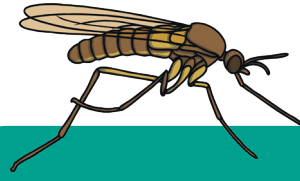




The Gnome



Read Level 6, Week 4 Minibook, 'The Gnome', and use your knowledge to answer these questions about the story. Remember, you can check back through the text to help with your answers.



1. What were Kit and Sam doing in the park?

2. Where did the tunnel lead to?

3. As Kit and Sam went along the tunnel they saw two things. What were they?

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What do you think the gnome wrote in the letter to Mrs Rabbit? Tell the person next to you.

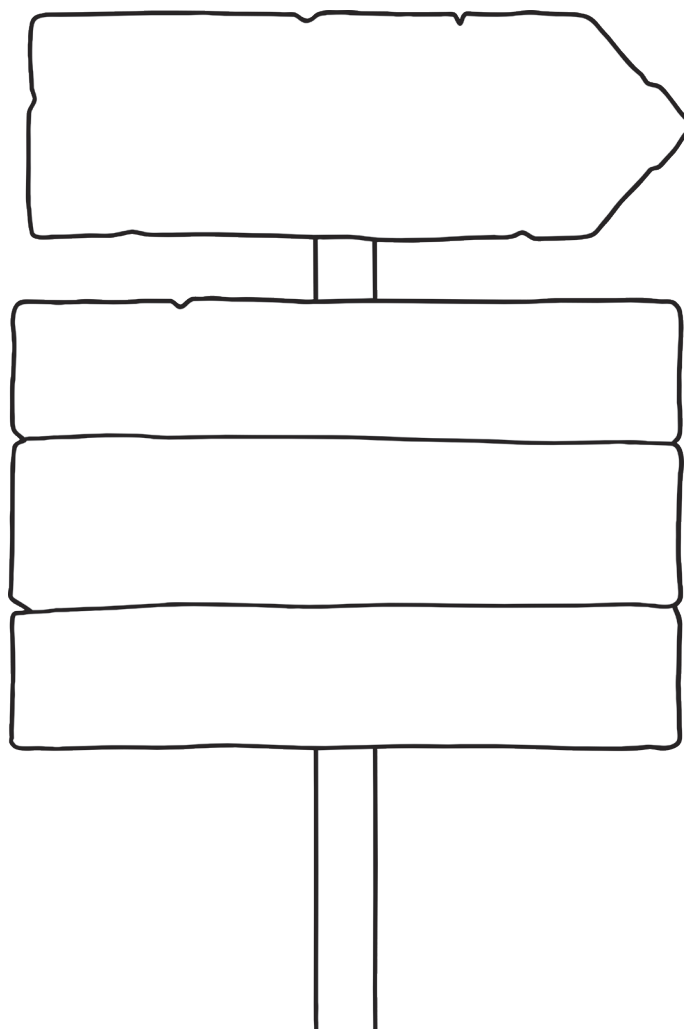


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4. How do you think Mrs Rabbit felt when her baby was lost?

5. Why did the gnome want to make a sign?

6. What do you think the sign said? Create your own sign below.





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Adult Guidance

Please find below the reading comprehension questions and some handy talking points for your class after the children have read the minibook. These are designed to be adult-led and encourage discussion either one-to-one, in a small group or with the whole class.

1. What were Kit and Sam doing in the park?

Answers may include: Helping to tidy it up; pruning the shrubs; going on a school trip

Follow-up questions:

- Who did they meet at the park?
- What plants or animals might you find in a park?
- What is a park-keeper and what do they do?

2. Where did the tunnel lead to?

Answer: The gnome's home

Follow-up questions:

- What did the gnome's home look like?
- Why did the gnome need Kit and Sam's help?
- How did the rabbit get lost?

3. As Kit and Sam went along the tunnel they saw two things. What were they?

Answer: Gnarled roots and signs

Follow-up questions:

- What does the word 'gnarled' mean?
- What had caused the roots and signs to be 'gnarled'?
- What is Kit carrying along the tunnel?



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4. How do you think Mrs Rabbit felt when her baby was lost?

Answers might include: worried, sad, scared, anxious, upset, unhappy

Discussion points:

- Have you ever lost something?
- How did you feel?
- If you lost something, how would you find it?

5. Why did the gnome want to make a sign?

Answers might include: To keep the gnats away; so the baby rabbit could play and not be scared; to stop the baby rabbit from getting lost.

Follow-up questions:

- What did the gnome make the sign out of?
- Where do you think he will put the sign?
- Do you think the sign will stop the gnats?

6. What do you think the sign said? Create your own sign below.

Answers might include: Keep away gnats! Don't come here gnats! Warning - baby rabbits playing! Don't scare the baby rabbits!

Discussion points:

- What is an exclamation mark? Can you use one on your sign?
- How do you think the baby rabbit felt when they were reunited with their Mum?
- What might happen next in the story?