



Year 2

Reading

Comprehensions

Name: _____

Teddy's Christmas

Timmy opened one eye and jumped out of bed.

"It's Christmas Day!" he shouted, grabbing hold of Teddy.

Timmy rushed along the landing and into Mum and Dad's room.

"It's Christmas Day!" he shouted again.

Before his parents could even move, Timmy had raced downstairs with Teddy. He sprinted along the hall and skidded to a halt just outside the lounge.



"Perhaps this year," he said to Teddy, closing his eyes. Timmy tiptoed into the lounge without being able to see where he was going.

Bang!

He bumped into something prickly and fell to the floor.

"Ouch!" he yelped. Timmy opened his eyes. He was sitting beneath the Christmas tree, next to dozens of presents.

"Father Christmas has been!" he squealed.

Timmy loved Christmas Day. He loved the excitement, he loved the presents and he loved spending time with all his family, especially Grandad. But there was one thing that always made Timmy feel sad.

Teddy.

Ever since Timmy had got him for Christmas when he was little, he had wanted Teddy to have a friend. He was very special. There was something about Teddy that made Timmy feel warm inside. Perhaps it was because Nana had knitted him. He wasn't sure. All he knew was that every Christmas, Timmy hoped Teddy could

have a friend. But every Christmas his friend never arrived.

Mum and Dad came down to watch Timmy open all his presents. He had some wonderful presents.

But there was no friend for Teddy.

Later, Grandad arrived with Timmy's aunt, uncle and cousins with even more presents. They all sat down at the dining room table for lunch. Timmy enjoyed sitting next to Grandad because he kept making funny faces at Teddy when Mum wasn't looking.

After they had eaten, the family gathered in the lounge to open all the new presents. Timmy settled down on Grandad's knee with Teddy. As Dad began handing out the presents, Grandad whispered into Timmy's ear.

"Perhaps this year," he said.

Just then, Dad handed Timmy a beautifully wrapped present, tied with a silver ribbon. There was a label that said:

To our dearest Teddy, with all our love, Nana and Grandad.

Timmy looked at Teddy, then at Grandad, then closed his eyes. The present felt soft and floppy. He unpeeled the wrapping paper and peered inside.

Timmy couldn't believe his eyes. It looked like something Nana would have knitted. It was a friend for Teddy! Timmy wrapped his arms around Grandad.

"Merry Christmas, Teddy!" Grandad chuckled with a tear in his eye, "And a very Merry Christmas to you, Timmy."



Questions

1. Choose and copy one word which shows that Timmy is excited on Christmas Day.

2. What did Timmy bump into in the lounge?

3. Match up the sentences.

Timmy loved

Nana had made him.

Timmy wanted

seeing Grandad.

Teddy was special because

a special friend for Teddy.

4. What did Grandad mean when he whispered in Timmy's ear "Perhaps this year"?

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Perhaps this year, Timmy would have a new friend for Teddy.

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Perhaps this year, Timmy would have even more presents.

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Perhaps this year, Timmy would get a console.

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Perhaps this year, there would be more presents for everyone.

5. What did Timmy do to show how he felt about his present from Nana and Grandad?

6. Why do you think Grandad had a tear in his eye at the end?

Lilly And the Tooth Fairy

Lilly was lying in bed trying to get to sleep. Tomorrow was the school trip to the chocolate factory. Lilly really wanted her first tooth to fall out. Then the tooth fairy could leave her some money to buy a Choccy-Choc-Choc bar!

But her tooth didn't want to come out. She closed her eyes and tried to fall asleep.



“Lilly...”

Lilly thought she heard someone, so she opened her eyes. “Hello, Lilly,” said a glowing little creature.

“Oh-my-goodness!” Lilly shrieked.

“I didn't mean to scare you,” the little creature said. “My name is Pixie-Dust and I am here for your tooth.”

The little creature looked like a tiny princess. She was hovering by Lilly's bedside table and was the size of a doll. She had a small wand and was wearing a twinkly green dress.

“I'm shorry,” Lilly said. “But my toosh hasn't come out yet.” Lilly thought she must be really tired as her voice sounded a bit funny.

“That's odd,” Pixie-Dust said. She took out a small tablet and turned it on. “Hmm, you are Lilly Molaire of 23, Wood Close, aren't you?”



“Yesh,” Lilly nodded.

“Well, it says that I am to pick up your first milk tooth,” Pixie- Dust explained.

“Oh,” Lilly replied, not really knowing what else to say. “I am shorry but my toosh hasn’t...” As she was talking, her tongue rolled across her wobbly tooth... but it wasn’t there! Lilly felt her pillow. There was something small and hard! “My toosh!” she squealed. “It came out! That musht be why I’m shpeaking weirdly!”

Pixie-Dust fluttered over and took the tooth. “Thank you,” she said. Then she waved her little wand.

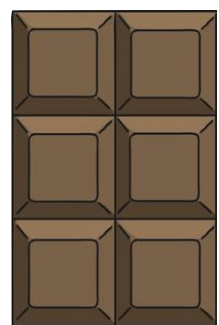


When Lilly woke up, she felt her wobbly tooth with her tongue. It was missing! She remembered a funny dream about a little tooth fairy. “How shtrange,” she said with a yawn. As she stretched, she felt something hard under her pillow.

It was a coin!

Lilly pulled back the covers and quickly got dressed. She couldn’t wait for the school trip to the chocolate factory. Now she could buy a Choccy-Choc-Choc bar!

“Thank you,” Lilly whispered, and somewhere in a far-off land, a little fairy smiled.



Questions

1. What did Lilly do with her tongue when she was trying to get to sleep? Tick **one**.

☐

stuck it out

☐

bit it

☐

rolled it over her wobbly tooth

2. Lilly shrieked. Why did Lilly shriek?

3. "I'm shorry," Lilly said. "But my toosh hasn't come out yet." Why was Lilly's voice sounding strange?

4. Pixie-Dust fluttered over and took the tooth. What word could you use instead of 'fluttered'?

5. Number the events below to show the order in which they happen in the story.

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Lilly stretched.

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Lilly thought she heard someone.

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Lilly closed her eyes and tried to

☐

fall asleep. Lilly found a coin.

☐

Pixie-Dust turned on a small tablet.

"Thank you," Lilly whispered, and somewhere in a far-off land, a little fairy smiled. Who was it that smiled, and why do you think they did this?

London's Burning!

It was dark in the early hours of Sunday morning. Sally woke with a start. Her ears filled with unfamiliar sounds; she could smell smoke. She coughed. The room looked hazy; she rubbed her eyes, but still couldn't focus properly. What was happening?

Suddenly, her bedroom door was flung open and her mother ran in, her face as white as a sheet.

"Get up Sally, we have to go! Get dressed now!" and with that, her mother disappeared back into the house, calling Sally's younger sister, Molly.

Sally jumped from her bed and pushed open the casement window. Screams and cries came from the filthy streets below. Sally watched people throwing their belongings into carts, frantic horses treading the ground, eager to get away. Parents grabbed their children and pushed them in amongst their possessions on the carts.

"Hey, what's happening?" Sally yelled.

"Fire!" her neighbour shouted back. "Seems to be coming from Pudding Lane! Get out now Sally! No one is safe!"

Sally closed her window with a bang, and hurriedly changed out of her nightdress. Once she was downstairs, her father, mother and Molly crammed their things into a handcart. They watched in horror as ordinary people tried to put out the raging fire with leather buckets full of water and the occasional water squirt.



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Nothing seemed to make any difference, as the fire leapt from one building to the next, burning everything in its path.

“The houses are so close together and made of wood!” Sally realised, as she scrambled over candlesticks, burnt pans and odd bits of furniture that people had dropped in their hurry to leave!

The grocer's boy, Tom Winter, saw Sally and said, “Some people are going to St Paul's Cathedral to stay safe. Made of stone. Won't burn like wood, eh?” Sally nodded but followed her parents down the dark, stinking streets. The roads were hot and they had to walk in the puddles to keep their feet cool.

They walked and walked. Finally, they arrived at Moorfields. It was a wide-open space with no buildings to burn. They were safe.



London's Burning!

1. When did the Great Fire of London start? Tick one.

- ☐ in the day time
- ☐ during the night
- ☐ in the afternoon

2. Match the sentences.

Sally heard
Sally saw
Sally could smell

smoke.
people screaming.
people put things in carts.

3. What word is used that means Sally quickly got dressed?

4. Why did the fire travel so quickly? Tick two answers.

- ☐ The buildings were made of stone.
- ☐ The buildings were close together.
- ☐ The buildings were made of wood.
- ☐ There was nothing around to put the fire out.

5. Why were some people going to St Paul's Cathedral?

_____.

6. What changes would have been made to the new buildings after the Great Fire of London?

_____.

The CAMPing Trip

“Well, this is going to be an adventure!” said Mum cheerfully as she started the car.

“Living outside, climbing trees and exploring... I can’t wait!” exclaimed Sam from the back seat.

“Being cold and getting dirty with no computer or TV doesn’t sound like fun to me,” sulked Vashti.

Mum, Sam and Vashti were going on their first ever camping trip.

When they arrived at the campsite, Sam and Mum started putting up the tent. The ropes kept getting twisted and the tent flapped in the wind. Mum turned around to ask Vashti for help and, just at that moment, the top sheet of the tent blew away!



Mum sighed. She calmly asked Sam and Vashti to go and look for the top sheet while she started the campfire.

“I think it blew over there,” said Vashti, pointing deep into the

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woods next to the campsite. It was a bright, blustery day but it looked eerily dark and still in the woods.

Cautiously, they entered the woods. Soon, the ground grew muddy. Their shoes made squelching sounds and Sam wanted to go back but Vashti knew that they had to keep going.

“We can’t go back without the top sheet,” she announced bravely.

They pushed through spiky branches and scratchy brambles, getting deeper into the woods. Then, Vashti saw something high up in a tree.

“It’s the top sheet!” she shouted with glee.

Without thinking, Vashti rolled up her sleeves and started to climb towards the top. Sam cheered her on from below. After much difficult climbing, she got the ground sheet and happily clambered down with it, grinning from ear to ear. Sam looked worried again.



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“How will we find our way back?” he asked nervously. “Easy,” said Vashi, pointing to the dirt under their feet.

Vashti and Sam followed their muddy footprints all the way back to the campsite. Mum beamed with pride when she saw them covered in mud and leaves, carrying the top sheet. She was shocked when she heard Vashti say, “I walked through mud and climbed a tree and it was so much fun. Please can we lose something else tomorrow?” However, Sam didn’t look so sure.

Mum gave Sam a cuddle and showed them both the crackling, roaring fire she had made. As it got dark, Vashti and Sam warmed themselves by the fire with toasted marshmallows and hot chocolate. As they snuggled into their cosy sleeping bags, Vashti decided that perhaps camping wasn’t so bad after all.

“Well this has been quite an adventure already!” chuckled Mum. “Just not the one we were expecting!”



Questions

1. What does mum say the camping trip will be? Tick one.

- ☐ a disaster
- ☐ an adventure
- ☐ a surprise

2. Number these events 1-4 to show the order that they happened in the story.

	Vashti and Sam have marshmallows and hot chocolate.
	Vashti spots the top sheet.
	Mum, Sam and Vashti arrive at the campsite.
	Vashti and Sam go into the woods.

3. Finish the sentences.

Sam was excited for the camping trip because _____

Vashti was **not** excited for the camping trip because _____

4. Find and copy a word which describes how Vashti climbed down from the tree.

Questions

5. How did Vashti and Sam find their way back to the campsite?

6. **“Just not the one we were expecting!”**

Why do you think that Mum says this at the end of the story? Give **two** reasons for your answer.

The Very Naughty Leprechaun



Niall was a very naughty leprechaun. He lived by himself in the woods and loved playing tricks on all the animals.

It was Niall's birthday and it was going to be the best birthday ever. He was looking forward to his birthday cake but first he wanted to play his favourite trick on the animals.

Niall made himself invisible and waited in the bushes. Before long, Rosa Rabbit came hopping by with a bag of carrots. "It's my birthday!" Niall shouted, when she was very close. "Aaahhh!" Rosa screamed, throwing the carrots in the air.

The carrots landed on her head with a clump! Clump! CLUMP! "You naughty leprechaun!" she shouted and angrily hopped away.

After Niall had stopped laughing, he settled down in the bushes once more.

Before long, Barry Badger came trotting by with a bag of flour. "It's my birthday!" Niall shouted, when he was very close. "Aaahhh!" Barry screamed, throwing the flour in the air.

The flour landed on his head with a flump! Flump! FLUMP!

"You naughty leprechaun!" he growled and angrily trotted away.

After Niall had stopped laughing, he settled down in the bushes yet again.



Before long, Hannah Hen came bobbing by with a box of eggs. “It’s my birthday!” Niall shouted, when she was very close. “Aaahhh!” Hannah screamed, throwing the eggs in the air.

The eggs landed on her head with a smash! Smash! SMASH! “You naughty leprechaun!” she clucked and quickly bobbed away.

After Niall had stopped laughing, he walked back to his house in the old oak tree.

When he got there, the animals were waiting for him. Rosa had a big bruise on her head, Barry was completely white and Hannah had egg yolk dripping from her beak.

“Hello,” Niall giggled.

“We made you a birthday carrot cake,” Barry said. “You remembered my birthday?” Niall squealed.



“Yes,” Hannah clucked. She gave Niall the cake.

Niall looked down. Instead of the cake, it was a plate full of bashed carrots, smashed egg shells and powdery flour.

“Someone ruined all our ingredients,” Rosa said. “Happy birthday.”

“Oh,” Niall said, sadly. “Thank you.” It was the worst birthday ever...

Questions

1. Who did Niall live with? Tick **one**.

- ☐ the animals
- ☐ Rosa Rabbit
- ☐ no-one, he lived by himself

2. What did Niall love doing?

3. Match the sound to the correct food when it lands on the animals' heads.

clum ●

flush ●

smas ●

● flour

● eggs

● carrot

4. 'Niall looked down. Instead of the cake, it was a plate full of...' Find and copy one thing on the plate instead of the cake:

5. Number the events below to show the order in which they happen in the story.

- ☐ Niall speaks sadly.
- ☐ Barry Badger comes trotting by.
- ☐ Niall makes himself invisible for the first
- ☐ time. The animals meet Niall at his house.

My Dad, the Superhero

“Wake up!” said Sam to his dad.

On Father’s Day, Sam and his dad always spent the day together. Last year, they rode roller coasters. The year before that, they went to a football match.

“Okay,” said Dad as he got out of bed and into his wheelchair. “Mum made your favourite breakfast,” said Sam.

Dad and Sam went to the kitchen. Mum was making pancakes. “What are you going to do today?” Mum asked with a smile.

“We can go see the new superhero movie!” said Sam. “Good idea,” said Dad. Just then, the phone rang.

When Dad hung up the phone, he said, “I’m sorry, but I have to go to work.” Sam was so very sad.



“I have an idea,” Dad said, “You can come to work with me.”

Sam smiled and ran to his room to get ready. He had never seen his dad at work, and hoped it would be fun.

Sam was shocked when they arrived at the zoo. His dad had keys that

opened every door. Inside was a room with a zookeeper and two nurses. They clapped when his dad came in and thanked him for coming so quickly.

In the corner of the room was a black and white panda. The panda was upset. “This is my patient,” Dad said.

After an hour, Sam’s dad was holding four tiny panda cubs. Sam’s dad handed one to Sam. He was so proud of his dad. He thought his dad was just like a superhero.



“This is the best Father’s Day,” said Sam to his dad. “I get to hold a panda cub, and I learned that you are a superhero!”

The Terrible Trip Up!

A few days before Sports Day, the fox team were telling everyone how brilliant they were at all the races.

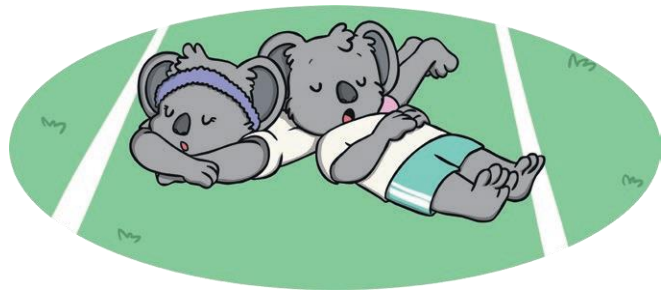
“We’ll win the trophy because we’re so good!” said one of the foxes. All the animals were really looking forward to Sports Day but the rabbits were feeling a bit worried. They knew they weren’t the fastest, the smartest or the best at anything they knew of. The cheetahs were extremely fast and zoomed off down the freshly-painted track.

“We’ll win the trophy because we’re so fast,” said one of the cheetahs. The rabbits, foxes and zebras practised different activities and the koala team got ready for a nice, long nap.

“We’ll win the trophy because we’re so...” started one of the koalas then she fell asleep again.

Soon enough, the day had arrived and the rabbits wanted to have fun and try their best. The zebras did well at the egg and spoon race.

“We’ll win the trophy because we’re so clever,” said one of the zebras. Then, it was the running race and the cheetahs took the lead. Next up, was the three-legged race!



All the animals lined up at the start in their pairs with one of their legs tied to their partner. Suddenly, the whistle blew and they were off, apart from the koalas who fell asleep at the starting line! The cheetahs roared ahead very

fast but then they were out of breath and had to stop. Then, the foxes took the lead but were pulling in different directions and tripped over. The zebras argued about how to stop the others and landed on top of the foxes in a great big heap. The rabbits just kept on going. They carefully moved together, counting and helping each other stay up, all the way to the finish line.



“They won the trophy because they’re good at teamwork!” cheered all the animals.



Questions

1. Who was worried about not being the fastest, smartest or best?

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the foxes

☐

the rabbits

☐

the cheetahs

2. What did the koalas do instead of practising?

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they drew a picture

☐

they sang a song

☐

they had a nice, long nap

3. **Tick two** teams who ended up in a heap. the

☐

cheetahs

☐

the foxes

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the zebras

4. Find and copy **one word** which means 'newly'.

5. Complete the sentence by adding in the missing word.

The cheetahs _____ ahead very fast, but then they were out of breath and had to stop.