

Worksheet 2

Starkers

It Gets Worse

Come up with your own story outline which will feature the expression 'But it gets worse...'. Every time your problem situation looks like it will be resolved, you surprise the reader with a new twist that keeps the action going and the solution dangling! Use the boxes to write basic details and, if you're happy with your outline, you might like to use your ideas to write a complete story similar to 'Starkers'.

For example:

- Box 1.** At Grandma's. Asked to find her false teeth. Yuk. Find them in glass of murky water. Try to be kind and clean them but use hand cream instead of toothpaste! 'But it gets worse...'
- Box 2.** Realise mistake. Use scourer to try and remove cream. Scratch shiny enamel on Grandma's new teeth. Try filling in obvious scratches with 'white-out' and white texta. 'But it gets worse...'
- Box 3.** Grandma getting anxious am taking so long. Calls out 'Don't worry dear, I've found them. Thought I'd left them soaking with Grandpa's in the bleaching stuff.' Just got worse – Not only are they Grandpa's teeth but they're turning a very strange colour! Did you know that bleach followed by white-out and texta create a lovely shade of blue?

