

HAPPY FAIMLIES

A fun Scots writing exercise to try. Take a Scots word and use it for the name of a fictional family.

Read the examples and then write your own descriptions.

1.

THE BONNIES

Mr and Mrs Bonnie hae hunners o mirrors in their hoose. Mr Bonnie cannae walk past wan wioot straightenin his tie. Mrs Bonnie is aye front o a mirror daein her make-up. Even their telly is a mirror and they sit on their sofa at nicht and watch themselves in it.

The Bonnie hae a garage but they dinnae keep their car there. They've turned it intae a hairdresser's and beauty salon. Mrs Bonnie gets her hair done about three times every day. Mr Bonnie likes tae get a pedicure but he's got awfie teuch tae-nails and when he gets them cut, sometimes bits o his tae-nails go pingin oot the windae.

2.

THE SLEEKITS

Mr and Mrs Sleekit sit in their hoose aw day thinkin up tricks tae play on their neebors.

Their favourite thing tae dae is tae munch bananaes and fling the skins ower the gairden waw. Then they wait until somebody skites on wan o the bananae skins and faws doon and hurts themsel. That isnae fair. Whit a sleekit pair.

Anither thing they like daein is tae go doon tae the local dug's hame and set aff fireworks ootside the kennels. The puir dugs go daft. It isnae fair. Whit a sleekit pair.

Wan time on the first day o the autumn holidays, Mr Sleekit got up early, gaed tae the park and picked up aw the conkers that had fawn aff the chestnut trees. The weans o the toun had nothin tae play conkers wi. It isnae fair. Whit a sleekit pair.

3.

THE MINGINS

Mr and Mrs Mingin havenae washed for years. They hae a sink in the bathroom but they use it for growin tatties. The furniture in their livin room is made oot o auld pizza boxes. They dinnae need curtains because the gress in the front gairden is that lang it blocks oot the licht.

Mr and Mrs Mingin hae ayewis got the cauld. They get a chill fae ice box in their fridge. They have never defroasted it and noo it's like an ice-berg. Mr and Mrs like tae go their holidays tae the local dump. They say it maks a nice cheenge fae their hoose which is a total midden.