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18 important words replaced. Can you work out what  
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30 Put the thick paste on the end.  
37 Move the stick around your mouth.  
43 Spit neatly into the bowl.  
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## Puzzle Two

50 Hold the two wriggly lines.  
55 Cross them over one another.  
60 Loop them through each other.  
65 Pull the wriggly lines tightly.  
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## Puzzle Three

72 Hook the long line onto the beast.  
79 Pat the beast on its head.  
85 Leave your home with the beast.  
91 When you reach an open space, release the beast.  
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# Quick Questions



1. **Pat the beast on its head.**

Write another word that could replace the word **beast**.

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2. What do you think that **puzzle one** is instructing you to do?

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Answers: brushing your teeth; tying your shoelaces; walking a dog.

# Answers



1. Pat the beast on its head.  
Write another word that could replace the word **beast**.  
**Accept any sensible suggestion, such as: animal; creature; critter; dog.**



2. What do you think that **puzzle one** is instructing you to do?  
**Accept any sensible answer, such as: I think that puzzle one is instructing you to brush your teeth.**



3. What should you do after moving the stick around your mouth?  
**After moving the stick around your mouth, you should spit neatly into the bowl.**



4. Imagine that you are the author.  
Write an instruction puzzle for **catching a ball**.  
**Pupils' own responses, such as: Put your hands together. Move them towards the round, flying object. Grab the object. Cheer loudly.**