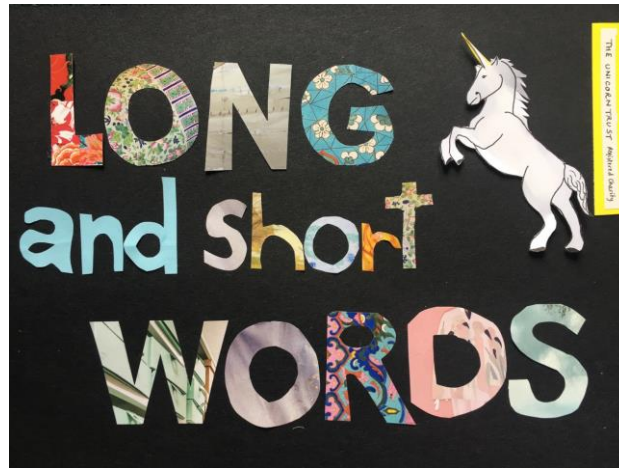


TEN WORD TALES No. 3

The Long and the Short of it

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CHAPTER 4



On the next day Lina was well enough to go school. She was so excited she was almost skipping. Together she and her mum had had a good idea. They had spoken to Max and his parents. They had spoken to the teacher of their class and the headmistress of their school, Miss Twirl. Everyone thought the idea was excellent.

“Magnificent!” said Miss Twirl, smiling at Lina.

“Phantasmagorical! Prodigious! Phenomenal!” said Max.

In assembly Miss Twirl explained the plan to the whole school. It had become quite usual for the school to raise money for The Unicorn Trust. This was the charity for everyone with Lina's illness. Max was going to be challenged for two weeks to raise money for The Unicorn Trust. For one week he would be sponsored for every long word he used at school and the next week he would be sponsored for short words.

Max spoke next. "Long words are not bad but I know they can confuse people. I want to be clearer. I also want to raise as much money for The Unicorn Trust as possible. The Trust is named after the unicorn, an amazing creature. When people believed in unicorns they believed they could heal people. I want to raise money to help people who are ill get better."

Lina spoke next. "Sponsor Max and you will help many ill people. You will also learn new words and perhaps understand Max better. Ok?"

Everyone understood the plan and cheered for Max and for Lina.

Watch out for Chapter 5 tomorrow!