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# 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!



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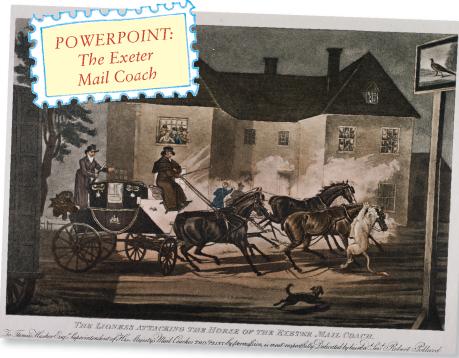






200 years ago, a lioness attacked one of the horses pulling the Royal Mail coach on its way from Exeter to London. The animal had escaped from a travelling menagerie which had stopped for the night nearby.

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



And to be SEEN in a COMMODIOUS BOOTH, During the Pair, Which attacked the Horse MASTIFF DOG. These Three Animals may now be seen together, THE ROYAL LEOPARD, Laughing Hyana, OR POLAR MONSTER, JUST IMPORTED.

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.









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