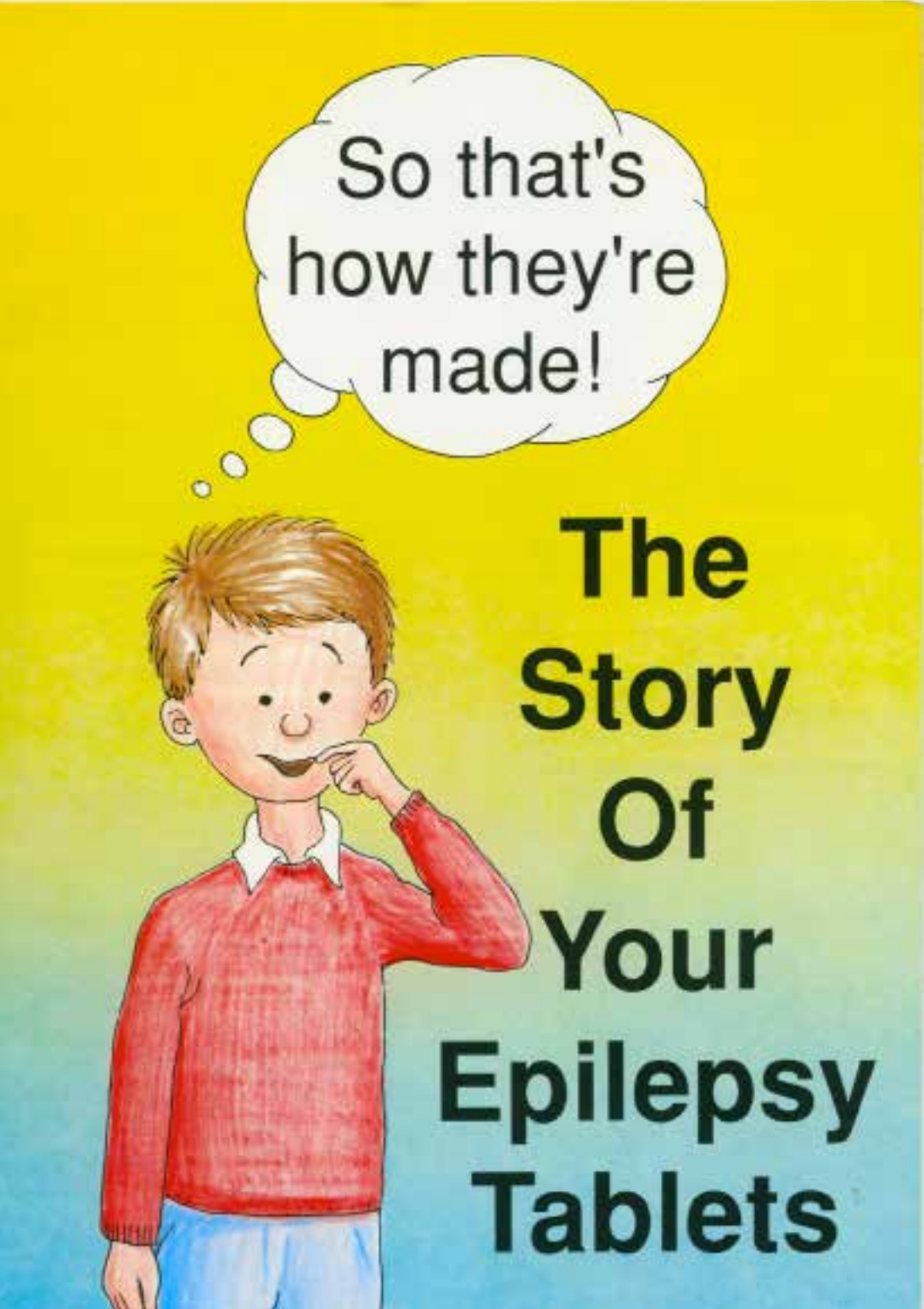
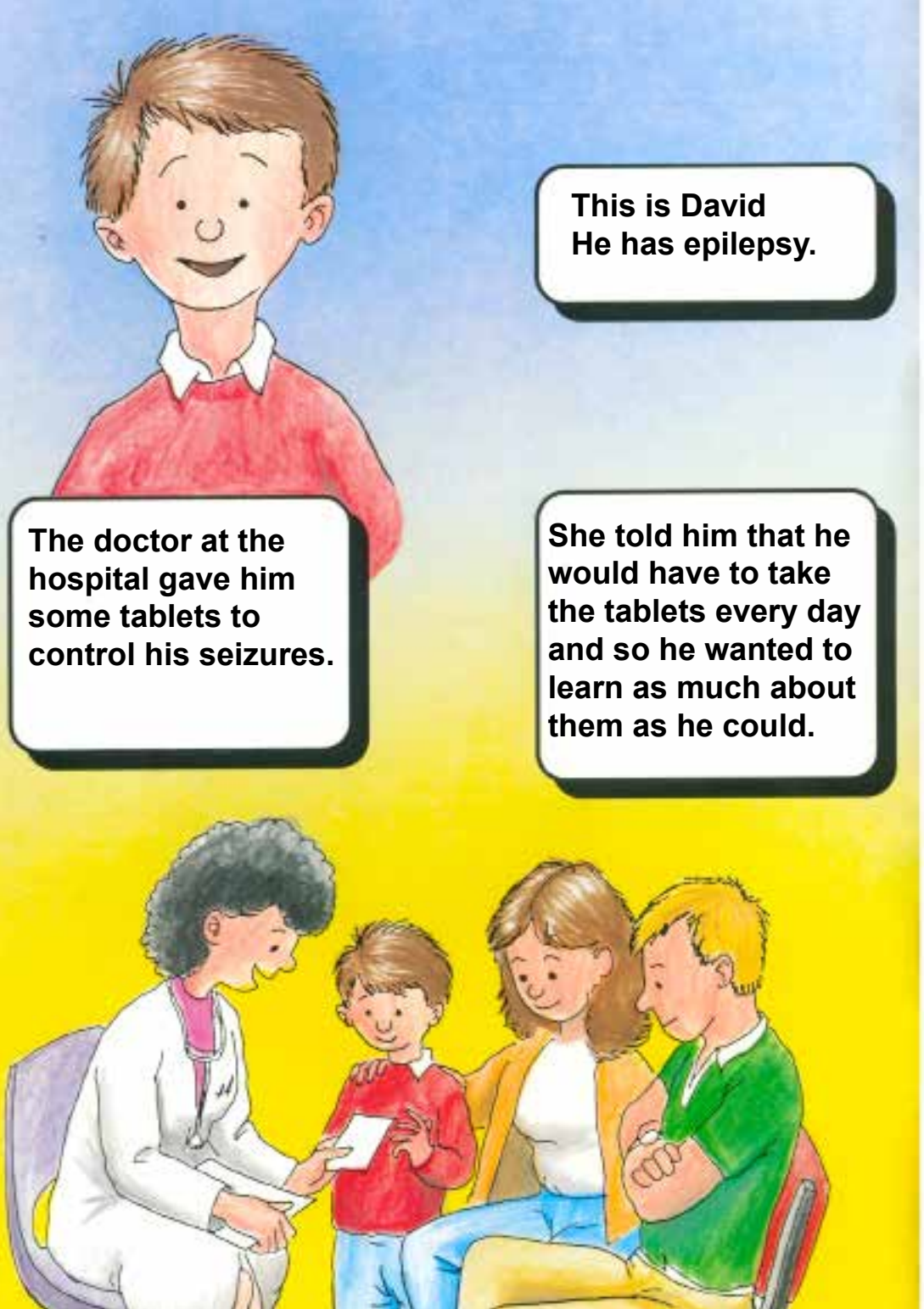


The Story Of Your Epilepsy Tablets


This is David
He has epilepsy.
The doctor at the hospital gave him some tablets to control his seizures.
She told him that he would have to take the tablets every day and so he wanted to learn as much about them as he could.

He found out the factory where they were made and wrote to the Manager and asked if he could meet him to find out more

The Manager answered his letter and invited him, and his Mum and Dad, to visit the factory to see how his tablets were made.

When they got to the factory they were asked to wear special hats, coats and shoes before going into the main part of the factory.

This was to make sure that everywhere was as clean as it could be.

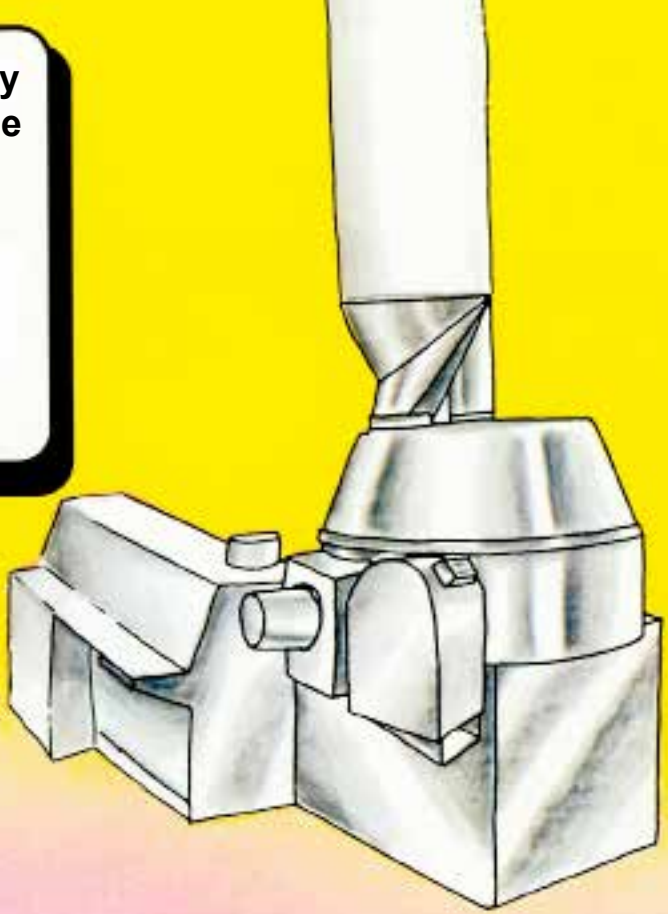
The Manager told them that some of the chemicals used to make the tablets are made in a factory in Europe.

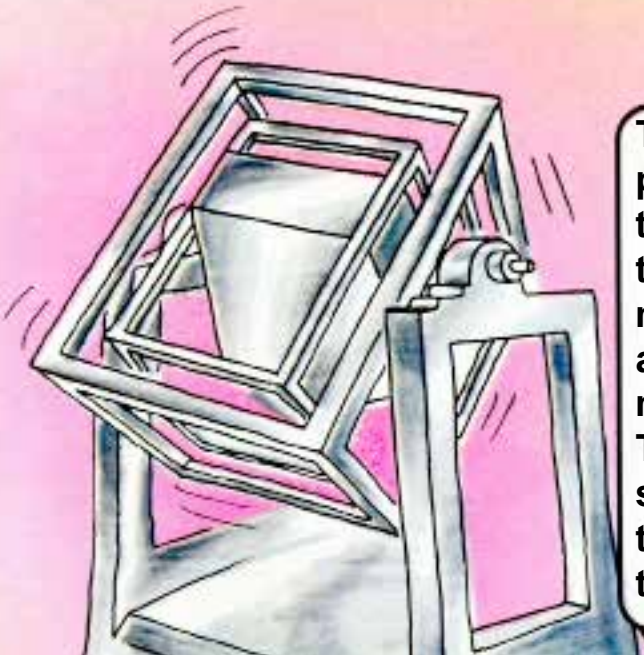
They are brought to Britain by lorry on a ferry.

When the chemicals arrive they are taken to a laboratory to be checked by scientists to make sure that they are top quality. Anything less than top quality will not do.

After they are very carefully weighed the different chemicals are all put together in a big holder called a hopper.

They are now ready to be mixed and the hopper is raised ready for the next treatment which is to make sure they are mixed as they should be.

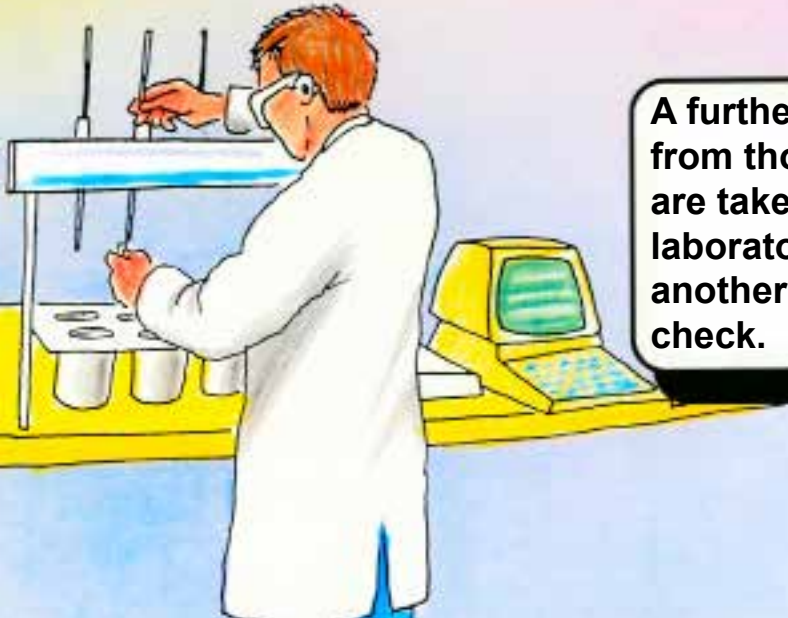




The hopper is now placed into a huge tumbling machine to give a really good mix. It is all weighed again after the mixing has finished. The weight has to be same at the end of the mix as it was at the beginning.

The mixture is then poured into a machine which can make 3,000 tablets in a minute! Every one of these tablets has to be absolute top quality.

Every 15 minutes some tablets are taken to a special machine to check that they are all exactly the same weight and size.



A further sample from those tablets are taken to the laboratory for another quality check.

The next machine takes the tablets and packs them into blister packs

This machine finishes the job by putting the blister packs of tablets into cartons.

They are inspected again just to make sure everything is OK.

The cartons are kept in large metal cages and stored in a gigantic warehouse.

When they are needed they are sent quickly all around the country to chemists' shops.

The family thanked the Manager. They had all enjoyed their visit and David learned so much about his tablets.

When he got his next prescription from his family doctor he was told how important it was for him to take his tablets. After all, so much care had been taken into making them for him.

Every time he takes his tablets he remembers to visit he made to the factory.

By taking his tablets when he should he enjoys life and has lots of fun