

PSHCE: Unit 04 People who help us - the local police (or equivalent)

Section 1: Key stage 1 - Who can help us in our community?

ABOUT THIS UNIT

In this adapted unit you can look at the role of the police in relation to railway safety. Why do these jobs have to be done? What would happen if these jobs were not done? What skills are needed to do these jobs well? When the jobs are done, what effect do they have on other people?

Objectives

- that police officers who help us are members of the communities they serve
- that some people who help us wear uniforms
- how to ask for help appropriately

Resources

Pictures of the police from the image bank. The railways have their own police force called the British Transport Police.

The downloaded story 'A Near Miss for Daisy' which shows how the police man deals with some naughty children.

Activity

Have a selection of pictures illustrating police at work from the image bank. Go through individual pictures and ask children what they think the police have to do to make the railways safe.

Then read the story to the children. This story deals with inappropriate behaviour near a railway line.

Discuss how the police deal with these issues.

What would have happened if the policeman had not appeared when he did?

Do they think the policeman was right to tell the children off?

Ask the children to paint a policeman or woman for a large display in the classroom and with help write down why the police have an important role in our community particularly near the railway tracks. Children could colour in the downloaded story and use as part of the display.

It could be useful to invite a police officer in to talk about their role in the community and the children could take digital pictures and add these to their display of people who help us.

Extension

Teachers can move on and look at other people who help the community, i.e. fire fighters, paramedics, nurses.

How could these people get involved if someone was injured going on the railway tracks?

These people could be added to the display of people who help us.

At the end of this unit

During circle time ask the children to reflect on what they have learnt about people who help us in the community. Use the display to help the discussion.

Which person would they trust to talk to if they had seen someone playing near a railway.

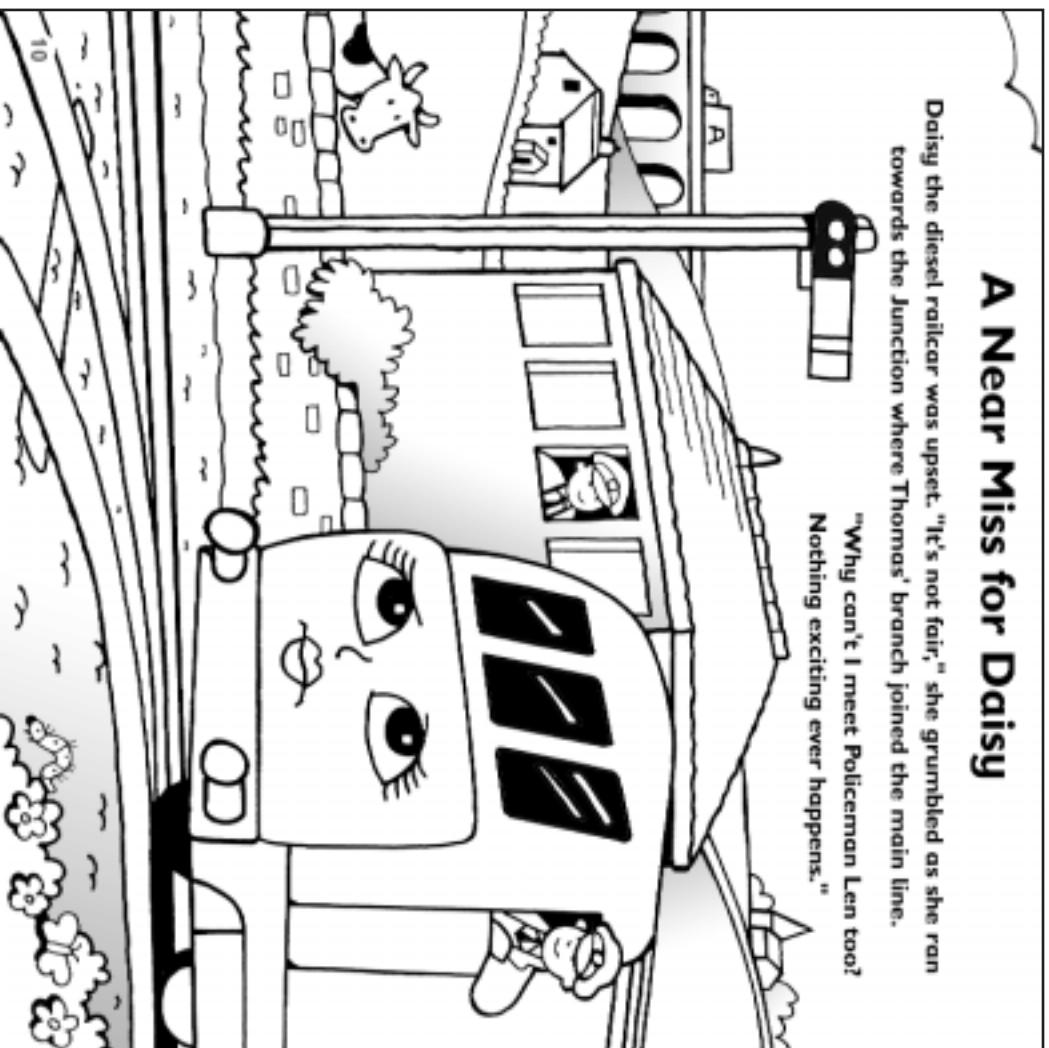
Ask children who they would pick to help them in this situation.

What could this person do the help?

A Near Miss for Daisy

Daisy the diesel railcar was upset. "It's not fair," she grumbled as she ran towards the Junction where Thomas' branch joined the main line.

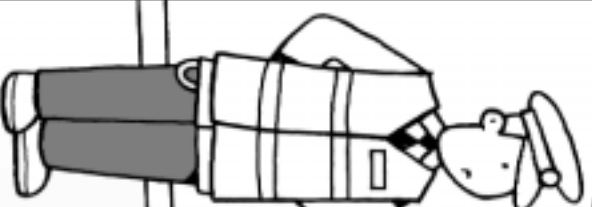
"Why can't I meet Policeman Len too? Nothing exciting ever happens."



At the Junction they found Policeman Len.

"Children have been throwing stones at Thomas," he said.

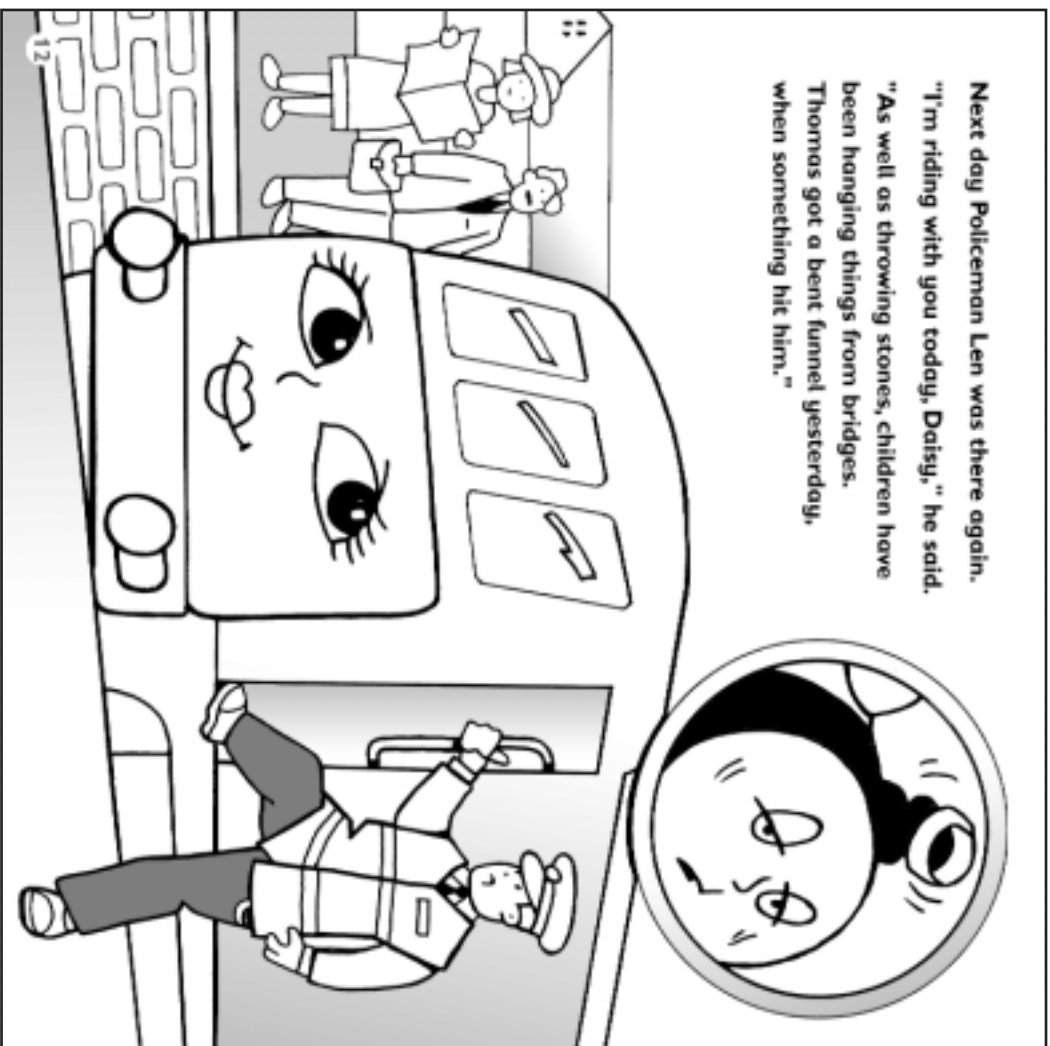
"We must stop it."



"Think yourself lucky," laughed her driver.
"You don't want anything nasty to happen to you, do you?"
"Well no," admitted Daisy.
"but why doesn't anything interesting ever happen to me?"

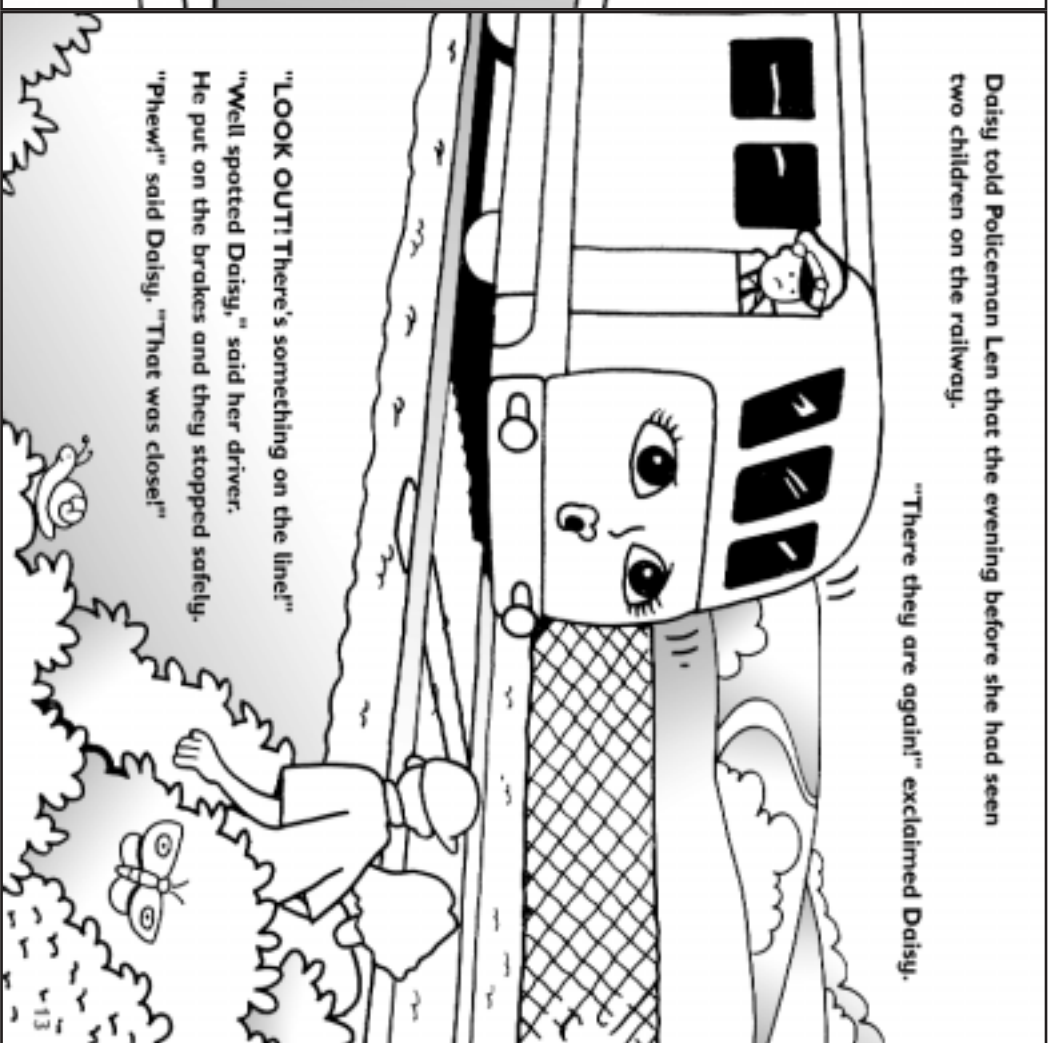


Next day Policeman Len was there again.
"I'm riding with you today, Daisy," he said.
"As well as throwing stones, children have
been hanging things from bridges.
Thomas got a bent funnel yesterday,
when something hit him."



Daisy told Policeman Len that the evening before she had seen
two children on the railway.

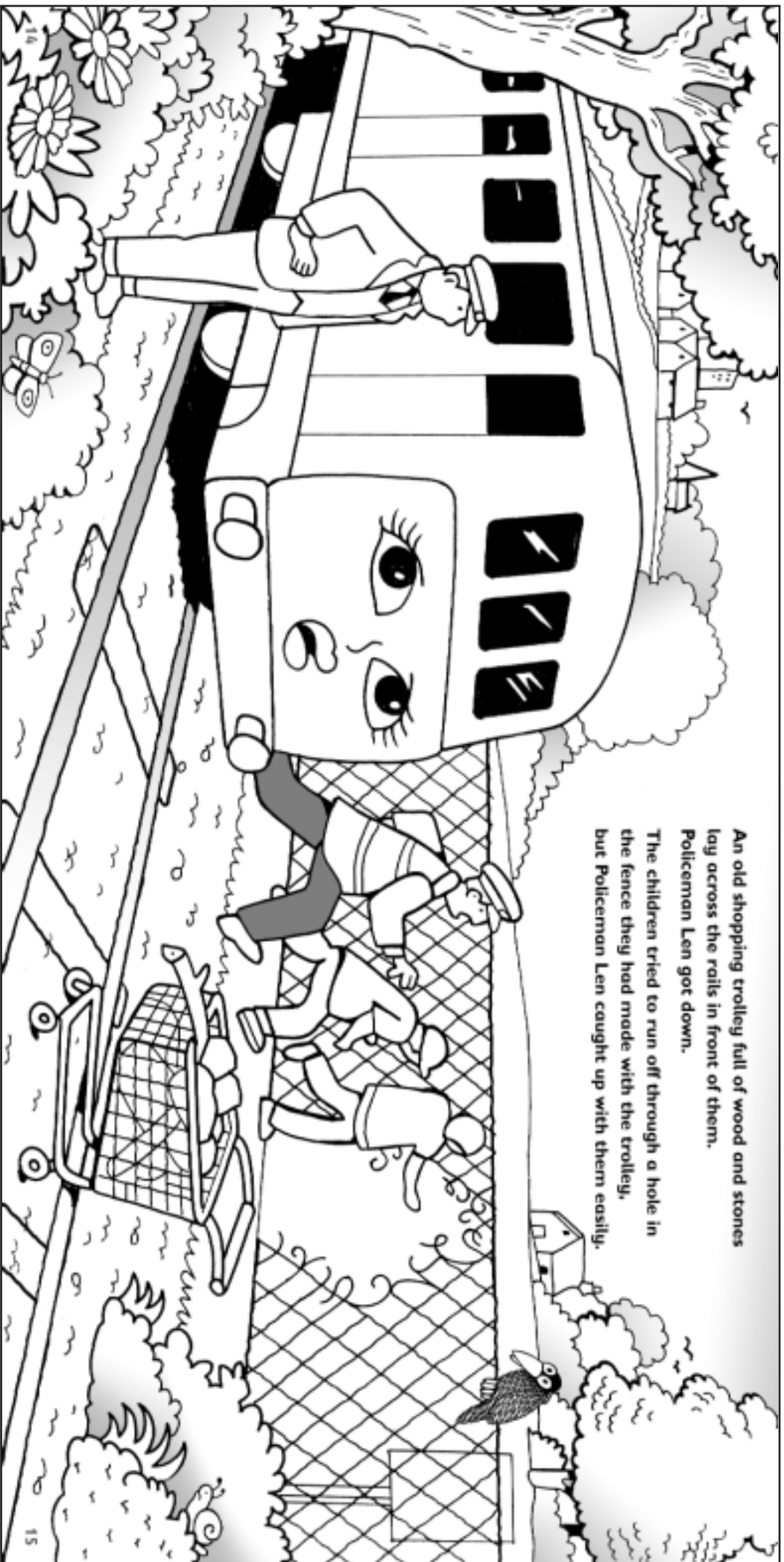
"There they are again!" exclaimed Daisy.



"LOOK OUT! There's something on the line!"

"Well spotted Daisy," said her driver.
He put on the brakes and they stopped safely.

"Phew!" said Daisy. "That was close!"



An old shopping trolley full of wood and stones lay across the rails in front of them. Policeman Len got down.

The children tried to run off through a hole in the fence they had made with the trolley, but Policeman Len caught up with them easily.

"Did you put that trolley on the rails?" Policeman Len asked.
"We found it dumped by the side of the fence," the children said.
"We thought the engine would be Toby. We wanted to see if he could push it with his cowcatcher thing."

Policeman Len said angrily,
"Not even Toby could have
pushed it -
do you realise that you could
have caused an accident, been
injured or even killed people?"



"You are in a lot of trouble," said Policeman Len.
"You deliberately made a hole in the fence and put something on the line.
He then said in a stern voice, "This is very serious indeed and you will
have to be reported."

The children were in a lot of
trouble with the police, their
parents and their school.

Daisy never saw the children
near the railway line ever again.

