



# TEACHERS' NOTES

## TRICKY SITUATIONS

### Look out!

Although the Jolly Postman likes to stop for a chat, he is always on the lookout for tricky characters!



*The Jolly Postman spots a strange-looking grandma.*



*Posties must stay alert and think about each house and garden on their route.*

### Beware of the dog!

Dogs are the biggest menace to real-life posties. Most posties are attacked at the front door, or in gardens or in the street. Some have their fingers attacked as they push letters through letterboxes. Ouch!

### Top tip

Some dogs love attacking the post as it comes through the door! The Post Office advises people to put up a small metal cage to protect it.



### Wild animals!

In remote areas of South Africa, letters were once carried by 'runners' who often came across wild animals!



## An escaped lioness!

200 years ago, a lioness attacked one of the horses pulling the Royal Mail coach on its way from Exeter to London. The animal had escaped from a travelling menagerie which had stopped for the night nearby.

The lioness attacking the horse of The Exeter Mail Coach by James Pollard, 1817



News of the attack spread all over the country.

## What happened next?

Two passengers fled into the nearby inn and locked the door behind them, so no other passengers could get in! The mail guard tried to shoot the lioness, but failed. Next, a large dog was set on the lioness, but she killed it.

## And then...

The owner of the menagerie and his keepers managed to trap the lion, tie it up and take it back to the menagerie. Despite this, the mail coach was only 45 minutes late.



**JUST ARRIVED,**  
And to be SEEN in a COMMODIOUS BOOTH,  
During the Fair,  
**BALLARD'S**  
GRAND COLLECTION OF  
**Wild Beasts,**  
Among which are, THE NOBLE  
**LIONESS,**  
FROM AFRICA,  
**Which attacked the Horse**  
In the Mail Coach, at Winterslow Hut, near Salisbury, in October last,  
But was diverted from its Prey, by a large  
**MASTIFF DOG.**  
These Three Animals may now be seen together,  
IN PERFECT AMITY!  
For this unprecedented Accident, the Proprietor paid Mr. Wages the Value of the Horse; and Surgeons also were appointed to examine his Carriage, who pronounced them perfectly secure; nor would it ever been possible for the Animal to have broken out, but by the daring Attempt of some Person to plunder, who thereby exposed the Lion.

**THE ROYAL**  
**Bengal Tiger**  
An animal next in size and strength to the Lion, with whom it frequently contends, and the most savage and blood-thirsty of the brute Creation. When grown to maturity, it is able to run at full speed with a buffalo or horse on its back; and so daring, that it will attack, when hungry, the Camp itself. It was one of these Animals that seized the unfortunate Captain MURDO, and bore him away in his Mouth, in the Face of his Companions, whilst out with a shooting Party, a few Years ago, in the Neighbourhood of Nepal!

**THE REAL RENEGAL**  
**LEOPARD,**  
The Beauty of which surpasses all Description.—The  
**Laughing Hyæna,**  
The same Kind of Animal that is described by BRUCE, in his Travels through the Deserts of Abyssinia, and are said to be as voracious, that they dwell in Caves, and Corbets of the Earth, and are Blood-thirsty that they frequently make up the Bodies of the Dead, but the will spare the Country of such Representation, is being perfectly True.

Also one of these scarce Animals, the  
**PORCUPINE,**  
A Native of the Western of Africa, but seen at extremely Rare, that it is even three seldom to be met with, and is the ONLY REAL PORCUPINE that has been exhibited for nearly Twenty Years. It has a singular Quality in its Skin, its fur being and when it is much irritated, it raises them so formidable as its Defence, so to form a complete Balloon against all its Enemies, so that Nothing can injure them, as every Quill forms a Sort of its Protection, which are as Sharp as the Point of a Needle.—THE

One of the most beautiful in Symmetry, and placed in nature are yet rational. It grows like the Deer high, and its Limbs are remarkably  
**OURANG OUTANG,**  
**The Black Bear,**  
OR POLAR MONSTER, JUST IMPORTED.  
THE  
**Coatimundi, or Ant Eater.**