

Never ever play in a railway station or fool about on a train and certainly don't do dangerous things on or near a railway. You could be badly hurt or even killed.

Remember if you **PLAY SAFE**, you will **STAY SAFE**!



Behaviour at stations

A railway station is not a playground - never play with a ball or skateboard in a railway station, especially on the platforms. Stay away from the platform edge until the train has completely stopped.

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Behaviour on trains

A train is not a playground - never run in a train carriage, touch closed doors, open windows or try to get off a moving train. Death or serious injury has been caused when people have leaned out of a train window or fooled about on trains.

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Trespass

Children as young as five years old have been caught trespassing on the railways playing games of 'chicken' in front of high-speed trains. If the driver puts on his brakes when a train is travelling at 125 mph, it takes up to 2000 metres (1 1/4 miles) for the train to stop.

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Electricity Dangers

Many rail routes are electrified with overhead power lines carrying 25,000 volts or with a 'third rail' on the ground carrying 750 volts. These do not have to be actually touched for children to be badly maimed, burned or killed - electricity at high voltages can "jump" up to 3 metres (over 9 feet).

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Graffiti

Spraying paint on trains or railway property is not only unsightly and costly to remove but such activity often involves trespass and leads to more serious criminal behaviour. Painting over railway warning signs can result in innocent lives being lost if the message cannot be read.

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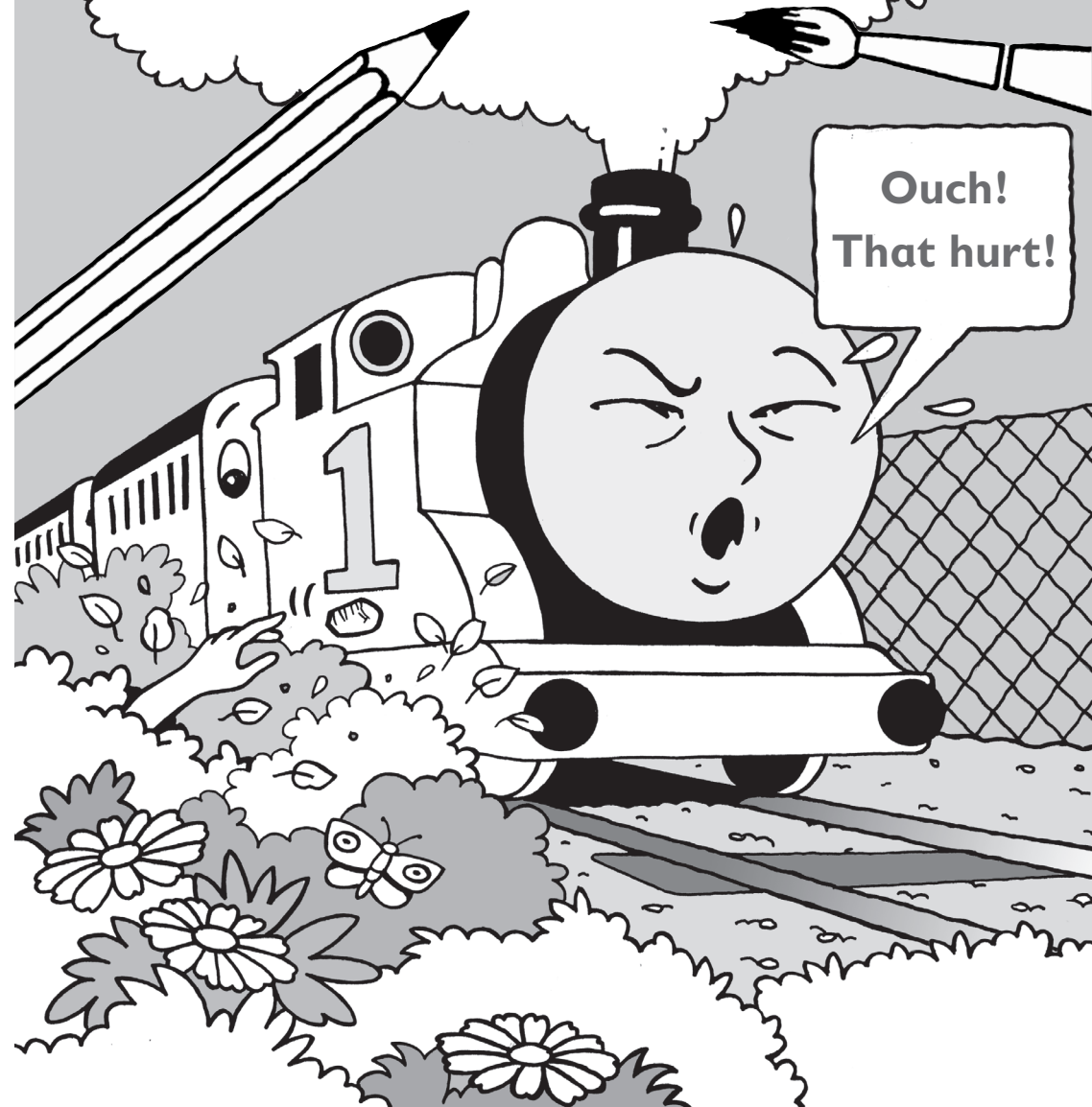
Vandalism

Each year there are thousands of reported incidents of objects being placed on railway tracks, thrown at trains or dangled from bridges in front of trains. Most of these crimes are committed by young people - children as young as five years old have been caught putting objects on the tracks.

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Bad Days for Thomas and His Friends

Written by _____



Hello Everyone,

My engines wanted everyone to be told how to use the railway safely because Thomas and his friends have had some very bad days recently.

Some children did various naughty things on the railway and upset me, Policeman Len, my engines and carriages.

As you are colouring in the pictures please read the words as well.

Happy travelling.

The Fat Controller



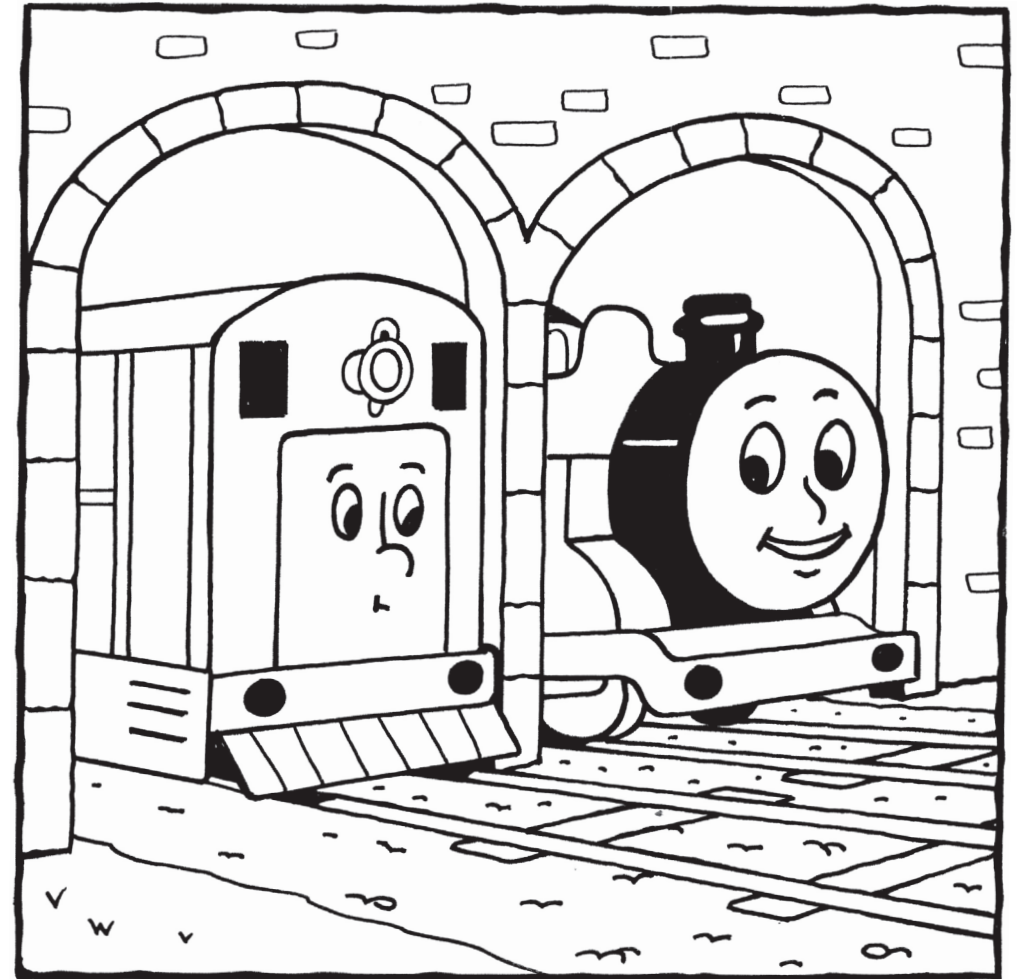
Dear Parents

Charlie the Crow appears on certain pages in the story observing instances of dangerous behaviour on or near the railway.

Please look on the back page where Charlie gives more information for you to help your child understand how to use the railway safely.

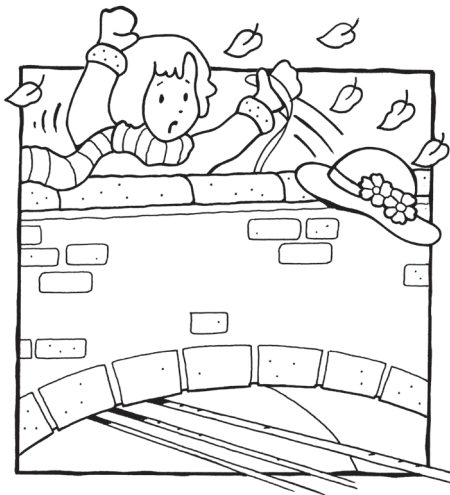
Bad days for Thomas and his Friends

Thomas the tank engine and Toby the tram engine were talking in their shed one lunchtime.

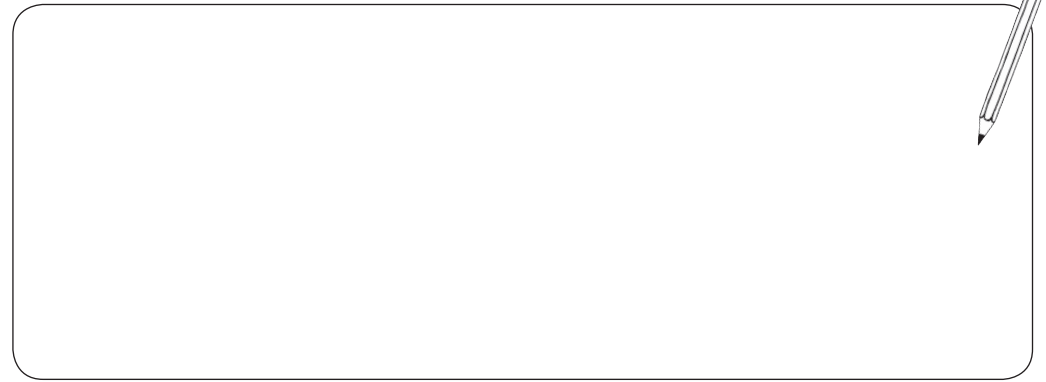


"Some children do many foolish and dangerous things on the railways, don't they Toby?" said Thomas.

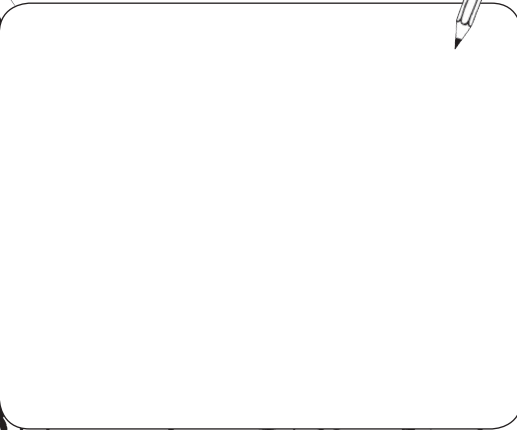
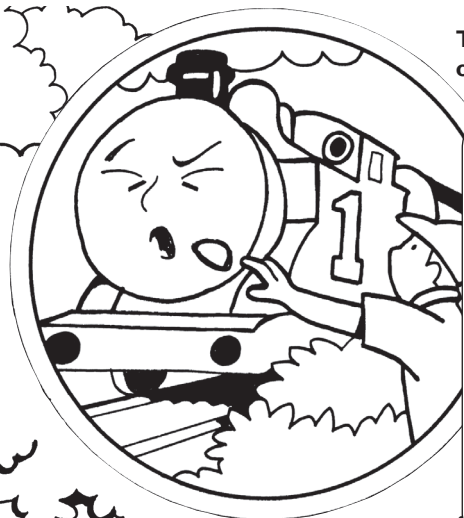
"Yes," said Toby, "and they do not think about the dangers when near the railway."

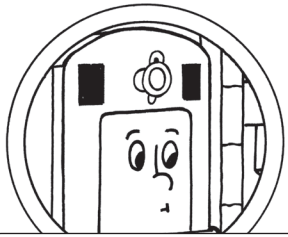


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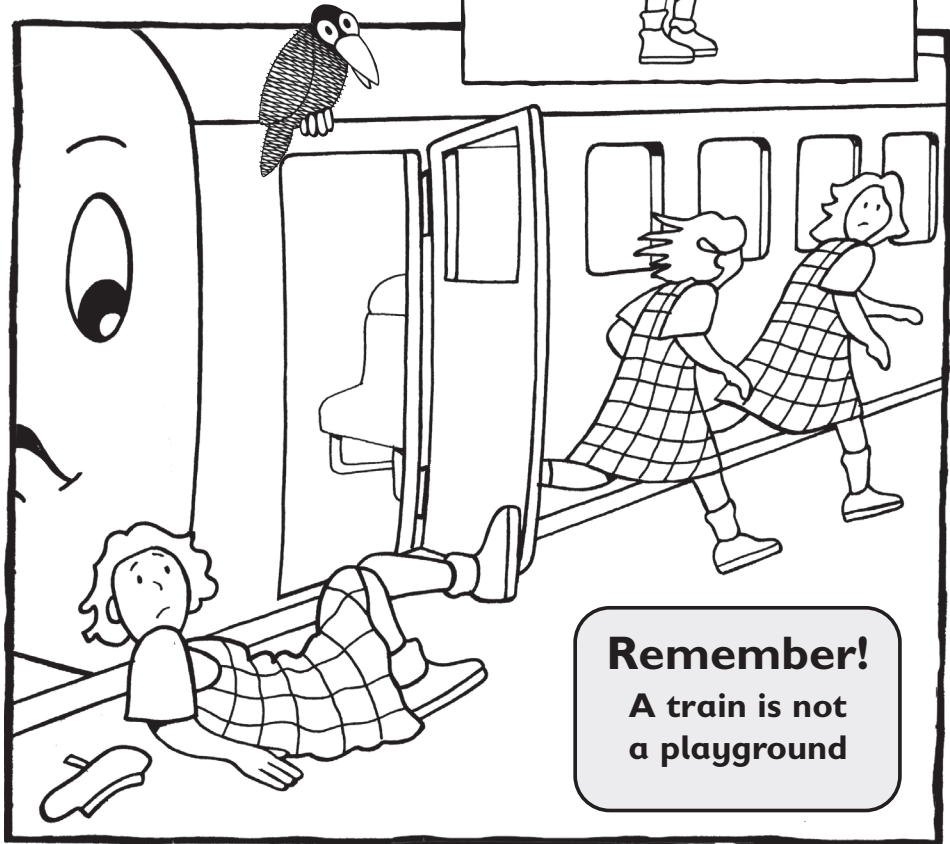


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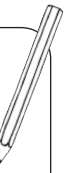
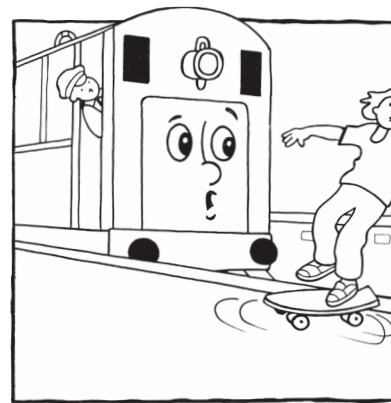




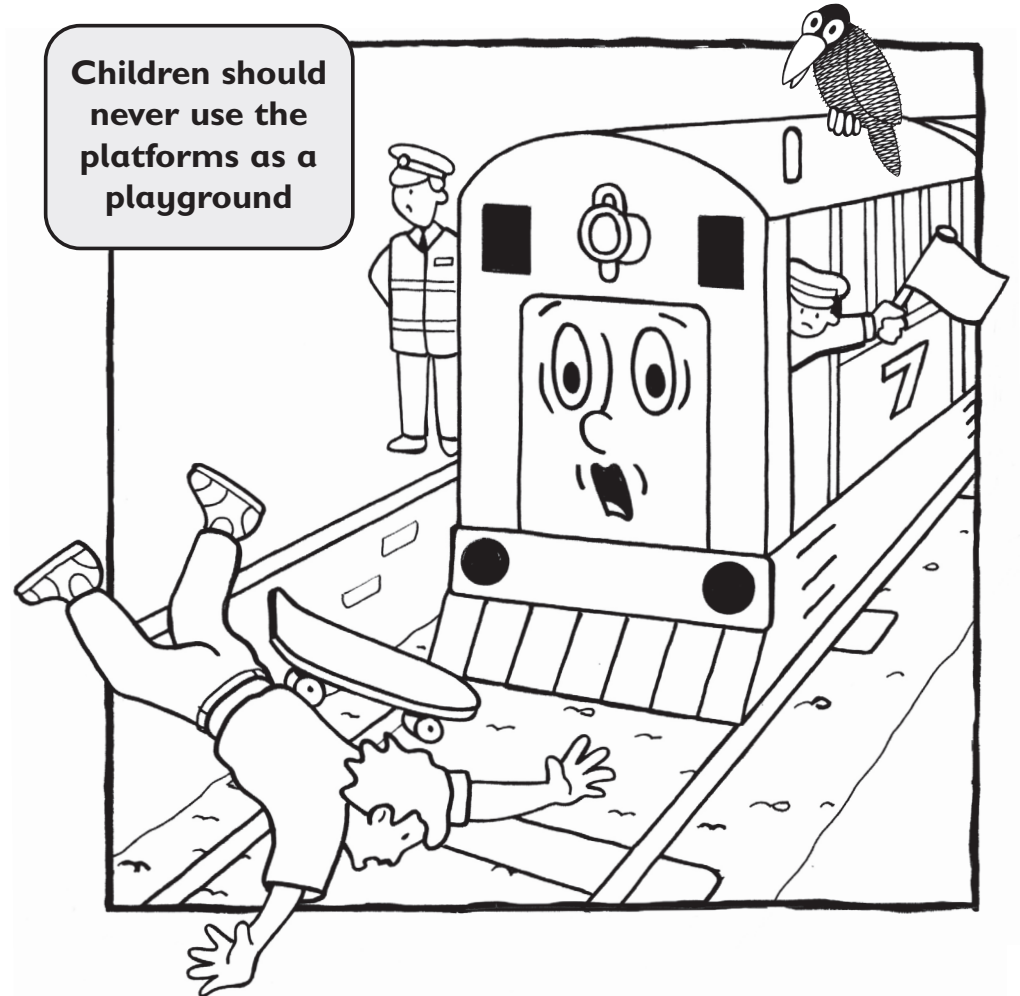
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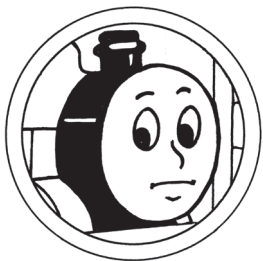


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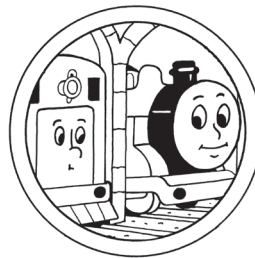
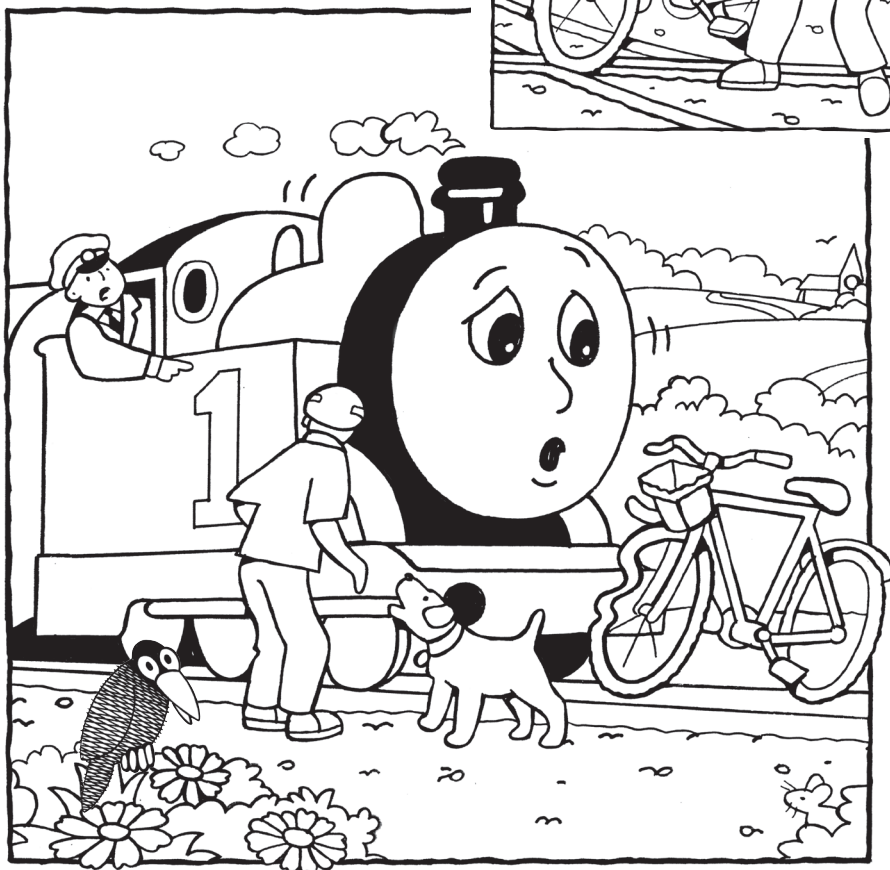
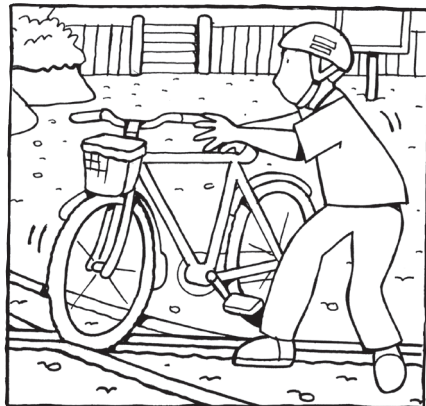


**Children should
never use the
platforms as a
playground**





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Remember!
If you play safe
you will stay safe

