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"Boring, boring," chanted Stan, who was bored.

He stared out of the window and wondered what to do with himself.

It was Saturday, which was normally a good day. Only, Stan had broken his arm climbing a tree after school on Thursday. This meant he couldn't go swimming. Or go down to the woods to ride his bike with his friend, Alex.

"How about getting on with your school project?" suggested his Mum. "It's only your left arm in a sling. You can still write."

"Brilliant," Stan groaned. "Fifteen Fun Facts About France. Not. That's double plus boring."

"Never mind," said his Dad, putting a yellow plastic bucket on the table. There was a picture of SpongeBob SquarePants on the side. "Here, fill this with slugs for me."

"Why?" asked Stan.

"Because I'll pay you," replied his father.

- "What with?" asked Stan, who didn't really understand money very well.
- "Glad you asked," said Dad. "How about... chocolate frogs?"