

FOCUS TEXT ONE

First period at school was science and Keith managed to have a quiet word with Mr Crouch the science teacher.

'Sir,' said Keith, 'You know all those science magazines you read? What's the latest research data on cheerful people who have to live with misery guts?'

Mr Crouch, who was reading a gardening magazine, looked at him suspiciously.

'How do you mean?'

'Well,' said Keith, 'if a person who's still pretty cheerful has to live with people who aren't cheerful any more, what's the average amount of time it takes for the cheerful person to end up a misery guts too?'

Mr Crouch told him to go back to his seat and finish boiling his tap water.

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FOCUS TEXT TWO

Keith sighed. They looked like they'd sent in two box tops and four pounds ninety-nine and got back an inflatable dog poo.

'I'm just trying to cheer you both up,' he said.

'Well it's not working,' said Dad.

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