



The Curiosity Shop

**Tasks based on
'The Curiosity Shop'**



Story starter

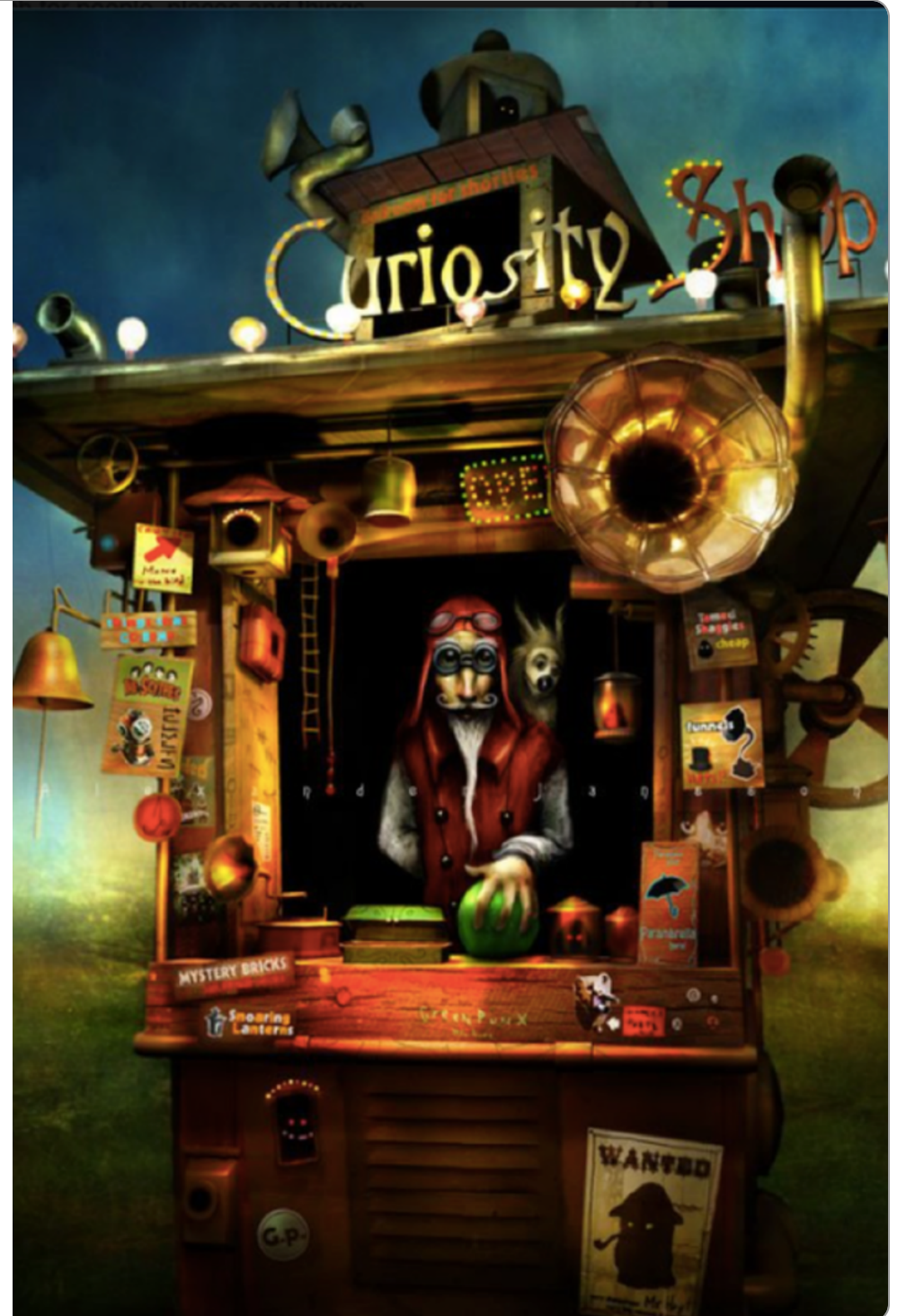
He drummed his long, wiry fingers on the counter, waiting for his next customer.

The Curiosity Shop attracted the strangest of visitors, drawn to the unique range of peculiarities within. There was certainly more to the shop that met the eye, and people travelled from far and wide to peruse the bizarre collection.

Mr. Obadiah (the owner) had resided behind the counter of this wondrous shop for as long as anyone could remember, and was now regarded far and wide as the finest purveyor of bizarre oddities and trinkets; a collection to excite and mesmerise even its most impartial visitor.

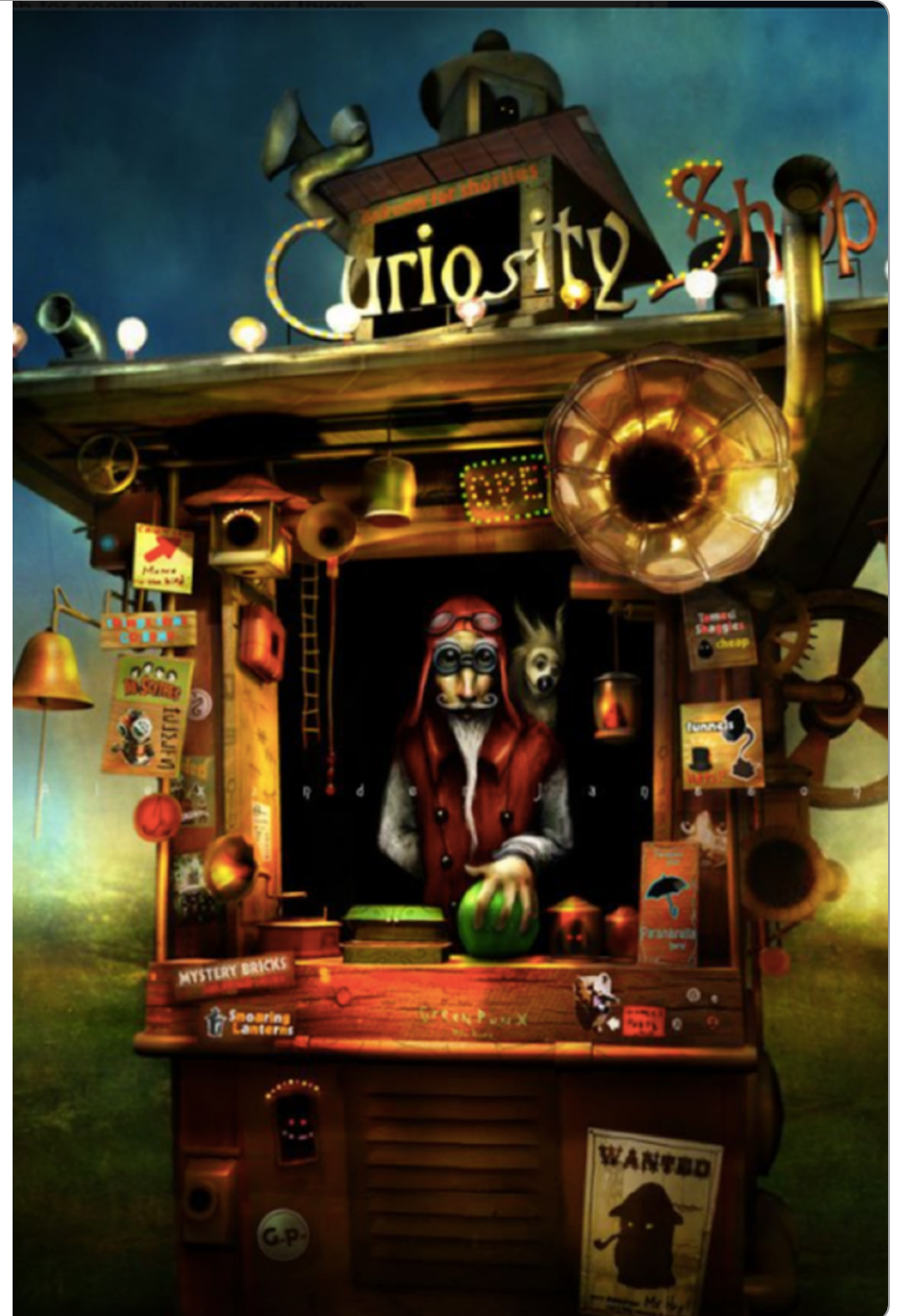
As the next customer arrived, Mr. Obadiah opened his moustachioed mouth to speak...

Continue the story.



Question time

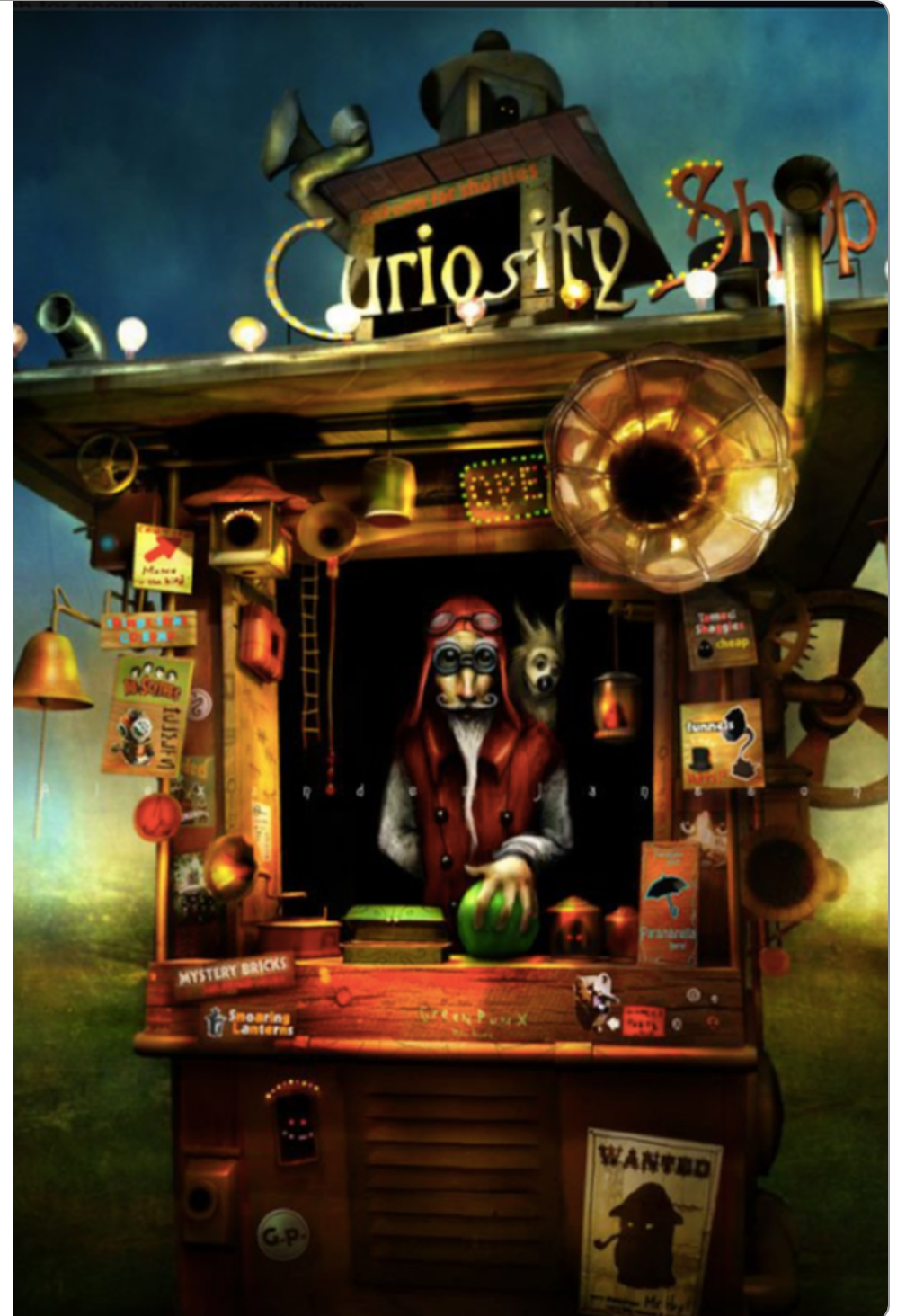
- What is it that Mr. Obediah is going to say?
- What kind of man do you think Mr. Obediah is? What do his clothes tell you about him?
- Why does he hold one hand behind his back?
- What do you think the Curiosity Shop is? Is it just a shop?
- What do you think the shop has inside?
- Can you explain the presence of the wanted poster?
- Why might Mr. Obediah display it on his shop front?
- Is there something behind Mr. Obediah?
- Can you spot the ladder? Where might it lead?



Sentence challenge

These sentences are 'sick' and need help to get better. Please help.

Mr. Obadiah was a tall man. He wore a jacket and some goggles. He tapped on the counter. On his shoulder was a creature'



Grammar/punctuation challenge

Verbs are action/doing words.

Identify which sentence(s) contains two verbs.

Mr. Obadiah drummed his fingers on the counter.

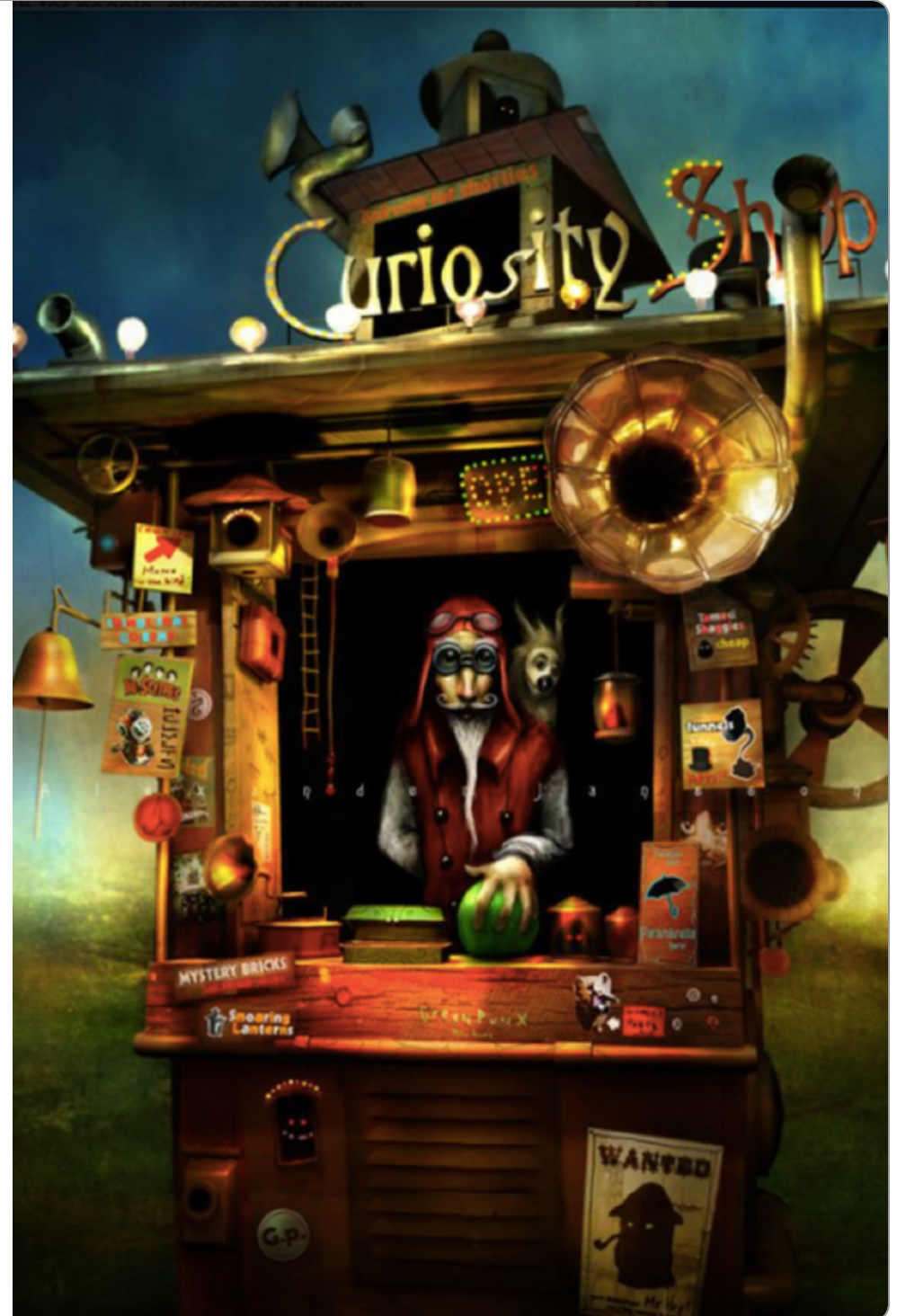
The shop had existed for many, many years.

A curious person walked towards the counter, mumbling under their breath.

There was a wanted poster that had been pinned to the shop front.

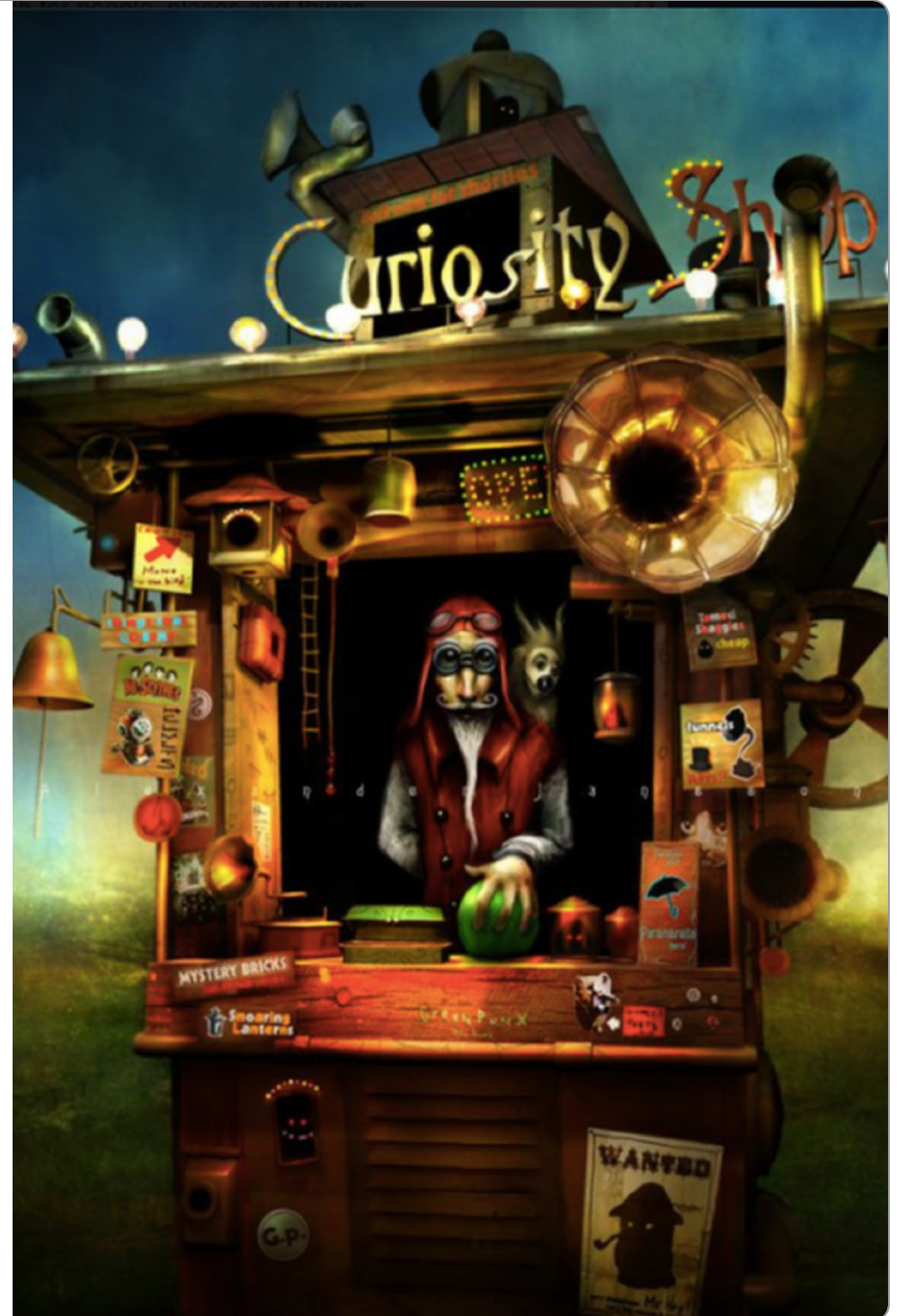
Add an adverb to each of these sentences.

Use the adverb in different places in each sentence.



Picture it

Draw a picture of some of the items you think might be sold at the Curiosity Shop.



Thank you

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