

Flat Stanley

Breakfast was ready.

"I will go wake the boys," Mrs. Lambchop said to her husband, George Lambchop. Just then their younger son, Arthur, called from the bedroom he shared with his brother, Stanley.



"Hey! Come and look! Hey!"

Mr. and Mrs. Lambchop were both very much in favor of politeness and careful speech. "Hay is for horses, Arthur, not people," Mr. Lambchop said as they entered the bedroom.

"Try to remember that."

"Excuse me," Arthur said. "But look!"

He pointed to Stanley's bed. Across it lay the enormous bulletin board that Mr. Lambchop had given the boys a Christmas ago so that they could pin up pictures and messages and maps. It had fallen, during the night, on top of Stanley.

But Stanley was not hurt. In fact, he would still have been sleeping if he had not been woken by his brother's shout.

"What's going on here?" he called out cheerfully from beneath the enormous board.

Mr. and Mrs. Lambchop hurried to lift it from the bed.

"Heavens!" said Mrs. Lambchop.

"Gosh!" said Arthur. "Stanley's flat!"

"As a pancake," said Mr. Lambchop.

An extract from *Flat Stanley* by Jeff Brown.

- 1 At what time of day is the text set? How do you know?
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- 2 Is Stanley older or younger than Arthur?
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- 3 Why do you think the author uses exclamation marks when Arthur says "Hey! Come and look! Hey!"?
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- 4 Why does Mr. Lambchop tell Arthur "Hay is for horses"?
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- 5 What woke Stanley up?
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- 6 Copy a word from the text that shows Stanley isn't worried about being under the board.
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Did you answer all the questions?

