

Uncle Jack and the children went to see Mr Smith who lived next door. Mr Smith said sadly, 'I bought the meerkats in a pet shop but they never stop crying!' 'Perhaps they have a toothache or a stomach-ache,' said Jim.

'No,' said Uncle Jack. 'I don't think so. Meerkats have very strong family feelings. I think they are crying for their mothers and fathers.' 'Oh no!' said Daisy and May.

