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**VOCABULARY**

Story





# Dear Mother,





I'm writing from our hotel at  
Sludge Beach.





Ralph and I are on vacation with  
the children for a few days.





We're happy to be here, but to tell the truth, we're having a few problems.



**vacation**



**problems**



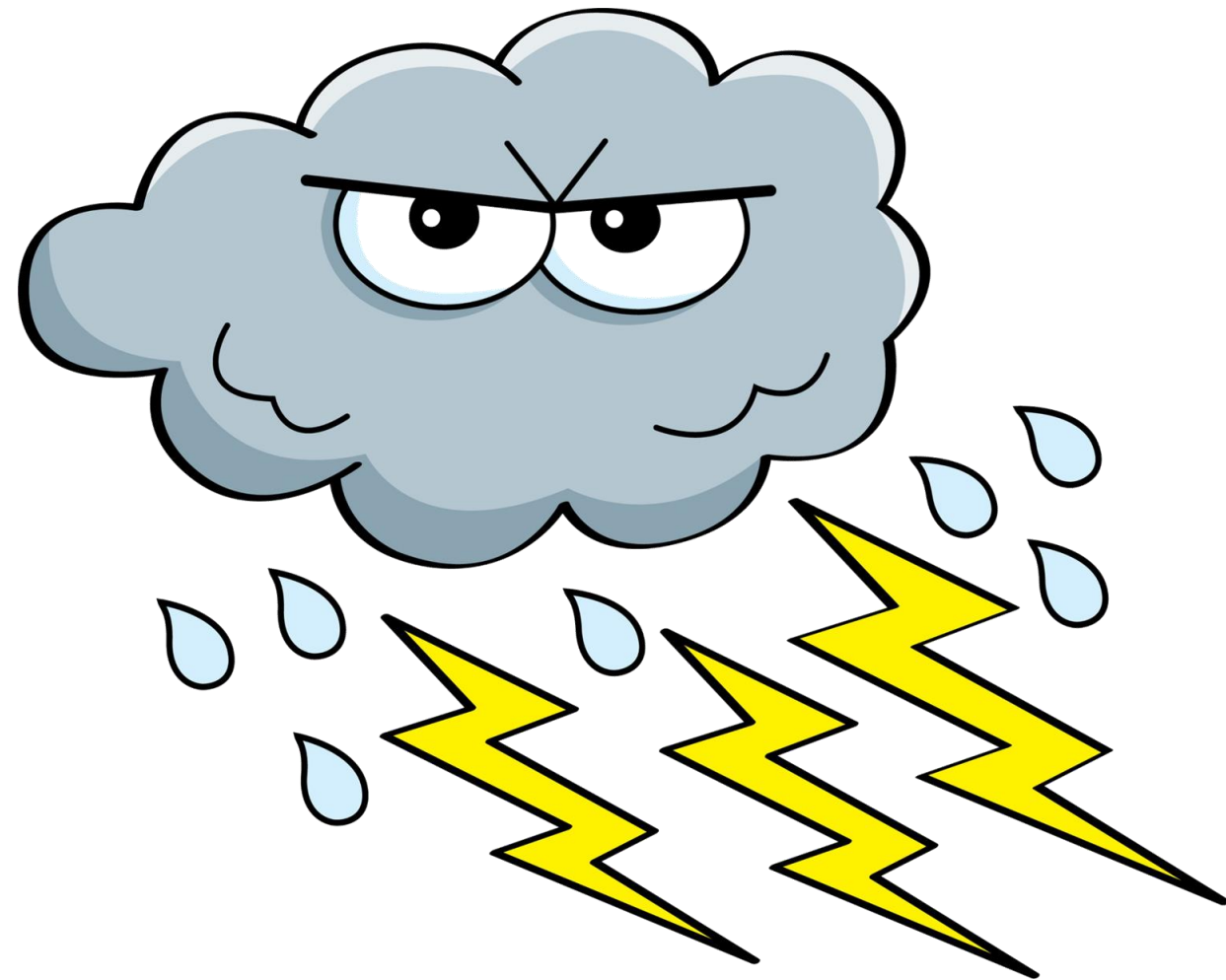


The weather isn't very good.  
In fact, it's cold and cloudy.



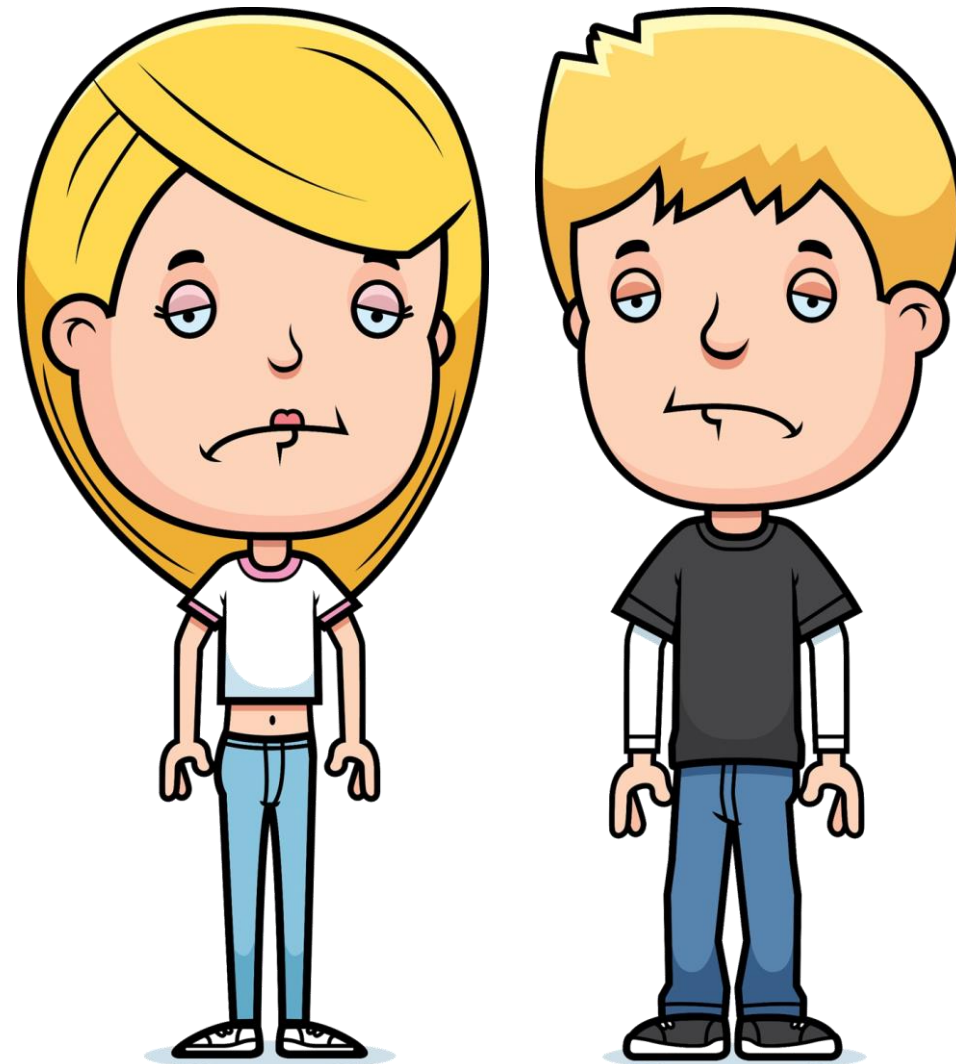


Right now I'm looking out  
the window, and it's  
raining cats and dogs.



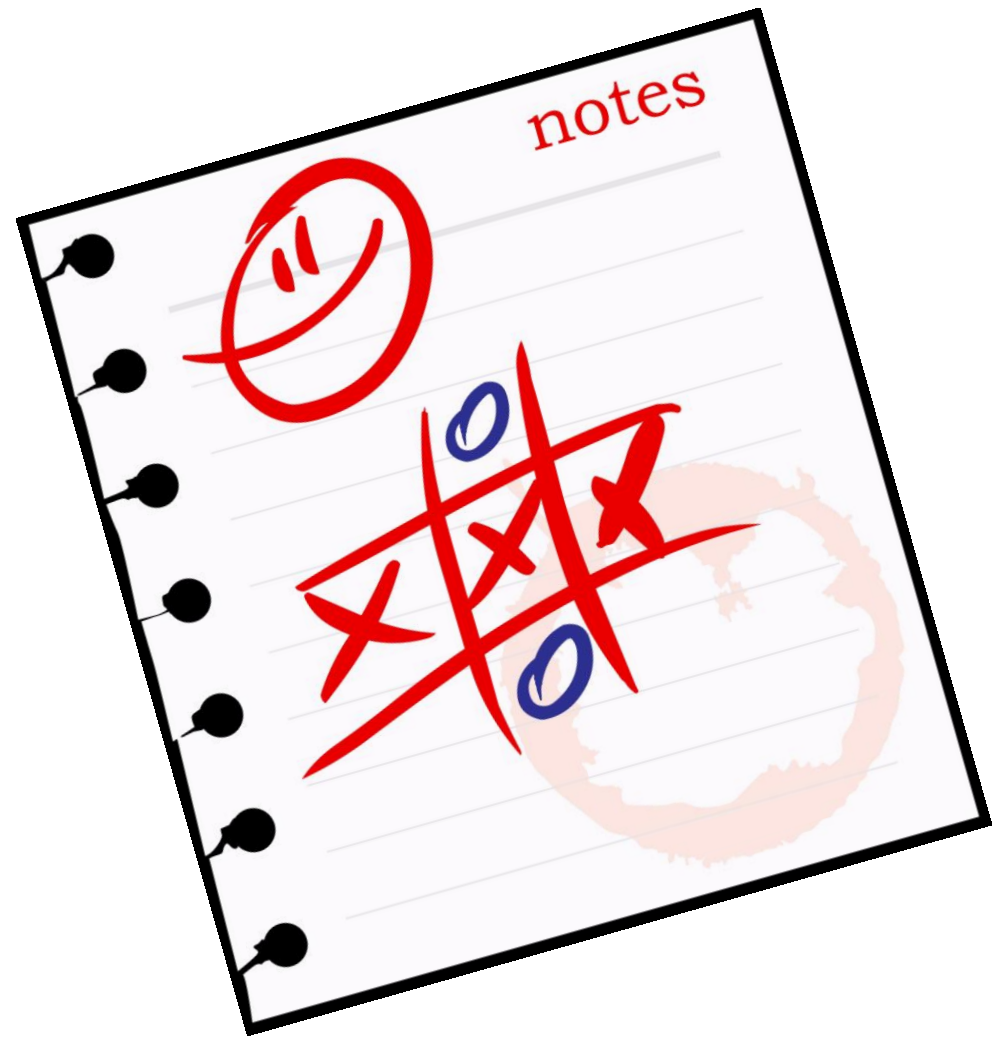


The children aren't very happy.  
In fact, they're bored and they're  
having a terrible time.





Right now they're sitting on the  
bed, playing tic tac toe and  
watching TV.





The restaurants here are expensive, and the food isn't very good.





In fact, Ralph is at a clinic  
right now.



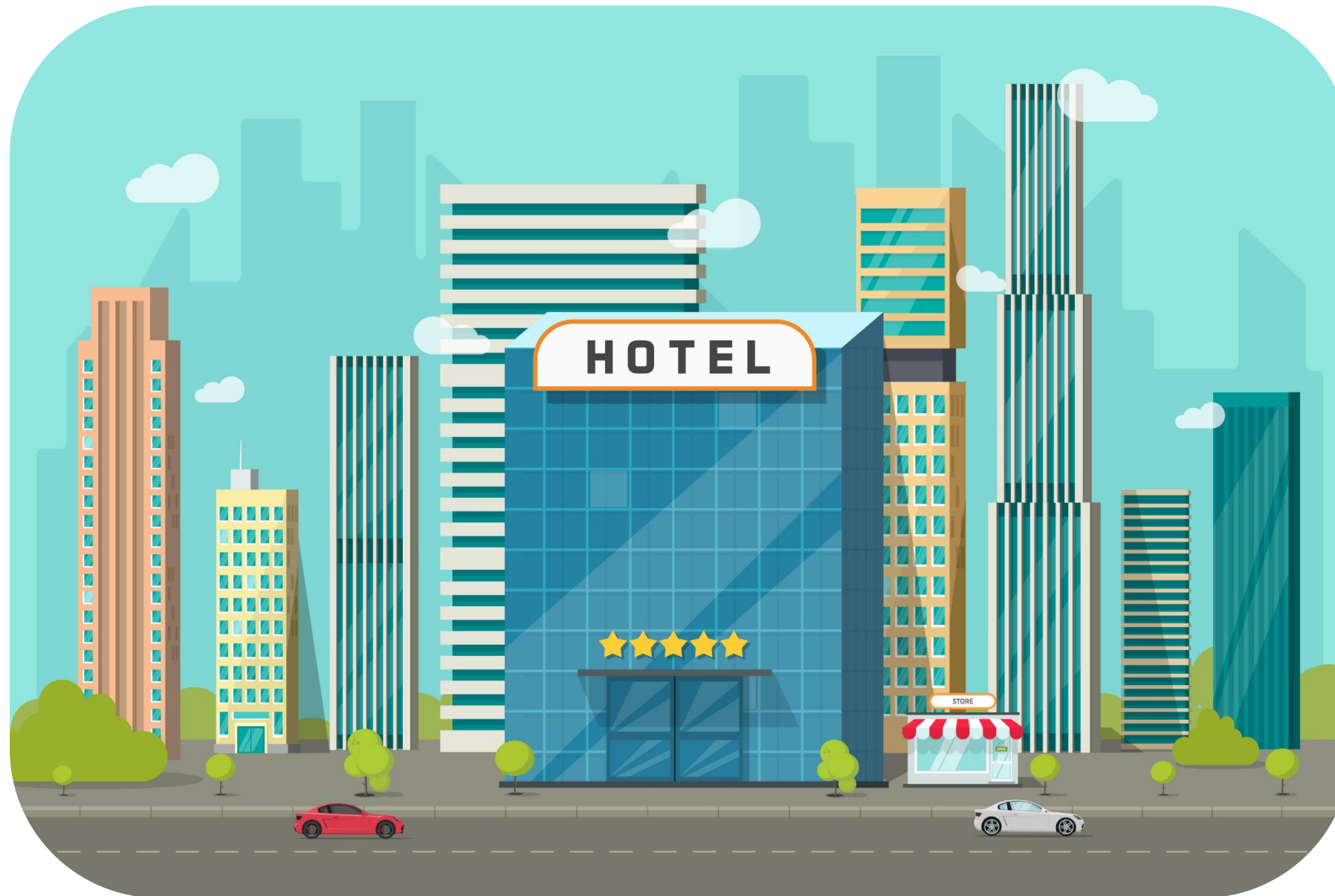


He's having problems with his stomach.





All the other hotels here are  
beautiful and new.





Our hotel is ugly, and it's very,  
very old.





In fact, right now a repair person  
is fixing the bathroom sink.





So, Mother, we're having a few  
problems here at Sludge Beach,  
but we're happy.





We're happy to be on vacation,  
and we're happy to be together.





See you soon. Love, Ethel

