

CLASS – 10

ENGLISH

Footprints without Feet

CH-9 : The Book That Saved
the Earth

Part – 4

The Invasion Halted by
Nursery Rhymes

ARPITA SHARMA



OVERVIEW

1. Think-Tank's Grand Plan

2. Martian Misunderstanding: The Sandwich Theory

3. Decoding the Sandwich - 'Mother Goose'

4. The Invasion Halted by Nursery Rhymes



THINK-TANK : They can actually grow crops of rare metals such as silver. And cockle shells. They can grow high explosives, too. Noodle, contact our invasion fleet.

NOODLE : They are ready to go down and take over Earth, sir.

Explosives : विस्फोटक

Fleet : वाहनों का समूह

THINK-TANK : Tell them to hold. Tell them new
information has come to us
about Earth. Iota, transcribe.



IOTA : Yes, sir. (She reads very **gravely**.)

Gravely : गंभीरता से



Hey diddle diddle!

The cat and the fiddle,

The cow jumped over the moon,

The little dog laughed to see such sport,

And the dish ran away with the spoon.



OOP

: (laughing) The dish ran
away with the spoon!

THINK-TANK

mg

: Cease laughter. Desist. This
is more and more alarming.
The Earthlings have reached
a high level of civilisation.
Didn't you hear?

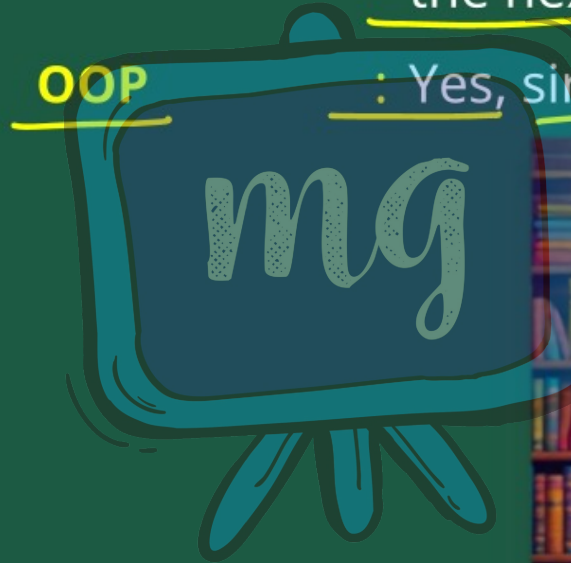
Cease	: रूकना
Desist	: बंद करना
Civilisation	: समाज

They have taught their domesticated animals musical culture and space techniques. Even their dogs have a sense of humour. Why, at this very moment, they may be launching an interplanetary attack of millions of cows! Notify the invasion fleet.

Interplanetary : ग्रहों के बीच

No invasion today Oop, transcribe
the next code.

OOP : Yes, sir. (reading)





*Humpty Dumpty sat on the wall,
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall;
All the King's horses and all the King's men,
Cannot put Humpty Dumpty together again.*

Oh, look, sir. Here's a picture of
Humpty Dumpty.

Why, sir, he looks like

- he looks like -


(turns large picture
of Humpty Dumpty

towards Think-Tank
and the audience)





THINK-TANK : (screaming and holding his head) It's me! It's my Great and Mighty Balloon Brain. The Earthlings have seen me, and they're after me. "Had a great fall!" - That means they plan to capture Mars Central Control and me! It's an invasion of Mars! Noodle, prepare a space capsule for me.



I must escape without delay. Space
people, you must leave Earth at
once, but be sure to remove all
traces of your visit. The Earthlings
must not know that I know. (Omega,
Iota, and Oop rush about, putting
books back on shelves.)

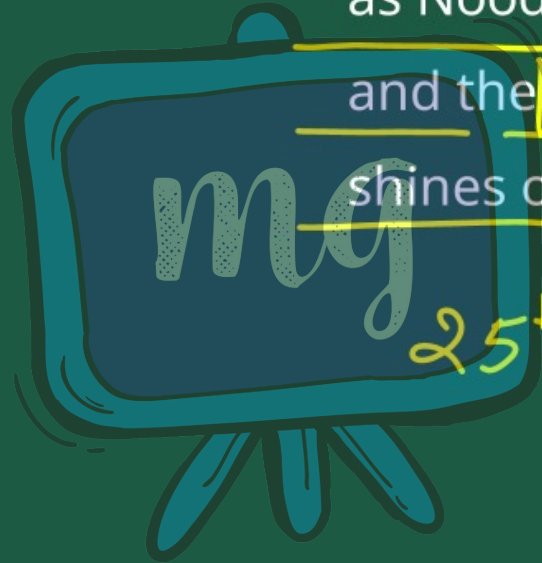
Trace(s) : निशान

NOODLE : Where shall we go, sir?


THINK-TANK : A hundred million miles away
from Mars. Order the
invasion fleet to evacuate the
entire planet of Mars. We are
heading for Alpha Centauri, a
hundred million miles away.

Evacuate : खाली करना
Alpha Centauri : एक तारा

(Omega, Iota, and Oop run off right
as Noodle helps Think-Tank off left
and the curtain closes. Spotlight
shines on Historian down right.)

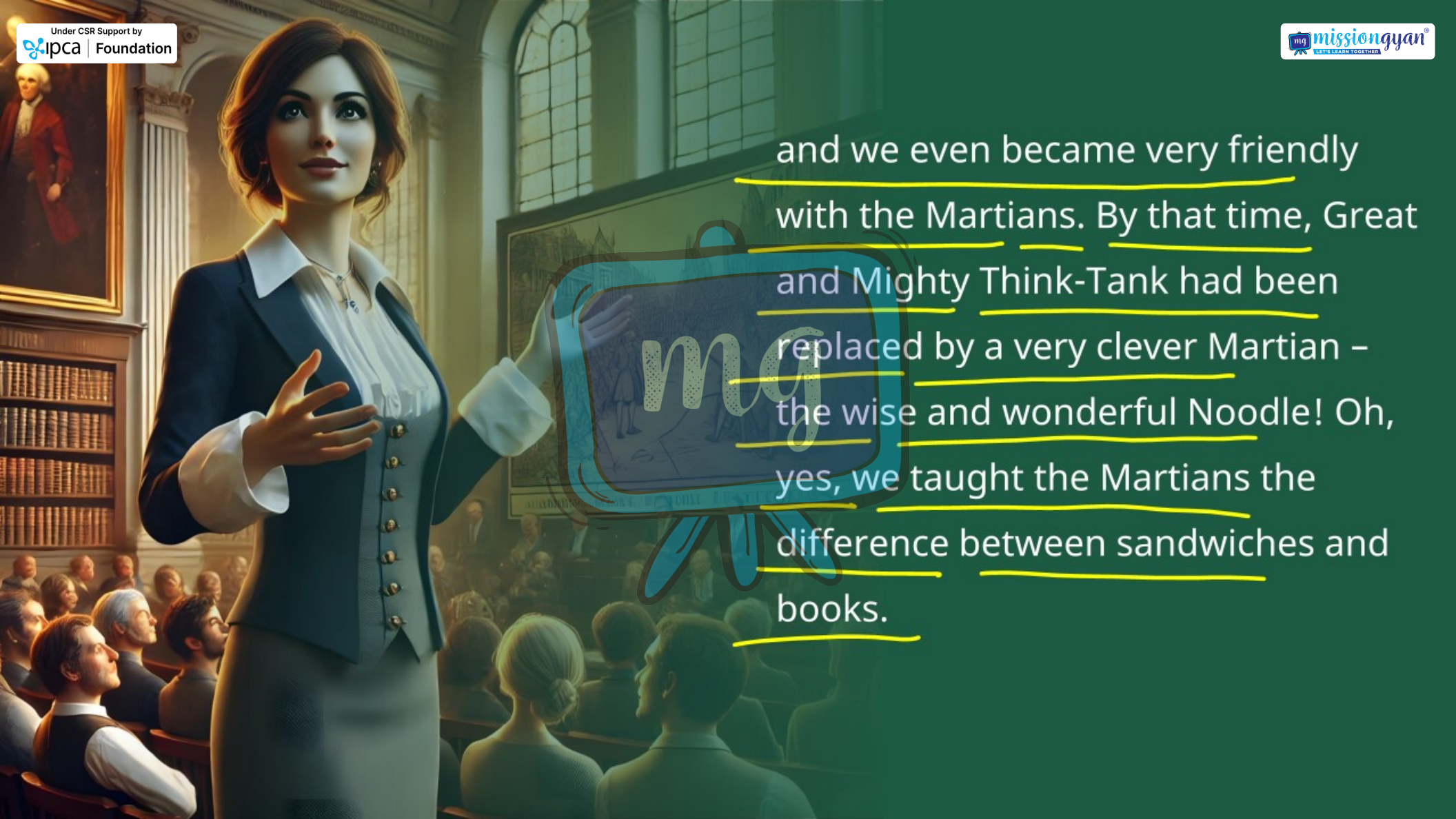


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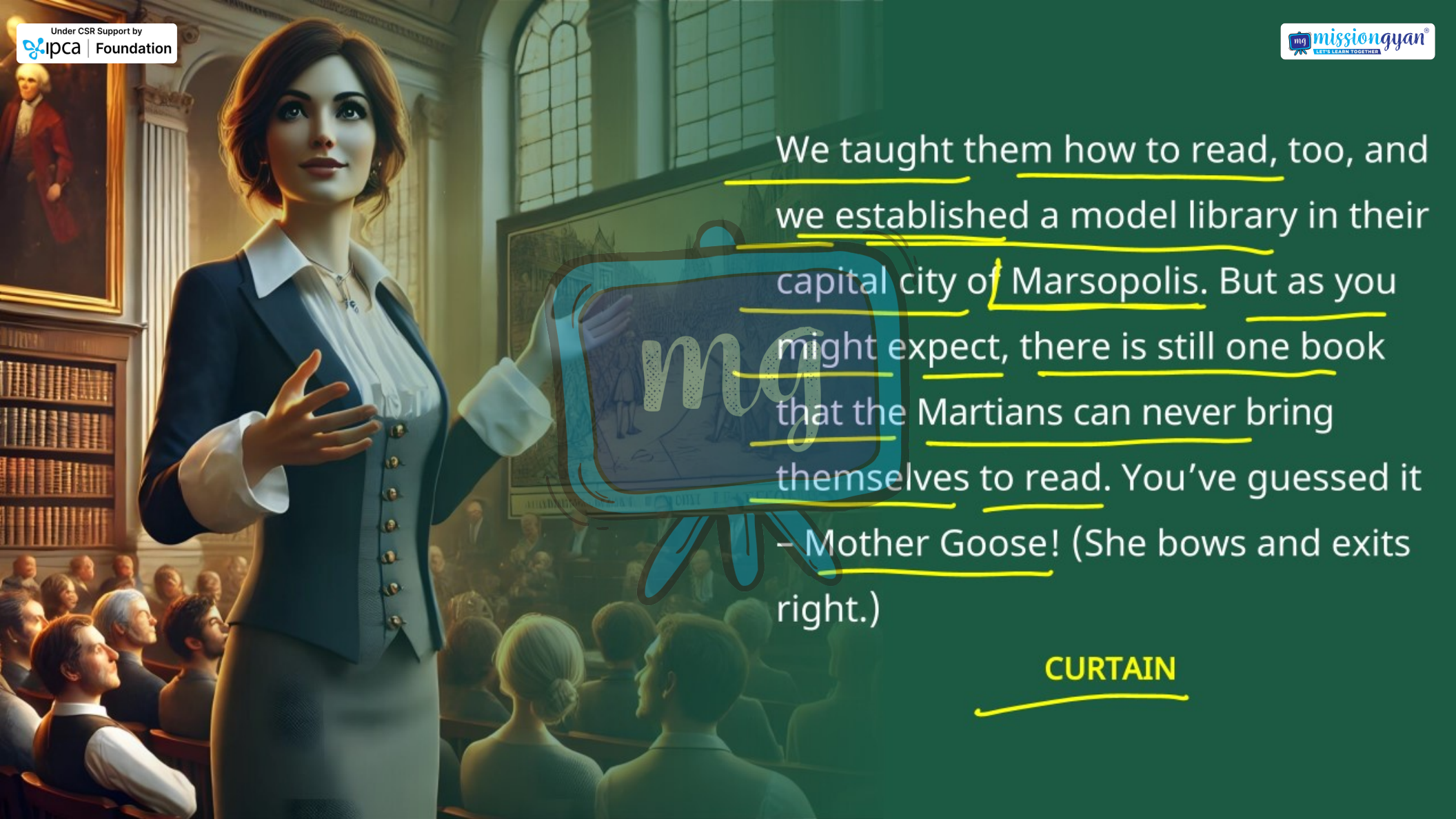


HISTORIAN : (chuckling) And that's how one
→ dusty old book of nursery rhymes
saved the world from a Martian
invasion. As you all know, in the
twenty-fifth century, five hundred
years after all this happened, we
Earthlings resumed contact with
Mars,

Resumed : पुनः जारी करना



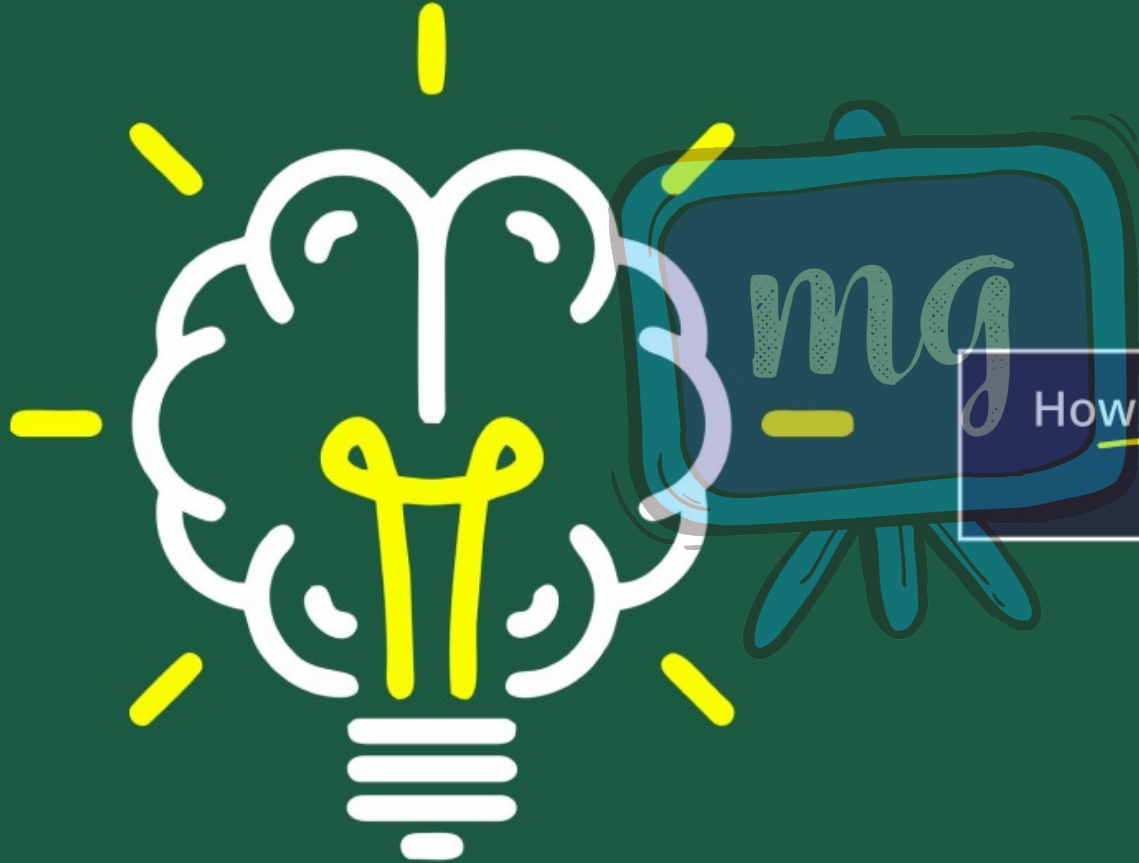
and we even became very friendly
with the Martians. By that time, Great
and Mighty Think-Tank had been
replaced by a very clever Martian –
the wise and wonderful Noodle! Oh,
yes, we taught the Martians the
difference between sandwiches and
books.

A woman with brown hair, wearing a blue blazer over a white collared shirt and a grey skirt, stands in a grand library or lecture hall. She is gesturing with her hands as if presenting. The room is filled with bookshelves and a large audience of people seated in rows. A large window with a grid pattern is visible in the background. A blue cartoonish logo with the letters 'mg' is overlaid on the scene.

We taught them how to read, too, and
we established a model library in their
capital city of Marsopolis. But as you
might expect, there is still one book
that the Martians can never bring
themselves to read. You've guessed it
– Mother Goose! (She bows and exits
right.)

CURTAIN

LEARNING OUTCOME



How Misunderstandings can
Change Outcomes.

ASSESSMENT



1

Think-Tank mistakes the nursery rhyme "Humpty Dumpty" for:

- A A recipe.
- B A map.
- C A threat against him.
- D A song.

ASSESSMENT



2

The Martians plan to escape to:

- A Earth's moon.
- B A nearby asteroid.
- C Alpha Centauri.
- D The Sun.

ASSESSMENT



3

What did the Martians think "Humpty Dumpty" looked like?

- A A cow
- B A dog
- C Think-Tank's balloon brain
- D A book

