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Mrs Jones puts on her coat, and says to her little dog:  
“Let’s go to the market, Scaredy-dog.”



Scaredy-dog shakes his head,  
his ears and his tail:

“**NO!** It’s **DANGEROUS!**,” he says.

“What if a boy thinks I’m a hot dog and eats me?”

“Or what if a girl thinks I’m her pet and takes me  
to her house?”

Scaredy-dog has a long list of dangers  
and Mrs Jones has no time to listen to it.



Mrs Jones says goodbye.

Scaredy-dog sits down on the armchair  
and opens his new book:

**What to Do in a Catastrophe.**



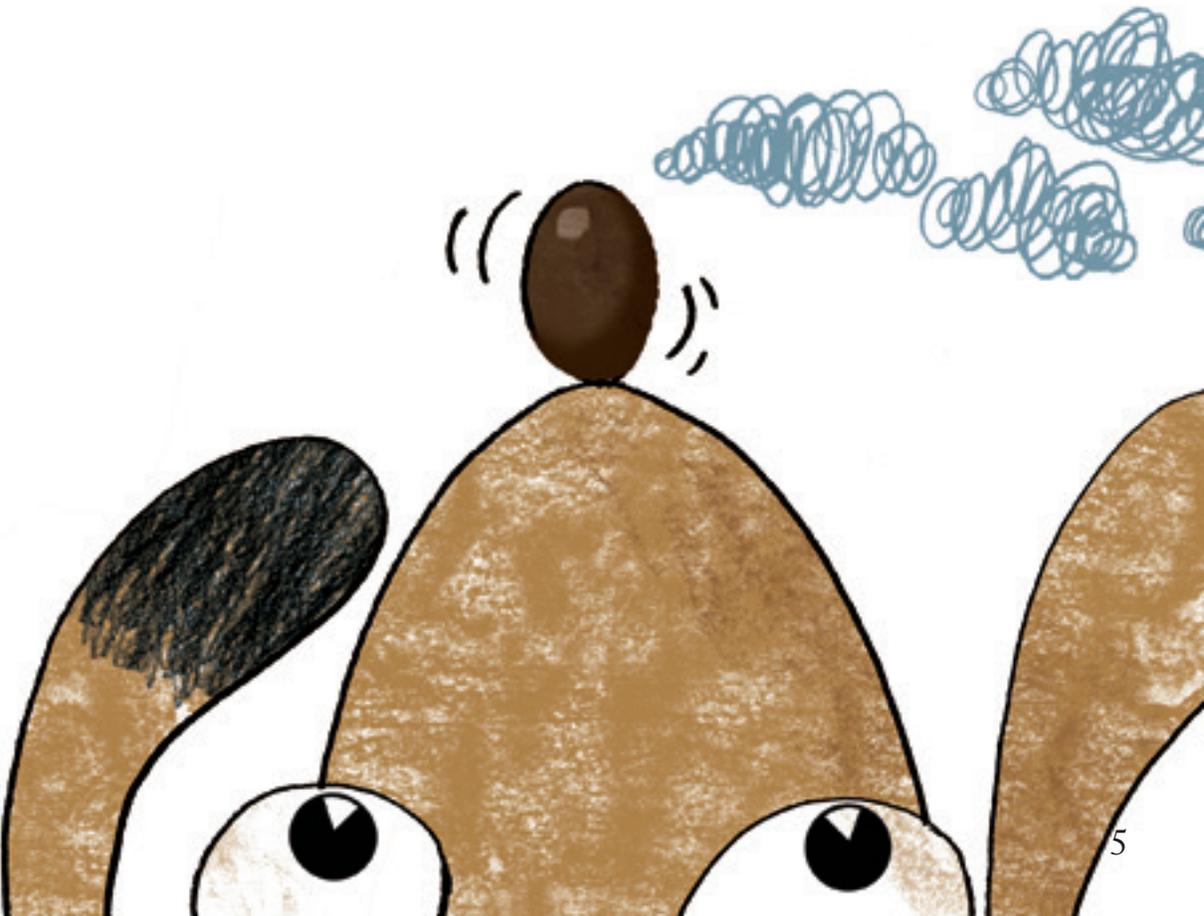
Suddenly Scaredy-dog smells something burning.

Scaredy-dog is scared of fire.

Scaredy-dog is scared of everything!

He sees a little cloud of **smoke** in the living room.

Then another and another...





“Fire!” shouts Scaredy-dog. “I have to call  
the **fire brigade!**”

He runs to the telephone, but there isn't  
a **telephone** in the house.

So he puts his head out the window and shouts:

“**1 2 2 2 1 2 2 2 1!** Oh no, I don't remember  
the number!”



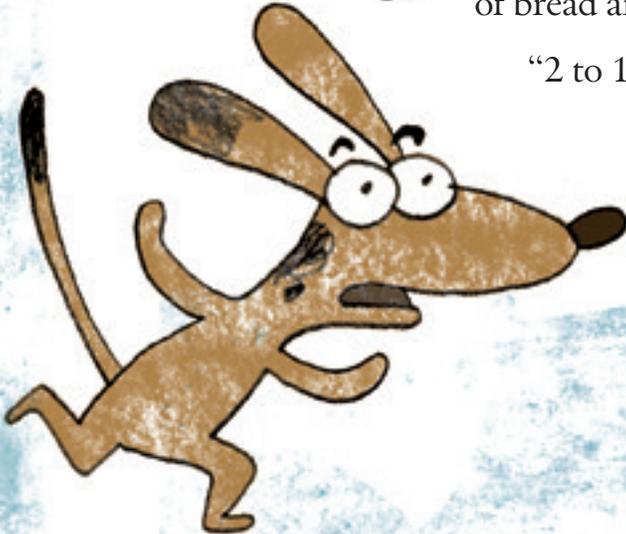
Scaredy-dog is very **NERVOUS** .  
He says strange things.



“1+1=2!”

“1 kilo of potatoes, 1 kilo  
of bread and 2 kilos of sweets!”

“2 to 1... I win!” he says.



Now he remembers the number is

**112**

He shouts: "Smoke!

**Fire brigade!** Help!"



Plin is playing in his patio. When he grows up he wants to be a **firefighter**.

He hears Scaredy-dog. He puts on his toy helmet, his T-shirt with a painting of a big fire on the back, and a rain jacket.



He gets on his bike. He sees the traffic light is green and he crosses the road.



Scaredy-dog sees Plin and he is more nervous.

Only **grown up people** can put out fires... and... and... and... **smoke**!

“I know,” says Plin. “Climb out of the **window**. It’s not high!”

But Scaredy-dog puts his hands over his eyes and says: “What if my foot hits the flowers? What if the flowers are angry with me?”





Scaredy-dog has a long list of dangers.

Plin climbs into the house.

“There is only a little bit of **smoke!**”

Calm down!” says Plin.



“I am clam, I am kid, I am slid, I’m... I’m... squid!!!,”  
says Scaredy-dog.



Plin thinks Scaredy-dog is crazy. He throws **water** on him.

Scaredy-dog wants to stop him and pulls Plin's raincoat.

The raincoat comes off and he sees the big fire on Plin's T-shirt.



**“Fire!”**, says Scaredy-dog and he jumps on Plin.  
They fall on the floor and roll around the sitting room,  
the hall, the kitchen and the hall again.



“It’s not a real fire, it’s a painting! A painting of a fire!” shouts Plin while he rolls around like a ball.



Scaredy-dog sees his mistake but there is no time to say sorry. He wants to find the green **evacuation signs**. Plin helps him to look for the green signs.

“Over there!” says Plin and points to a lettuce leaf.

“There’s an emergency exit!” He remembers this from his favourite book:

**What to Do in a Catastrophe.**



There is a lot of  
**smoke**.

They lie down and crawl  
until they bump  
into a wall!

“Ouch!”  
they shout.

“Look, over there!” says Plin.  
There is another green sign!  
Plin points to one of Mrs Jones  
green slippers.



They walk past the slipper  
and go into a wardrobe! They are inside  
a wardrobe!



Scaredy-dog is very unhappy. He can't call  
the **fire brigade** because  
there isn't a **telephone**.



They can't escape  
by the stairs because there aren't any stairs.



They can't follow the green signs  
because Plin doesn't understand  
the signs. How can they escape?

All of a sudden Plin jumps.

Scaredy-dog is scared.

“Is there a problem?,” he asks.



“No, no problem,” says Plin. “But I have a good idea...  
We can open the door and go outside.”

“Open the door? Go outside?,” says Scaredy-dog,  
thinking about his long list of dangers.



Plin gently picks up Scaredy-dog.  
He opens the door and walks into the garden.



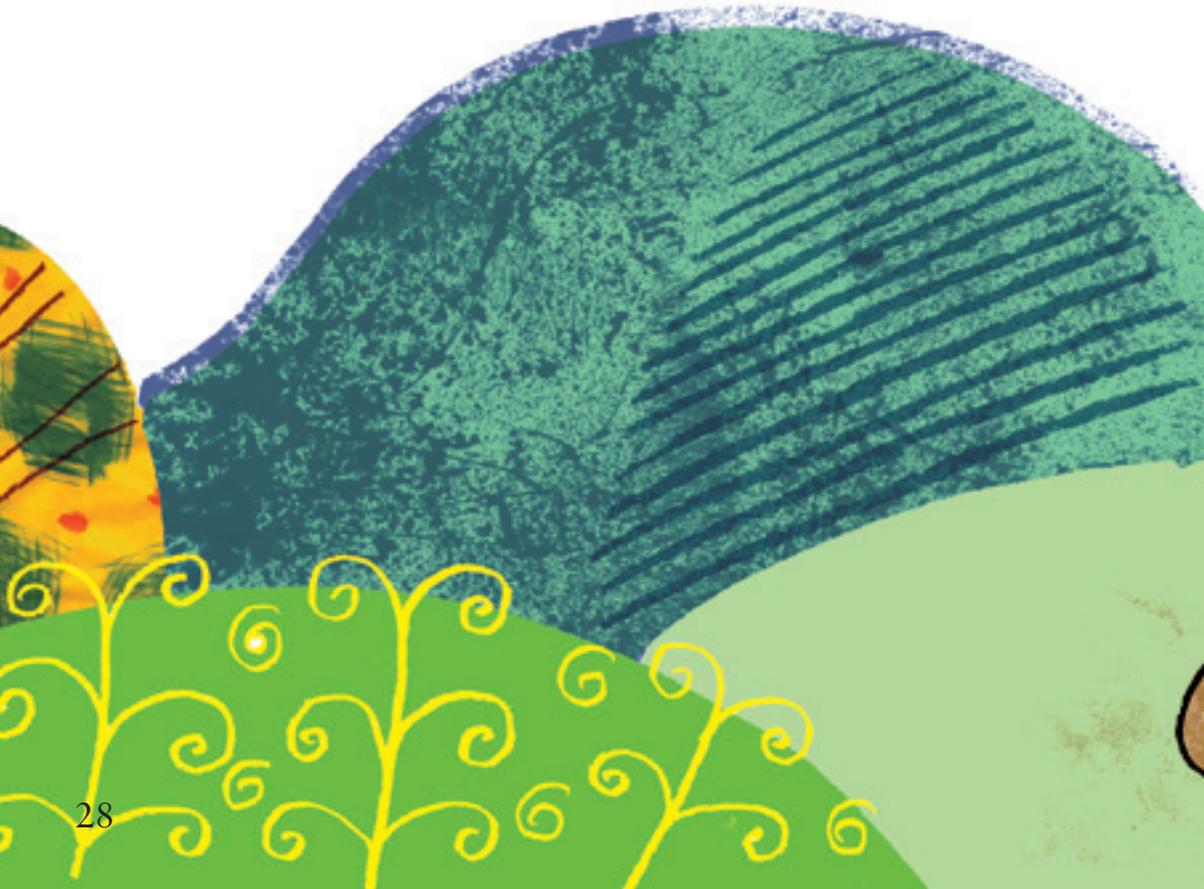
The neighbour is looking at lots of burnt chops.  
“Oops, what a big cloud of **smoke**,” he says.  
“Would you like some cake?”



Scaredy-dog and Plin look at each other and laugh and laugh.

“Scaredy-dog, you can’t always be so **scared!**,” says Plin.

“And you have to study a lot to be a **firefighter!**,”  
says Scaredy-dog.





They are happy and they sit down at the table.

Scaredy-dog uses a spoon, he is scared to use a fork.





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Scaredy-dog is a very special dog. He has a long 'list of dangers'. Today he is at home because he is scared to go outside. All of a sudden some little clouds of smoke appear in the sitting room, and Scaredy-dog just doesn't know what to do...

This book is part of the Fundación MAPFRE Educational Project in Prevention and Road Safety. The main objective of this project is to help prevent accidents in childhood within the household and educational contexts. It is based on promoting safe and responsible behaviour and encourages teachers and family members to become implicated.

The aim of this material is to help readers become aware of why and where accidents happen. It stresses the importance of adopting certain habits to reduce their potential impact.

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