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Cool!



Cool! – Dr Smellybreath

'Cool. It's such a lovely word. It's the best word in the world, the coolest.'
(Cool!, Chapter 6, Page 103)

'Doctor Smellybreath's always saying it, to everyone who comes to visit me. He says anything could wake me up at any time – a voice I recognise, a book I know, a song I like or some big surprise. He says everyone's got to try to find a way through to me, and one of the best ways is by jogging my memory.'
(Cool!, Chapter 2, Page 23)

In the book *Cool!*, Robbie is in a car accident and ends up in a coma. He can hear everything but he cannot open his eyes or speak. To help bring him out of his coma, his family are encouraged to remind him of his favourite things – the things he finds cool.

Make a list of your favourite things. Can you explain why they are your favourites?

1. Favourite book

2. Favourite song

3. Favourite television programme or film

4. Favourite toy

5. Favourite food

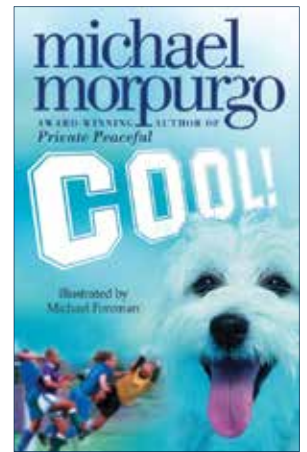
6. Favourite band

7. Favourite activity

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Cool! – Lucky

'Normally, I put Lucky's lead on and he jumps up and down while I open our front gate. But the gate was open already. Someone had left it open. Then I saw the cat – Mrs Chilton's big tabby cat. She was sitting on the wall in the sunshine, licking herself – on the far side of the road. It all happened so fast after that. Lucky was gone, skittering down the path, his little legs going crazy underneath him, growling and yapping all at the same time. And I was laughing because he looked so funny. Suddenly I stopped laughing because I saw the danger I should have seen in the first place. I shouted, but it was too late.

Lucky was out of the gate and into the road before I could stop him. I ran after him. I heard the car, heard the squeal of brakes, saw Lucky disappear underneath the wheels. But I never saw the car that hit me. I felt it though. I even heard my own scream. I was flying through the air, and falling, tumbling, rolling.

Then I was in the ambulance. But somehow I couldn't wake up.'

(Cool!, Chapter 1, Page 10-12)

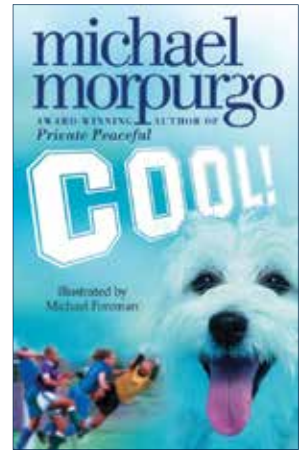
Do you know your Green Cross Code?

Design a road safety poster to put up in school so that other children will be safe on the roads.

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Cool! – Gianfranco Zola

'ZOLA IN MERCY DASH TO SAVE ROBBIE

Lying in a coma, 10-year-old accident victim Robbie Ainsley had a visit today from his great hero, Chelsea and Italy superstar, Gianfranco Zola. Zola said afterwards: "When I heard about Robbie, that he might wake up from his coma if I came to see him, I didn't have to think about it. I came to do what I can. I am a father too."

(Cool!, Chapter 4, Page 71)

READ CHAPTER 4 TO THE CLASS.

Imagine you are in hospital with a broken leg.

You get a surprise visitor.

It is a celebrity that you have always wanted to meet.

Write a paragraph describing his or her visit. How do you feel? What do you say?
