

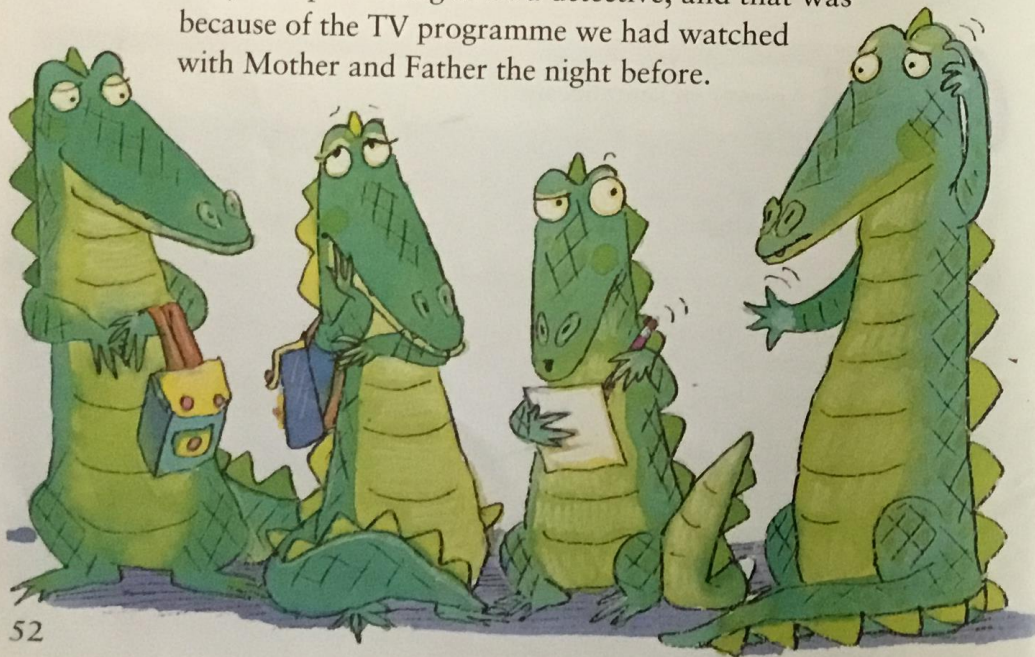
## Dilly Dinosaur, Detective

“Hold on a second, Dilly,” said Father as we were leaving for school the other morning. “Would you mind telling me *why* you’re asking all these questions? It’s starting to get on my nerves.”

I think Mother and I felt exactly the same. Ever since he’d woken up, Dilly had been pestering the three of us with loads of amazingly stupid questions, like what was our address and where did we spend our holiday last year? He must have known the answers, so what was going on in his tiny, devious mind?

“I’m not sure if I should,” said Dilly, giving Father a strange look. “I haven’t finished my investigating yet...”

It took a while, but Father finally persuaded him to explain. I’d already worked it out, though. The “investigating” bit had given it away. I had realised Dilly was pretending to be a detective, and that was because of the TV programme we had watched with Mother and Father the night before.



It had been the latest episode of *Inspector Duff, Dinosaur Detective*. Inspector Duff is brilliant at solving tough cases. He does it by asking lots of questions, although occasionally he has to take drastic action to unmask a clever villain.



Answer in sentences.

- 1 What was Dilly pretending to be?
- 2 Did Dilly explain why he was asking so many questions?
- 3 What is “TV” short for?
- 4 How did the family feel about being asked questions?
- 5 Why was it silly for Dilly to ask the family what their address was and where they had been on their holidays?
- 6 Which word in paragraph four means “in the end”?
- 7 Which word in the last paragraph tells us that “Inspector Duff, Dinosaur Detective” is a series of programmes and not just one programme?
- 8 What do the following words mean?
  - a) pester
  - b) devious
  - c) investigating
  - d) solve
  - e) occasionally
  - f) unmask
  - g) villain