

THE NOSE FROM JUPITER

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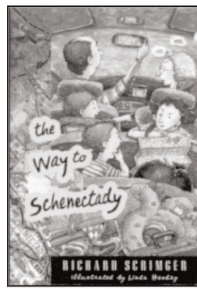
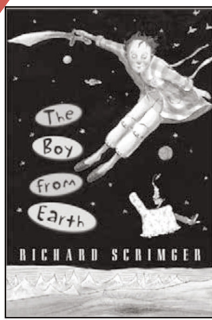
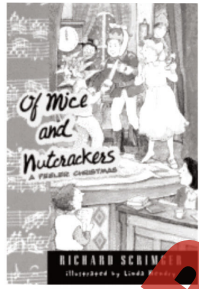
Richard Scrimger was born in Montreal, Quebec in 1957. His family moved to Toronto, Ontario when he was two years old, and he grew up there. In 1979 he graduated from the University of Toronto with honors in History and English. After he graduated he traveled to Europe for a year where he worked as a waiter.



He eventually returned to Toronto, got married and started a family. He worked in restaurants in the evenings and looked after his children during the day. It was during this time that his career as a writer began to flourish, starting with the publishing of some short stories in the *The Globe and Mail* newspaper. Scrimger's most acclaimed book is *The Nose from Jupiter*, a book which has spawned a successful series of novels. In addition to his children's books, Scrimger has also written novels for adults, including *Crosstown*, *Still Life With Children* and *Mystical Rose*.

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STORY SUMMARY

The Nose from Jupiter

This story is about Alan Dingwall, a thirteen year old boy with lots of worries. He isn't brave or strong, he worries about bullies, his parents are divorced, and he doesn't know how to express his feelings to a girl he likes. One day Alan comes to believe that an alien from Jupiter has taken up residence in his nose. Norbert the alien offers advice to Alan and comments on various situations. Norbert leaves when Alan asserts himself against the bullies.



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CHAPTER 1 & 2

Questions

A. Answer the following questions with complete sentences.

- 1. Where is the story set? _____
- 2. What has happened to Alan? _____
- 3. Explain the relationship between Mr. & Mrs. Dingwall. _____
- 4. Tell about Norbert's arrival. _____
- 5. What is the doctor's advice about remembering things? _____
- 6. What was the most important day in Alan's life? _____

B. With a straight line, match the following names with their roles in the story or in Alan's life:

- 1. Angela mother
- 2. Alan a friend
- 3. Norbert nurse
- 4. Miranda from Jupiter
- 5. Helen lives in Vancouver
- 6. Mr. Dingwall a counselor
- 7. Mrs. Dingwall central character
- 8. Victor a nerd

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CHAPTER 3 & 4

Language and Vocabulary

A. In the space below create a written description of Alan Dingwall, including any relevant information. In the small box draw a picture of him.

Alan Dingwall: _____

B. In the space below create a written description of Miranda, including any relevant information. In the small box draw a picture of her.

Miranda: _____

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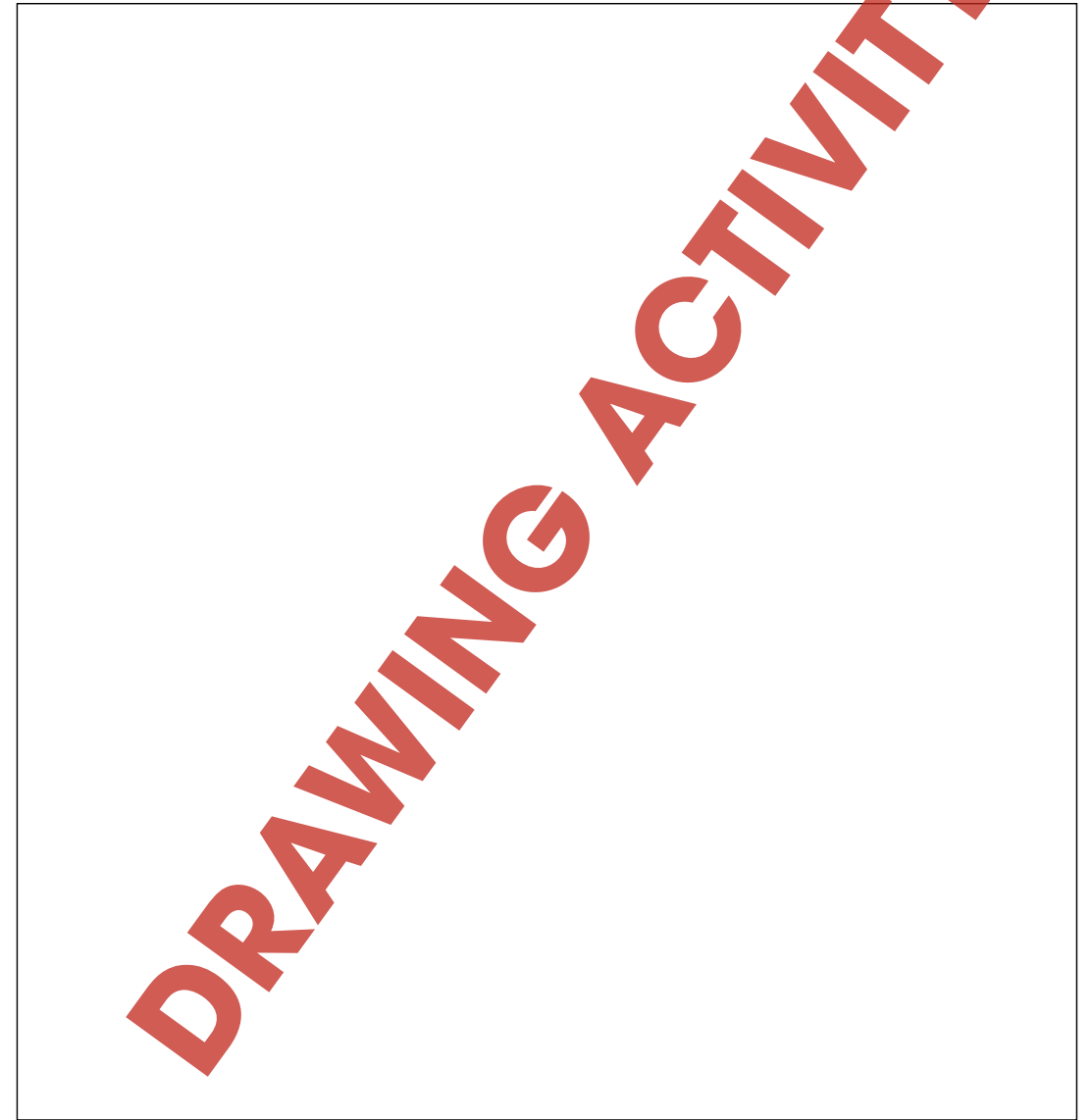
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A. **Word Scramble:** Unscramble the letters to form words. Use the circled letters to answer the question.

1. UFN
2. DAEH
3. MAEG
4. RTONH
5. EENVR

My Darling in Gaelic:

B. Draw an overhead view of Miranda's farm. Include the buildings, animals and crops. Add ten ideas of your own about what might be on the farm. Use a legend to identify everything.



A. Circle if the statement is TRUE or if it is FALSE.

- T F 1. Alan thinks Italy must be a lot like Jupiter.
- T F 2. Alan got a free shot on goal.
- T F 3. To block the shot Mary, Larry, Prudence, and Gary in that order linked arms.
- T F 4. Norbert's insults made the Cougars play better.
- T F 5. Forty-eight in base six = one hundred and thirty.
- T F 6. Shania Twain was coming to Alan's school.
- T F 7. Victor just throws his books into the locker.
- T F 8. For Victor, medium is a perfect fit.
- T F 9. Alan's nickname was Squeaky.
- T F 10. On Jupiter, Norbert's voice was very deep and resonant.
- T F 11. On Jupiter, the sun shines all the time.
- T F 12. Growing things peeping through the wet earth is like the smell of hope.
- T F 13. Norbert missed his brothers and sisters.
- T F 14. Alan felt bad because his parents weren't together.
- T F 15. Norbert thought that it was no night for friend or enemy.
- T F 16. On Jupiter there are flowers everywhere.
- T F 17. Alan likes the smell of grass early on a summer's morning.
- T F 18. Alan's mom thinks bacon is a nutritious food.

C. **Principal Parts of Verbs:** Fill in the verb tenses.

	Present	Past	Past Participle
1. Notice	_____	_____	_____
2. do	_____	_____	_____
3. see	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	recognized	_____
5. _____	_____	ate	_____
6. _____	_____	began	_____
7. _____	_____	_____	run
8. _____	_____	_____	sung
9. _____	_____	_____	frozen
10. _____	_____	_____	broken

D. **Amazing AI from Alberta is an Artist:** Suggest an adjective, name, place or occupation. All must start with the same letter.

1.	Bob	from	is	
2.	Clara	from	is	
3.	Dave	from	is	
4.	Lively	from	is	
5.	Marvelous	from	is	
6.	Terrible	from	is	
7.		from	Sudbury	is
8.		from	Regina	is
9.		from	Winnipeg	is
10.		from		is

CHAPTER 1 & 2

Writing and Creativity

A. Use the clues to solve the puzzle. Write the answers horizontally. The last letter of the answer is the beginning of the next answer.

1				2					3				4
			5				6			7			
					8							9	
						10			11		12		
13						14			15				16
			17						18				19
			20				21			22			
23						24			25				

Clues:

- | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| 1. Type of suit Mrs. Dingwall is wearing. | 14. A device for heat or light. |
| 2. The orderly calls, "Breakfast for _____". | 15. A jigsaw _____. |
| 3. Wears a green uniform. | 16. Ostrich-like birds. |
| 4. To furnish whatever is needed. | 17. A position in soccer. |
| 5. What the nurse takes. | 18. A _____'s cube. |
| 6. To get revenge is to get _____. | 19. Soccer footwear. |
| 7. The MRI took a picture of this. | 20. The gym teacher. |
| 8. A musical instrument. | 21. A kid in Alan's class. |
| 9. A condition calling for immediate action. | 22. The territory ruled by a Monarch. |
| 10. A period of time. | 23. Sixty seconds. |
| 11. To move something with friction. | 24. Direction opposite of west. |
| 12. An MRI checks this organ. | 25. A Chinese puzzle. |
| 13. An opening in the nose. | |

The Nose from Jupiter

Answer Key

1&2 Questions:

1. Alan's nose 2. He fell into a river, was rescued, sent to Sick Children Hospital in Toronto, has been in a coma. 3. Divorced 4. Alan's space ship from Jupiter in September and has taken up residence in Alan's nose. 5. Start with what you remember at the edges of your mind and work inward. Sort your memories and put them together bit by bit. 6. The day Norbert arrived (according to Norbert). 7. Central character 3. from Jupiter 4. a nerd 5. mother/counselor 6. lives in Vancouver 7. mother/counselor 8. a friend

1&2 Language & Vocabulary:

1. ie. ie. How many fingers do you see? 2. Angela, nurse, room 3. queen, Calais, heart 3. bed, room 4. name, Norbert 5. coffee, can, ale 6. Angela, nurse, room

1&2 Language & Vocabulary:

1. The baker's kids go barefoot. 2. The baker's kids' are hungry. Student response i.e. The early bird gets the worm. 3. ie.

1&2 Writing & Creativity:

1. a man 2. a nurse 3. a nurse 4. equip 5. pulse 6. even 7. nasopharynx 8. xylophone 9. emergency 10. year 11. rub 12. brain 13. a puzzle 14. emus 15. striker 16. rubic 17. cleats 18. stern 19. Nick 20. kingdom 21. minute 22. east 23. tangram

1&2 Writing & Creativity:

1. There is a backroom, kitchen, bathroom and a garage. In chapter three, there is also noted a bedroom and a living room. 2. ie.

3&4 Questions:

4. c 5. a

3&4 Questions:

4. d 9. a, d

3&4 Language & Vocabulary:

An opportunity to discuss what should be on a description – include drawing – age, physical characteristics, dislikes, unusual characteristics, favorite foods, school, etc. 1. The Seven, October 16th, talks to himself, timid (name stated) – probably 13, athletic, eats fiber, nice personality

3&4 Language & Vocabulary:

1. yellow, black 3. long, painful 4. foreign, French, cereal 5. same, tomato

3&4 Writing & Creativity:

1. Mars, Earth, Jupiter, Saturn, Pluto 2. 5 fast foods – pizza, tacos, fries, pita, hamburger 3. 5 breeds of dogs – collie, boxer, beagle, setter, daisy, phlox, petunia, marigold, rose 4. 5 stars – polaris, sun, Betelgeuse, mizar, Sirius 5. constellations – Gemini, Taurus, Pisces, Answer: Norbert's mom is: four hundred million miles away.

3&4 Writing & Creativity:

1. Mary – big, Prudence – small and thin, Gary – no description 2. A collie dog – important, as the dog causes Alan to fall in the river. 3. An object – about the size and shape of a bullet.

5&6 Questions:

1. If Miranda to know he was afraid. 2. Confuse him. 3. So they can smoke. 4. It was hard to say. 5. Prudence did it. 6. Cougars. 7. Look out Larry! 8. Watch where you're walking. 9. Liverwurst, onion and cream cheese. 10. Corn beef and cabbage. 11. Mary did it.

5&6 Language & Vocabulary:

1. ie – It would help to take some titles and have pupils brainstorm the chapters. ie. Dogs – breeds, working dogs, Care of your Dog, Popular Breeds- 12. The pupil can choose the title as well as they can suggest the chapters.

5&6 Writing & Creativity:

3. game 4. north 5. never My Darling in Gaelic: Mavourneen

5&6 Writing & Creativity:

1. had a silo, barn, cows, sheep, corn. Student response – a creek, road, house, potatoes

7&8 Questions:

4. F 5. F 6. F 7. F 8. F 9. T 10. T 11. F 12. T 13. F 14. T 15. F 16. T 17. T 18. F

7&8 Language & Vocabulary:

1. ie. ie.