

A puzzle to solve using the library subject index at your local public library – take this sheet along and ask to use the subject index, then you can make a start.....

Using a library subject index

Information books in libraries are arranged in a special order called Dewey

Each subject has its own number so that all the books on the same subject stay together.

You need to use the subject index to find the numbers for the books. Think of the subject index as a code book to give you the numbers.

Your Task

Read the short story and think what words are missing. Look for the Dewey numbers for the missing words in the subject index and fill them in.

The Beautiful Morning

When I woke up in the morning I pulled the curtains and let the ------ stream in the window. I patted the ----- on the head and he wagged his tail. I poured some ----- into a dish for the cat. I decided to make some muffins for breakfast as a surprise for Mum, so I found a ------ book. Mum was still asleep. By then it was ----- to go to school.

It was a lovely day. Bright ----- were growing in all the gardens and the birds were singing in the -----s. ----s were buzzing and ------ were crawling through the grass. I wished that I owned a ------ so that I could ride through the fields to school. I wished even more that I owned an------ so that I could fly to school and swoop over the mountains like a -----. I wished that I did not have to go to school. I wanted to go ----- in the sea like a -----.

Daydreaming of swimming like a fish in the sea I did wheelies in the school gate. There was no one there – no cars, no teachers, no bikes, no pupils. Suddenly I realized why Mum had been asleep. It was Sunday!

Now ask a member of library staff for the answer sheet to check that you have successfully solved the puzzle.

Check out the shelves of information books at the library and find some books on subjects that interest you.

