

## The Shopping Trip

The boys and girls decided to go to town for a look round because there wasn't much to do at home. John's coat was torn, so he borrowed his sister's. She wasn't going with them.

"Let's go round the shops," said Susan's brother Stephen. The children's parents had given them some money to spend.

"Don't you lose it," Richard's father had said to him, so Richard's money was in his pocket when he set out, but Alan's had a zip so he ended up carrying Richard's money as well as his own so they couldn't lose it.

In the shop, Alan's zip got stuck, but Lucy's skill got it open again.

"That's good," said Alan, "both Richard's and my money's in there. Now it's OK and we can't get into trouble."

The boys' money came to more money than the girls', but they'd decided to share it equally. Then some of the boys said they wouldn't share it and the girls said they'd broken the agreement.

"Share it out," said Anne. "It's what you said you'd do!"

"No, can't," said David.

"Perhaps we'd better," said Richard, "It's what we said we'd do."

"OK," said David, "I expect you're right but I'm not very happy."

The boys' money and the girls' money was all put in John's coat pocket because none of the girls' coat pockets were deep enough.

The children's afternoon was spent looking round, but they couldn't find anything they all wanted to buy, so in the end, the boys and girls went off to their homes.

"Wow!" said John's sister. "What's all this money doing in my coat pocket? I'm rich!"