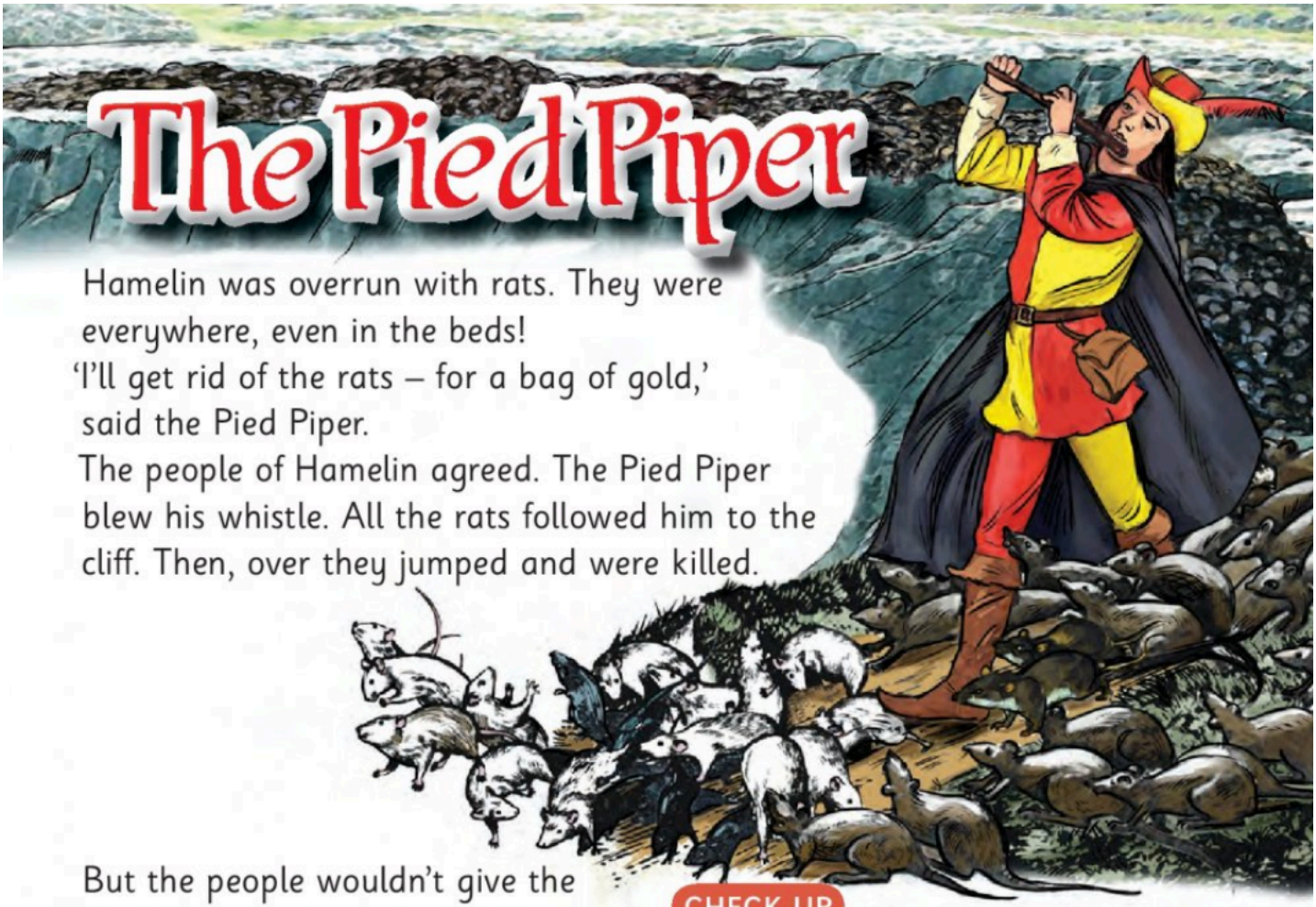
The Pied Piper



Hamelin was overrun with rats. They were everywhere, even in the beds!

'I'll get rid of the rats – for a bag of gold,' said the Pied Piper.

The people of Hamelin agreed. The Pied Piper blew his whistle. All the rats followed him to the cliff. Then, over they jumped and were killed.

But the people wouldn't give the Pied Piper the bag of gold. He blew his whistle again, and this time all the children ran out and followed him to the mountain.

A big door opened in the mountain and in marched the Pied Piper and the children. The door closed and they were never seen again. ■

CHECK-UP

1. What was the town of Hamelin overrun with?
2. What did the townspeople agree to?
3. Where did the Pied Piper lead the rats?
4. Why did he take out his whistle a second time?
5. What happened to the children?