

1. Complete these sentences with a number from the box.

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- a) He has produced designs for over books
- b) The 'Very Hungry Caterpillar' has sold more than million books.
- c) His most famous book has been translated into different languages.

One day, a respected educator and author, Bill Martin Jr, asked Carle to illustrate a story he had written. This partnership produced *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?* It is still a favourite with children everywhere. This was the beginning of Eric Carle's real career. Soon, he was writing his own stories, too. His first original book was *1,2,3 to the Zoo*.

2. Have you ever read a book by Eric Carle? Did you enjoy it? Why \ why not?

Children all over the world send him pictures they have made while enjoying his stories. He receives hundreds of letters each week from his young admirers. It seems the secret of the success of these stories is Eric's respect for children. He often takes his themes from nature which most small children find fascinating. He understands that children are naturally curious and this belief helps make his books a stimulating experience. He believes the move from home to school can be very traumatic for children. They leave a place of warmth and protection for one that is unknown. The unknown often brings fear with it. In his books he tries to send a positive message.

Adapted from Eric Carle Biography

3. Read the statements and write 'True', 'False' or 'Doesn't say' in the blanks.

- a) He receives only a few letters from fans each week.
- b) Eric Carle thinks children are naturally curious about the world.
- c) School is a place of warmth and protection for all children.