

CLUE 3 – PAST TENSE

✘ Change the verbs in italics into the past tense. The number in brackets after each word tells you which letter to take from the past tense verb.

✘ Example: The top *spins* (3) = The top **s**pan = a

I *buy* (6) some new plastic shoes and *catch* (5) the bus home. I *wear* (4) them to school. Because of the danger of scorpions, I *shake* (5) my shoes. My brother *does* (2) it differently - he *kneels* (4) down and then *tells* (3) me they *are* (2) clear. I *prefer* (7) my way. He *does* (3) this before the sun *rises* (2) above the trees and *breaks* (5) through the clouds. He *sits* (1) down to breakfast before he *goes* (3) out. Outside the house, he *finds* (2) his bicycle and *meets* (3) his friends. He *is* (1) on time as usual. At break he *drinks* (3) his coconut milk and *bites* (2) into his fresh mango snack. In class an enormous rat *shoots* (4) out from under the table. Mr Maserotoo *finds* (2) some droppings under the bench and *sends* (3) for a brush. Later the rat *creeps* (5) up to the river bank and *swims* (3) across to the other side.

A warm wind *blows* (1) as we children *sleep* (2). My father *eats* (3) his supper before he too *slides* (1) into bed.