

Jingle Jangle Street.

Discussion questions to encourage critical thinking.

These questions and any others you can think of can be discussed after reading the story together. Don't ask them all at once.

The experience of reading is supposed to be enjoyable and not an inquisition.

Many questions can be asked as you are reading the story- why do you think Audrey Mopplesmith-Brown threw hats at the dancers? Before you turn to a new page ask, what do you think will happen next?

The answers I have provided are a guide only and I have not addressed all issues otherwise we could have a new novel on our hands.

Your child may think up some amazing responses, reasons and opinions.

Encourage unusual, creative or original ideas.

Maggie on the back cover thought this story was very silly and funny.
What did you like about the story?

As the clown danced down the street which character did you like the most?
Why did you like them?

Do you think folk might become annoyed at Charlie Chippendale's ten thousand chooks. Why?

Noise, eggs everywhere – some maybe rotting. Lots of chicken poo. Chooks getting into gardens and eating plants, maybe even wandering into houses.

How do you think the ice cream cones got on top of Hermione's head?

She placed them there to keep cool. Someone else put them there. Who – the phantom ice cream dobber?

Which illustration did you like the best and why?

What problems do you think Miss Haversham could have with twenty-three cartwheeling cats?

Cost of feeding them. Cat poo. Noise. Scratching furniture. Fighting. Knocking things over as they cartwheel all over the place.

What would be some good points if you had so many cats?

Lots of cat cuddles and snuggles. No rats or mice around the house.

Do you think the clown spends his days just dancing down streets?

Why do you think he goes dancing?

Maybe he does do it all the time. It's a lovely way to meet interesting people. He might like bringing fun and laughter into people's lives. Dancing down the street seems a good way to bring people together to enjoy their day and make new friends.

Creative activities & Imagination Boosters

Make up some interesting new folk for the clown to meet as they dance back **up** the street.

Mr Heff's drawings are very simple so use the drawing guides at the back of the book to illustrate your characters.

Try making an outrageous Haversham hat. Get an old hat or buy a cheap one and glue on lots of things.

Make up a song for Billy Bagatellie's band to sing.

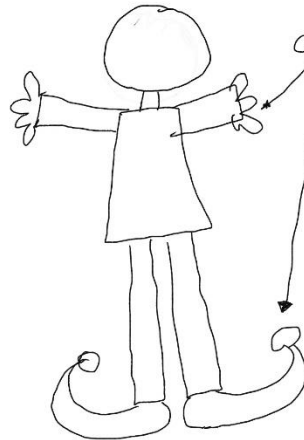
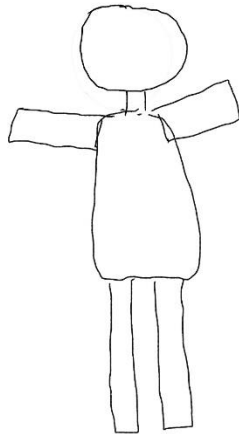
Have a shot at painting your own portrait. Perhaps not five at a time like Pricilla Pumpkinella. Go to it – splash some paint around. Make it interesting. It doesn't have to be realistic – add flowers or birds in your hair.



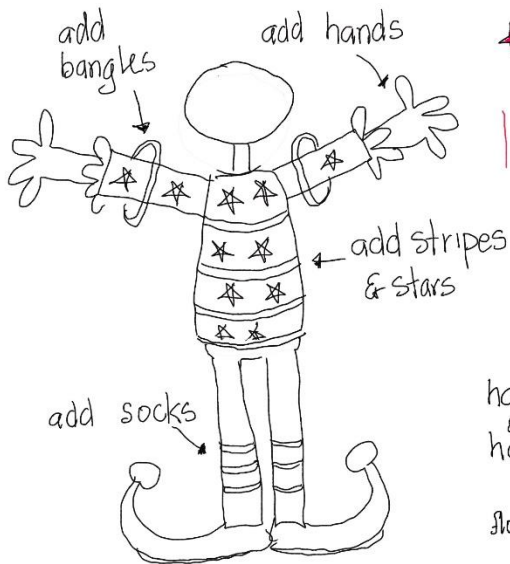
Draw the clown.

Have fun

★ start here



add bits.



add socks

add bangles

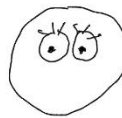
add hands

add stripes & stars

★ Starting to look good

★ The Face

big eyes



small nose
big mouth



ears



hat & hair



finish hat



flower

Then go back and rub out bits or just colour over them.

