

Miss Jones teaches mathematics at a school. In one of her classes, the boys and girls are about eight years old, and they are not very good at arithmetic. Miss Jones always tries to make the work interesting and amusing as well as useful.

One day she gave them a question: 'If you go to the market to buy vegetables,' she said, 'and a carrot and a half cost twelve pence, how much will you have to pay for a dozen carrots?'

The pupils began to write in their exercise-books, and for a long time nobody spoke. Then one boy put his hand up and said, 'Could you repeat the question, please, Miss?'

The teacher began, 'If a carrot and a half -', but the boy interrupted her.

'Oh, a carrot and a half?' he said. 'All this time I've been trying to work it out in cabbages, Miss.'