



**The king's
smallest room**

King Turd has a problem. A big problem. He must relieve himself urgently.

“Oh oh oh I absolutely need to go. My belly hurts!”

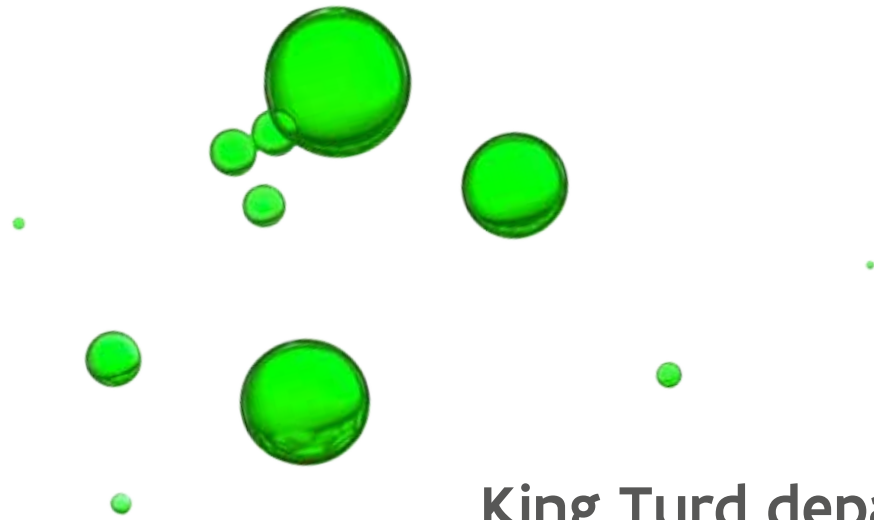
POSSIBLE KEY QUESTIONS

- What is so urgent for King Turd?
- Why does his belly hurt?
- Do you recognize this?
- What causes the pain?

“I really have to ‘spend my royal penny’ urgently.

My poor belly needs to be cleared.”



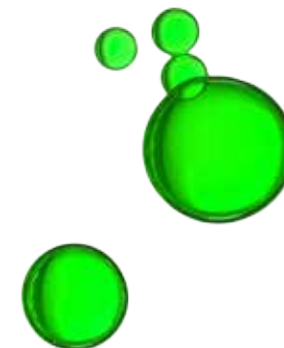


King Turd departs towards his toilet.
But, oh dear, he doesn't remember how to get there.

"There are too many doors in my palace.
I don't remember which door leads to my toilet.

And, oh dear, it is so urgent!

King Turd's palace is hugely large.
There are at least a hundred doors.
Just try to find your way there!





Hit-and-miss, King Turd opens different doors in the long corridor of his palace. “No, it’s not this one. Nor that one. Even this is not the right one. It’s so complicated. It cannot be that difficult to find my smallest room, can it? Why is my palace so big?”

POSSIBLE KEY QUESTIONS

- Why is King Turd’s palace that big?
- Do you live in a palace?
- Can you easily find the toilet at home? And at school?
- What would it be like if King Turd lived in a normal house?

King Turd is gradually turning desperate. His belly is rumbling and growling. He has just felt a small leak in his royal underpants. His head is getting redder and redder. “It cannot go on this way. My bladder is about to burst. It is more than my sphincter can endure. My kingdom for a lavatory!”



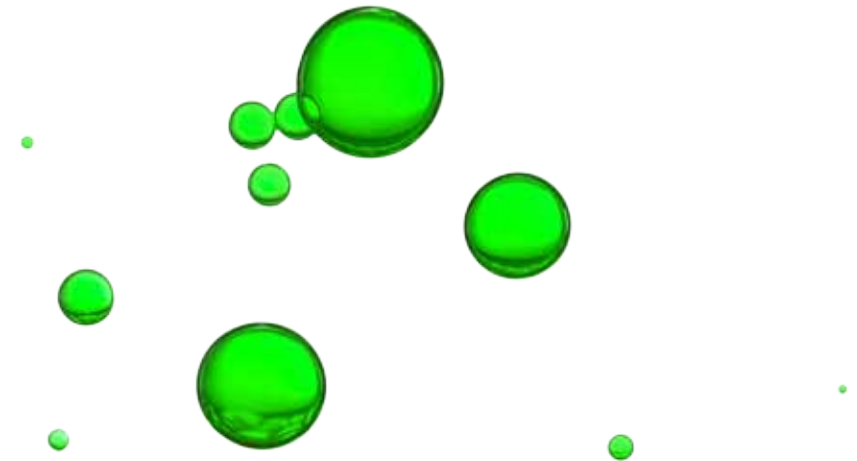
And finally, finally, King Turd has found the door to his royal smallest room and opens it. King Turd relaxes visibly. He will finally be relieved of his load.

“But what is that? All those bells and whistles, all those buttons in different colours. Shucks, I can’t get the toilet seat up! Therefore I need to know the code. And, because of all the fuss, I have forgotten the code.” And of sheer terror he forces a royal fart out of his body.

POSSIBLE KEY QUESTIONS

- Does the lavatory at home/school have so many buttons too?
- What kind of buttons does it have? Do you know what they are used for?
- How can we ensure that everyone knows what each button is used for?

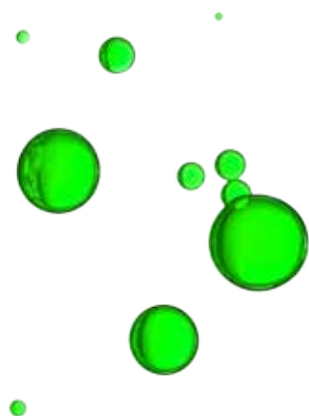




King Turd is not only desperate, he is also getting very angry!

This is impossible. I don't want it. This should not be allowed!

I want to have an ordinary toilet. I want a toilet I can sit on while I'm relaxed, a toilet easy to use and water saving. Surely, that cannot be so difficult, can it?!





The king shouts loud and his footman Urgent Need comes running up frightened.

“But Sire (that’s the way you address a king), what’s going on?”

King Turd tells his footman about his desperate search for his complicated smallest room and that the need to get rid of his load is very urgent.

“Sire, if you don’t mind, you can use my smallest room. That’s easy to find and easy to use.”

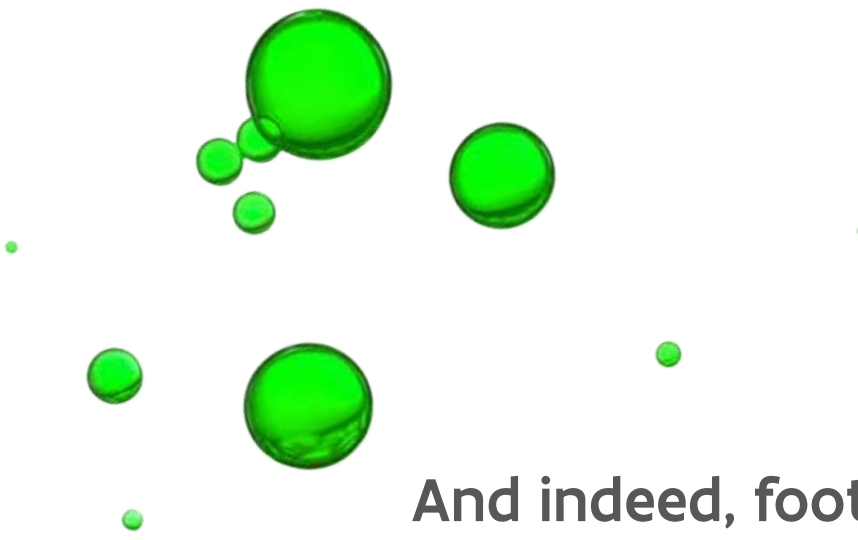
King Turd is so relieved that he doesn’t know how to thank footman Urgent Need. Finally, he will be able to get rid of his load.

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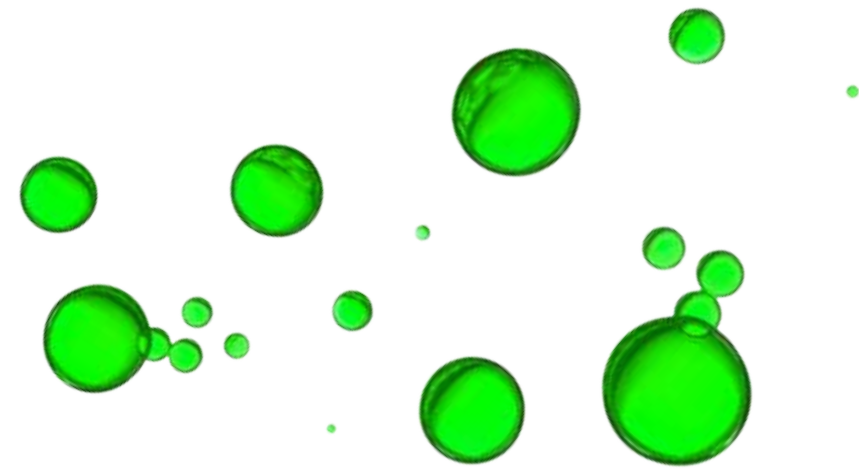
- Does anyone know how a toilet works?
- Where does the water come from?
- What happens to the water after toileting?
- Are there toilets that use no water? How do they work?
 - look up: composting toilet
- How do people in other countries ‘spend a penny’?
(e.g. if there is little water and/or no drainage system)

TIP: Visit a toilet and find out where the water comes from and in what direction it disappears. Take away the cover of the toilet tank and flush to see how it works.

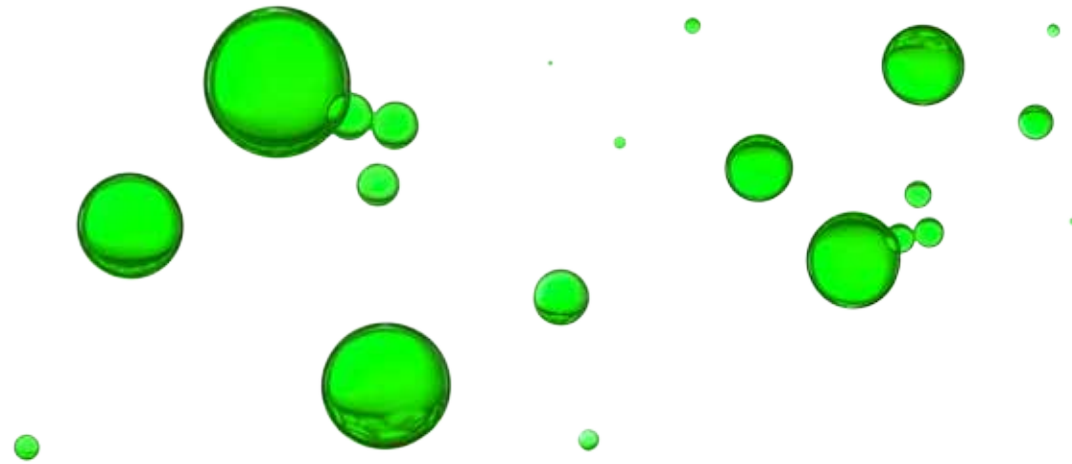




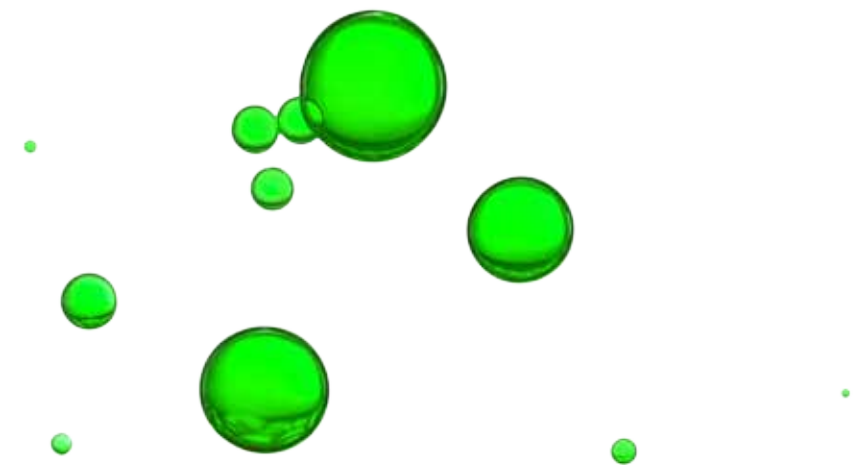
And indeed, footman Urgent Need's lavatory is clever in its simplicity. No bells and whistles, no code King Turd has to remember, but a simple, comfortable, small, cosy room, with in it a toilet bowl with a water saving button.



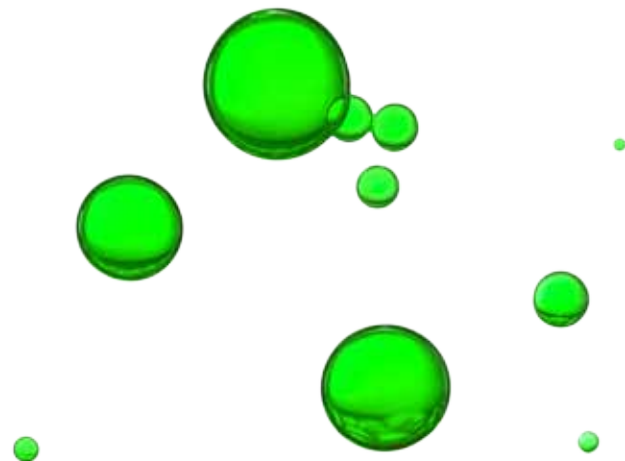




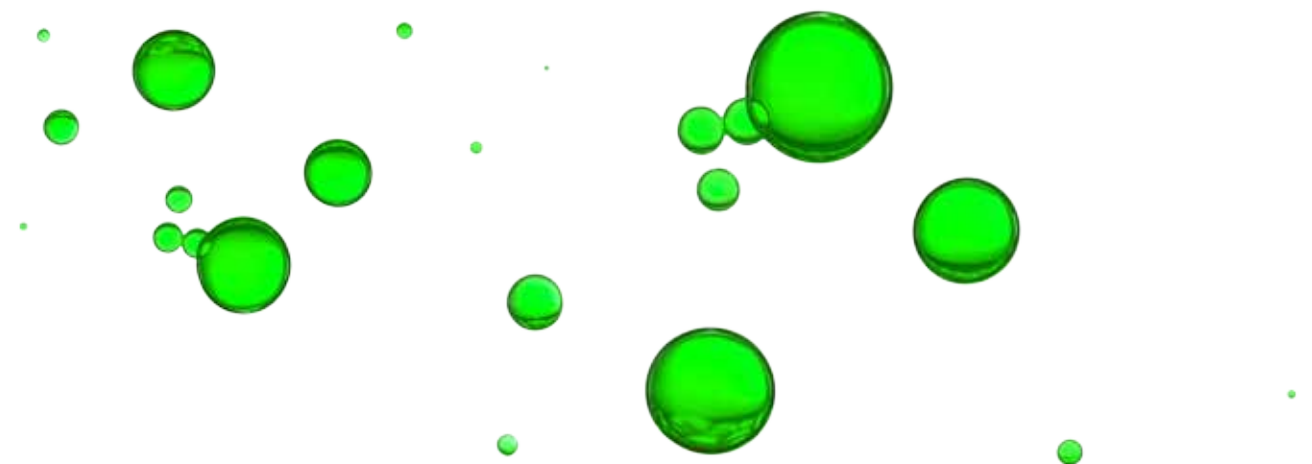
Visibly relieved King Turd comes to rest on the toilet bowl.
This is good! This is fine!
Even a king has to 'spend a penny' every day.







Finally, everything ended well with King Turd.
And the smallest room?
It lived happily ever after.





The king's smallest room

TARGET GROUP:

(from kindergarten first year till primary school first grade)

KEY PLAYERS

- King Turd, ermine coat, bulging belly, knees together, crown askew on his red head.
- Footman Urgent Need: long, thin, hooked nose, static, uniformed.

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