

Geronimo Stilton

SAVE THE WHITE WHALE!



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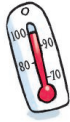
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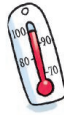


SWEATING LIKE A SPRINKLER

It was a **SCORCHING** summer afternoon.

I was in my office **sweating** because the air conditioner was broken and . . . Oops, where are my manners? I didn't introduce myself. My name is Stilton, *Geronimo Stilton*. I run *The Rodent's Gazette*, the most popular newspaper on Mouse Island.





Anyway, as I was saying, it was **HOT** in my office. I tried to get **cool** by . . .

1. Turning the fans on **HURRICANE** strength.
2. Wrapping my head in a bandanna packed with **ice**.
3. Sticking my tail in my **minifridge**.

Nothing worked. I was still sweating like a **sprinkler** when I heard a knock at the door. Then the door **FLEW** open and in walked my friend Petunia Pretty Paws.





Hi, G!