

TEN WORD TALES No. 3

The Long and the Short of it

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CHAPTER 5



The next day children came to school with other ideas of their own. Milly was sponsored to speak French. Arla was sponsored to speak Punjabi. Georgie, a loud boy, was sponsored not to speak at all for a whole day. Seema was going to cook special cakes.

The brilliant idea meant that everyone could use their strengths and even their weaknesses to raise money for The Unicorn Trust.

Suddenly everyone was proud of things that had worried them before.

In the first week Max used long words, explaining them if necessary. In the second when he started using short ones, people started suggesting long ones he might use instead. Miss Twirl said that it had been an unforgettable experience: ever single year group had learned some new words. The German company Max's mum worked for had heard all about it and they promised that if Max could raise £7,254, they would match every pound. The Unicorn Trust was overjoyed to get £14,508 from Max and a further £1,202 from other children. At Friday break-time, everyone had Seema's cakes and some juice to celebrate.

Lina was pleased she had helped Max. She thanked her mum for the idea. Her mum said *Delphinium Ranunculeae* started it.

Max was pleased that no one thought he was strange any more and if they did, they liked it.

Seema's cakes were a sumptuous success.

“Phenomenal, phantasmagorical and prodigious,” said Georgie

“Delicious, divine and delightful,” said Lina

“Delectable,” said Ben.

“Perfect,” said Max.

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