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## Pinocchio and the Policeman

Geppetto took the marionette in his hands and placed him on the floor to see if he could walk: but Pinocchio's legs were stiff. So Geppetto took him by the hand and showed him how to put one foot before the other. When the stiffness was out of his legs Pinocchio began to walk alone and run around the room: and finally he slipped out of the door into the street and ran away. Poor old Geppetto ran after him as fast as he could not catch him for the little scamp jumped like a rabbit.

"Catch him ! Catch him !" cried Geppetto; but when the people saw a wooden marionette running as fast as a racehorse they stared at him in amazement and then laughed and laughed until their sides were sore.

At last a policeman appeared. When he heard such a clatter he thought that somebody's horse had got away from its master; so he courageously planted himself in the middle of the street with his legs wide apart determined to stop it.

While Pinocchio was still a long way off he saw a policeman barricading the street and he decided to run between his legs before he realised what he meant to do; but he failed dismally. The policeman without moving from his position, picked him up neatly by the nose and returned him to Geppetto who meant to pull his ears well to punish him for his naughtiness. Imagine therefore how he felt when he couldn't find any ears: and do you know why? He had made him in such a hurry that he had forgotten his ears.

**Fill the gaps with a word or words that have the same meaning as the text.**

1. Geppetto \_\_\_\_\_ to see if he could walk.
2. When the \_\_\_\_\_ Pinocchio began to walk alone.
3. Finally he \_\_\_\_\_ out of the door into the street and ran away.
4. They stared at him in amazement and then \_\_\_\_\_.
5. He heard such a clatter he thought that \_\_\_\_\_.
6. The policeman \_\_\_\_\_ from his position.
7. Imagine how he \_\_\_\_\_ couldn't find any ears.

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