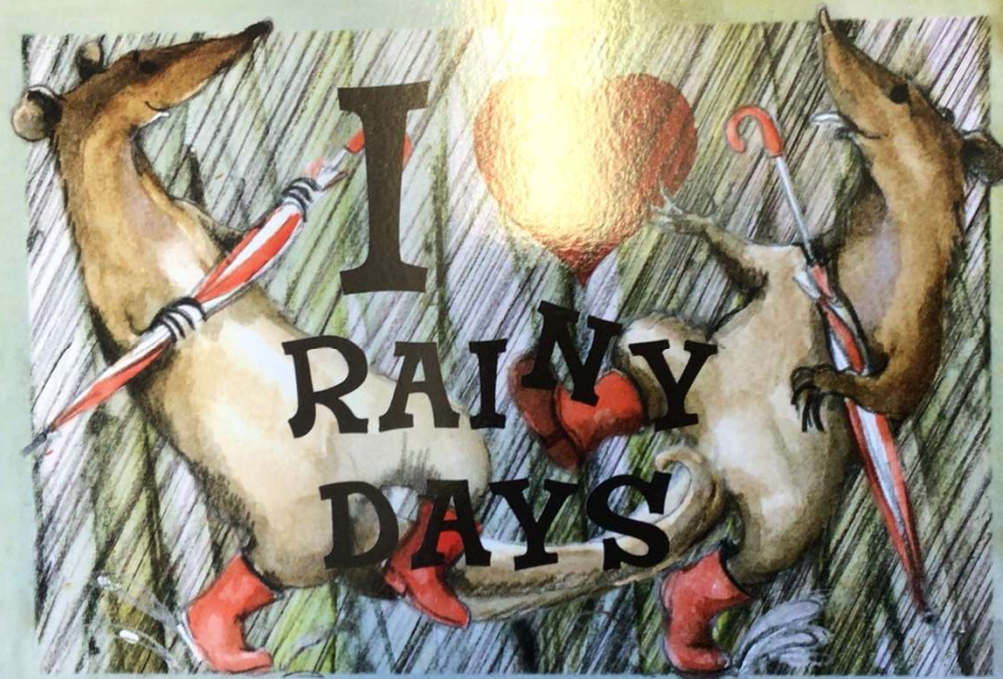
THE DUNES

SCORPION-FILLED DESERT

UNDER THE BIG

BLUE SKY

On Thursday he heads off to stay with his cousins Mildred and Frank.



# Thursday

Read to slide 29 and then answer the following questions:

1. Look at slide 24. Why is 'QUITE HARD' in capital letters?
2. Why did Sunny decide to leave?
3. Where did Sunny arrive on Friday evening?
4. What is Sunny afraid of?

Liberian Mongooses inhabit rainforests  
They feed mainly on earthworms and beetle larvae

# LIBERIAN MONGOOSE

*Liberiictis kuhni*

Dear Mum, Dad and Everyone

It is raining.

QUITE HARD.

Hope the weather  
is better at home

Loads of love  
from

~~Sunny~~ Rainy

X X X



The Meerkat Mob

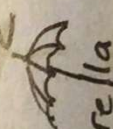
Sandy Warm Burrow

The Dunes

The Lovely DRY Desert

Under the

BIG YELLOW SUN



packed an umbrella

P.S. Great Aunt Maureen was right. I should have

On Thursday he h



Sunny hates getting wet, so he decides to leave.

By Friday evening Sunny has reached Madagascar.



POST

CORRESPONDENCE



CARD

Dear All,  
Arrived at Auntie Beas  
and Uncle Robs.  
It is very late,  
and very dark.

I think it may be past my bedtime.  
(Aunt B & Uncle Rob don't seem to have noticed)

I am leaving  
(As soon as it gets light)

Yawns faithfully  
WISH YOU WERE HERE  
Sunny x x zzz



POST EARLY  
IN  
THE DAY

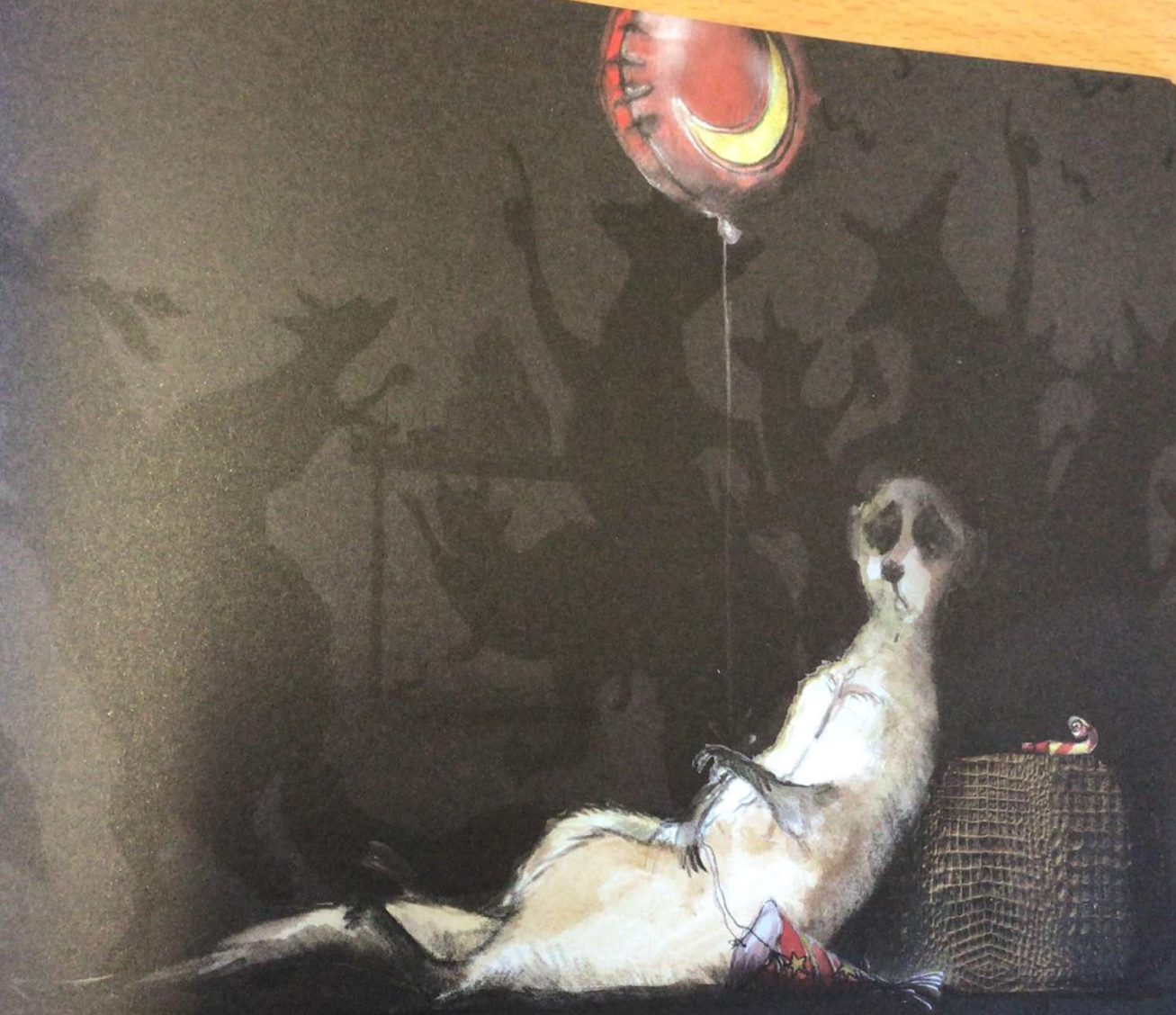
MALAGASY MONGOOSE ARE NOCTURNAL AND LIVE IN PAIRS. THEY FEED ON SMALL VERTEBRATES, SUCH AS MICE

MY Mongoose Mob  
Cosy ~~Blanket~~ bed

THE DUVET  
KALAHARI DESERT

Under the  
Bedclothes

By Friday event



Sunny is afraid of the dark. He can't think of anything worse . . .

Until on Saturday he arrives at Great Aunt Flo's.



# Friday

Read the rest of the story and then answer the following questions:

1. What is a marsh?
2. How did Sunny feel while he was there?
3. What day did Sunny arrive somewhere very hot and dry?
4. Do you think Sunny would go away from home again? Why/why not?



The Original  
*Dive-in*  
RESTAURANT  
Dining for one  
in the wettest  
setting in the Marsh!



FRESH SNAILS-FROGS-EARTHWORMS-LARVAE-CRUSTACEANS (VARIOUS)-SMALL REPTILES-INSECTS

Sunny is beginning to worry that nowhere is right for him.

Marsh Mongooses are solitary and nocturnal. They are good swimmers and prefer to live near water. Their diet consists of crabs, snails and frogs.



MARSH MONGOOSE MARSH  
ATILAX PALUDINOSUS



Dearest Family  
Great Aunt Flo lives on her own  
in a MARSH!!! It is dark AND wet!  
The food is disgusting (slimy)  
and I am lonely, cold and tired.

I really REALLY REALLY  
Wish you were here  
(or that I was not!)

All my love  
Kisses (and snuggles)

Soggy Sunny  
X X X X X  
X X X X X

MEERKAT FAMILY

LOVE + WARM

DRY

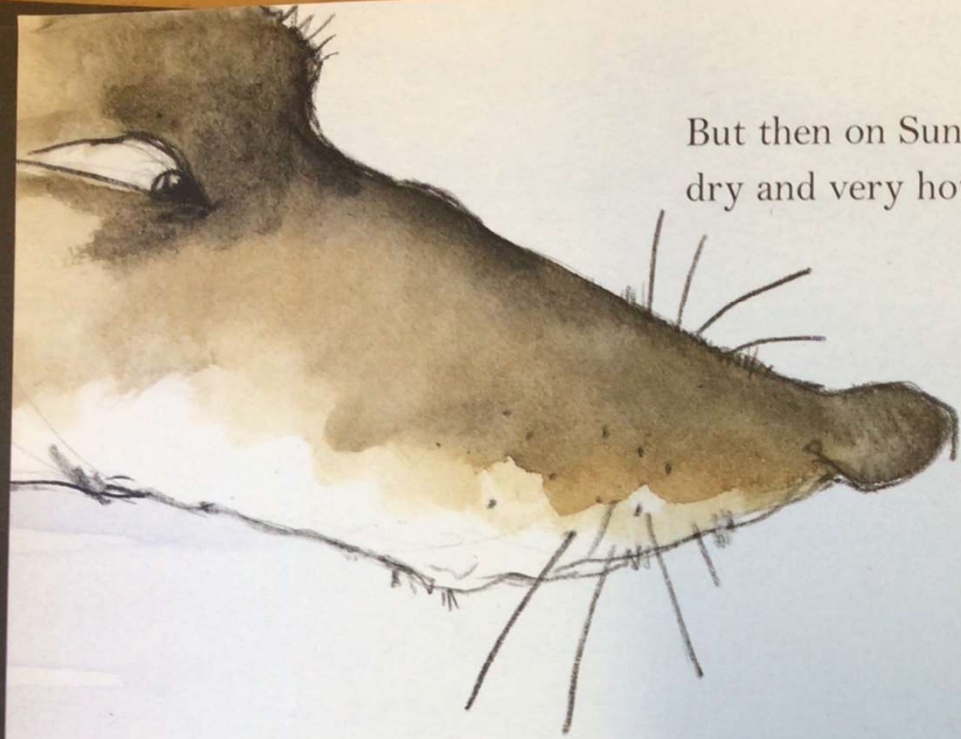
HOME



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is right for him.

But then on Sunday Sunny arrives somewhere very dry and very hot, where *everyone* is very close.





And it is . . .



And it is . . .

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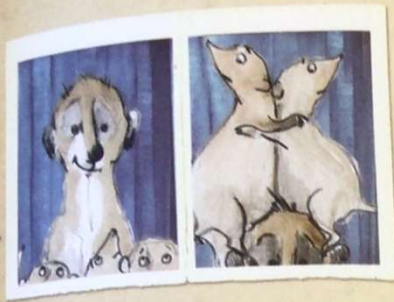
FOR ADDRESS ONLY



I'M HOME



MEERKATS LIVE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. IN COMMUNITIES OF UP TO 40. THEIR TERRITORIES COVER AN AREA OF UP TO EIGHT SQUARE KILOMETRES. AND CONSIST OF A NUMBER OF BURROWS WHICH THEY DIG TOGETHER. DURING THE DAY THEY FORAGE IN GROUPS FOR SPIDERS, SCORPIONS, SMALL LIZARDS AND INSECT LARVAE. AT NIGHT THEY SLEEP HUDDLED IN A PILE TO KEEP WARM. MEERKATS TAKE TURNS TO WATCH FOR DANGER AND TO BABYSIT THEIR YOUNG.



ME AND MUM

← Where did he come from?

### Adventurer returns after one week away from his Mob

# SUNNY COMES HOME!

**E**arlier today, a weary and slightly wiser Sunny Meerkat arrived home to the waiting arms of his relieved family.

The plucky young adventurer was returning from a week-long quest to find an alternative lifestyle among his Mongoose relatives.

Sunny had been fed up with life at home for some time before his trip. "I was sick of the heat," he explains. "I didn't want the responsibility of babysitting for my younger brothers and sisters, and found lookout duty boring. I just really needed to get away!"

So did he find what he was looking for? "Meeting my cousins was amazing! I just couldn't believe how different they all were." But the young Meerkat admits, "I did get homesick. I missed the weather, my mum's cooking (especially beetles on toast), and sleeping in a safe warm place. But most of all, I missed my family."

And has Sunny unpacked his suitcase for the last time? Well, he wouldn't go that far, but for now he says, "I have discovered that I belong here at home, together with my family, where I am safe."



Sunny ... content at last

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