

Farmer Paul's New Scarecrow

Every summer Farmer Paul knew he would have trouble with crows. The last time Farmer Paul had put up a scarecrow, the crows had seemed to realize that if it were real it would move. After a while they had swooped down and pecked at the straw under its shirt and pulled at the straw in its hat.

One day, Farmer Paul noticed a man-like figure made of lightweight plastic on the roof of a store. The figure was filled with air, and every time the wind blew, it waved its head, arms, and legs. The plastic man looked very much alive.

Farmer Paul bought one of the plastic figures, and after he planted his corn, he attached the figure to a tall stick. He gave it overalls and a shirt just like the kind he wore, and he covered its head. Whenever the wind blew even a little, the plastic man moved.

The plastic man worked, and the big, black crows were fooled. Farmer Paul's crops grew tall and healthy, and the crows did not bother his fields ever again.

1. What was Farmer Paul's new scarecrow made of?
2. What was the difference between the old scarecrow and the new one?