

## Level 2 Fiction – Ugly

"That's just totally wrong!" Chris swiped his finger angrily across the

tablet screen.

"What's totally wrong?" asked Dad.

"This World's Ugliest Animals competition. They've got the kākāpō in the top six!" Chris showed his father. "The top six! The kākāpō? No way." Dad shook his head. "Well, there it is, as clear as day – 'the kākāpō, New Zealand's flightless parrot'."

"But why'd they have to pick on the kākāpō? The kākāpō's a great bird." Chris stared at the large parrot on the screen. Its green feathers were like fern fronds. It had a soft, brown face and dark eyes. No chance the kākāpō was ugly.

"Well, why don't you do something about it seeing as you're so <u>worked</u> <u>up</u>," suggested Dad. "Protest! Make a poster. Go on a demonstration," he joked.

"I think I just might," said Chris.

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