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SQUARERS

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our experiences shape us!



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*For my friend,
Stewart Foster – thanks
for always having time to
discuss the rough and the
smooth of writing and life,
and how to square
the clubface x – S.P.*

*Thanks to all of
the school teachers
that helped shape me.
This is for teachers
everywhere! – N.C.*

THE CIRCULAR SQUARE

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**This might look like a circle,
but it's actually a square.**



**Square used to have four corners –
now those corners are not there.**



**Square used to have some edges too
(those also numbered four).**

**But now he's round,
he doesn't have his edges any more.**

**Square used to be a solemn shape
who had his share of woe.**

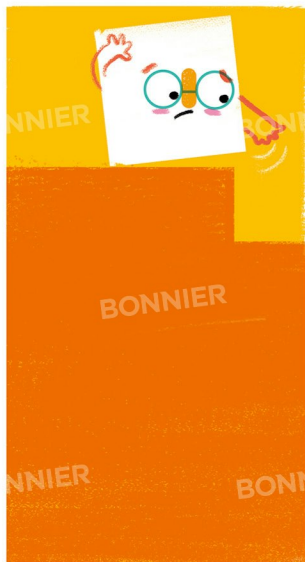


**His corners got
a wallop,**

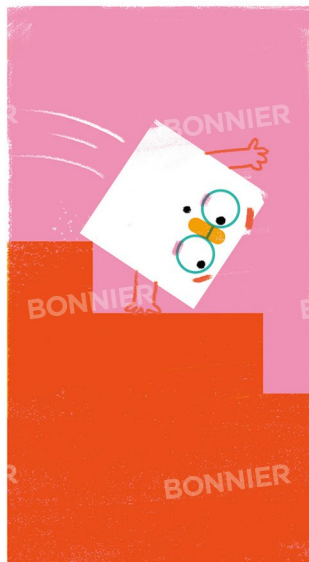


**wherever he
would go.**

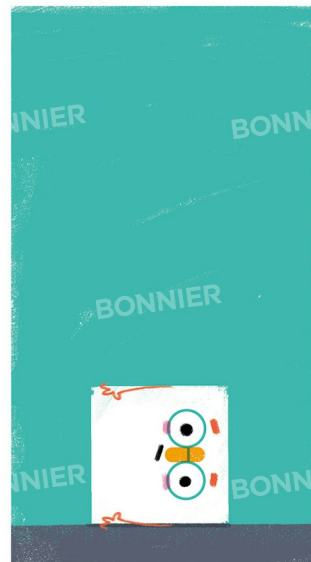




**His journeys proved quite difficult –
an awkward, bumpy ride.**



**Square couldn't roll more gracefully,
no matter how he tried.**



**Square found life hard
and often thought:**



*I wish that I was round.
I wouldn't have these problems
as I'd roll along the ground.*

*I wouldn't have these corners,
which are always getting cracked.*

*The shapes don't mean to knock me,
but I'm tired of getting. . .*

WHACKED!



**Yet, sure that dwelling on those thoughts
was far from smart or wise. . .**



**Square pledged to see the positives
through new and wider eyes.**



**"I may be squat and pointy,
but I'm also sharp and tough.
I don't give in; I carry on,
whenever life gets rough."**

And so Square did exactly that.
He tried his best to thrive. . .

by treasuring the little things
that made him feel **ALIVE!**





**A cooling breeze on summer days.
The sparkle of the sea.**



**The gentle warmth
of autumn sun.
The swaying of a tree**



**The sound of laughter in the air,
that lingers for a while.**



A kind and friendly smile.



**And though Square's corners still got knocked,
his edges often bruised,**



**Square didn't seem to mind so much.
"That's part of life," he mused.**





**Then, slowly with each bump that came,
Square's corners wore away.**



**His edges that were straight before
got rounder every day.**





**Square didn't spot
the change at first.**



**Until, one day,
he found. . .**



that travelling felt easy
as he **ROLLED**
along the ground!





“I can’t believe what’s happening –
my corners are all gone! –
Square giggled as he happily
rolled on and on and on.”

So wiser and **WELL-ROUNDED** now,
Square knew life could be tough.



But he learned another lesson, too:
the smooth comes with the rough.



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**Just like Square, you can be brave and strong and tough.
There are things that help us carry on, whenever life gets rough.**

Simon Philip feels happy when:

- Spending time with family, friends and animals
- ◆ Watching the sea
- Reading cherished books
- ◆ Walking in the fresh countryside air
- Listening to music

Neil Clark feels happy when:

- ◆ Playing the piano
- Riding on a skateboard
- ◆ Dancing the night away
- Telling stories with family and friends
- ◆ Doodling in a sketchbook

What are 5 things that make you happy, even when you're sad?

I feel happy when:

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- ◆
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- ◆
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