

comprehension

Revision Pack

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## The Two Rats

They were about the same size and looked much alike. They were great friends.

One was a wise, old rat and the other was a young rat, who thought that he was wise.

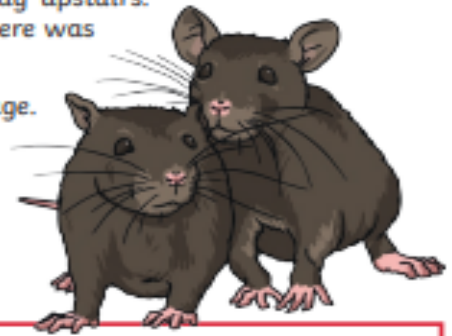
The wise, old rat was called Crafty and the young rat was called Simple. Their home was in Farmer Bryden's cellar. One night, about twelve o'clock, Crafty and Simple started out together to see what they could find. Having poked into every corner of Farmer Bryden's cellar, without getting anything better than raw potatoes, they made their way upstairs. Just at the top of the stairs, they came upon a cage in which there was a most tempting bit of cheese. The door of the cage was open.

"Here's a feast," said Simple, and he was about to dart into the cage.

"Stop, my young friend," said Crafty, sitting bolt upright on his back legs. "That cheese has been put there on purpose for us."

"Well, then, why shouldn't we take it?" said Simple.

"Take my advice," said Crafty, "and leave the cheese alone."



1. ...he was about to **dart** into the cage...  
Which word means the same as 'dart'?

throw       roll       run       point



2. Why do you think Crafty tells Simple to 'leave the cheese alone'?

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3. What do you think Simple will do next?

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4. Number the events from the story from 1 to 5 in the order they occur.  
The first one has been done for you.

- Crafty and Simple got to the top of the stairs.
- 1** The two rats are introduced.
- Simple started to go towards the cheese.
- The rats found raw potatoes.
- Crafty told Simple to stop.

## That Girl

Her hood is of the common sort,  
Her dress is very plain,  
Her apron's long, her sleeves are short,  
Her name is Mary Jane.  
She goes to school and on her way  
She always likes to meet  
The muffin man, who, every day,  
Comes marching down the street;  
Though very fond of learning,  
She dearly loves to eat.



1. In the poem, what is the girl's name?

\_\_\_\_\_



2. **Find** and **copy** three adjectives to describe the girl's clothes.

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_



3. Why do you think that the girl likes to see the muffin man?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



4. What do you think that the girl does when she sees the muffin man?

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\_\_\_\_\_

## Queen Elizabeth II

**Date of birth:** 21st April, 1926

**Date of coronation:** 2nd June, 1953

### What Role Does Queen Elizabeth Have?

Queen Elizabeth II is extremely busy and has many roles. She is Head of the Church of England, Head of the Armed Forces, Head of State and Head of the Commonwealth. She often opens or closes the Commonwealth Games.

### The Royal Family

Queen Elizabeth II and Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh, have four children. They have eight grandchildren. They also have five great-grandchildren.

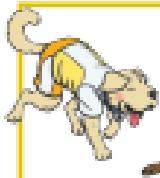
### Record Breaking

Queen Elizabeth II has served for 64 years so far so she has been the Queen for the longest time. Queen Elizabeth II is the first Queen to become 90 years old.



### Fun Facts:

- 'The National Anthem' is about the Queen.
- The Queen has two birthdays.
- Corgis are her favourite dogs.
- She has nine thrones.



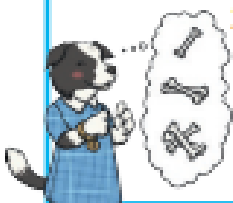
1. Give **two** roles that Queen Elizabeth II has.

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_



2. Which word in the text describes Queen Elizabeth completing her roles? Tick **one**.

- sleepy     noisy     fast     busy



3. Does this text need to be read in the order it is written? Why?

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\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



4. Do you think that Queen Elizabeth will still be the queen in 50 years time? Why?

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\_\_\_\_\_

## Teddy's Christmas

Timmy jumped out of bed.

"It's Christmas Day!" he shouted and grabbed Teddy.

Timmy ran downstairs with Teddy and stopped outside the lounge.

"It might be this year," he said to Teddy, closing his eyes. Eyes shut, Timmy went into the lounge.

Bang!

He bumped into something prickly and fell to the floor.



"Ouch!" he said. Timmy opened his eyes. He was sitting under the Christmas tree next to lots of presents.

"Father Christmas has been!" he squealed.

Timmy loved Christmas Day. He loved the presents and he loved spending time with 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 because Nana had made him. However, every Christmas, Timmy hoped Teddy could have a friend. But every Christmas a friend never came.

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 more of Timmy's family. They all

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sat down at the dining room table for lunch. Timmy liked sitting next to Grandad because he made funny faces at Teddy when Mum wasn't looking.

After lunch, the family moved into the lounge to open the other presents. Timmy sat on Grandad's knee with Teddy. As Dad began handing out the presents, Grandad whispered into Timmy's ear, "Perhaps this year."

Just then, Dad handed Timmy a lovely present, tied with a silver ribbon. The label said:

*To our dear Teddy, with all our love, Nana and Grandad.*

Timmy closed his eyes. The present felt soft and floppy. He opened the present and was very surprised.

It looked like something Nana would have knitted.

It was a friend for Teddy! Timmy hugged Grandad tightly.

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



# Questions

1. What did Timmy bump into in the lounge?

- the presents
- the Christmas tree
- Father Christmas
- Mum

2. How did Timmy know Father Christmas had been?

- He saw him.
- Father Christmas had left him a note.
- Father Christmas had left lots of presents.
- Mum told him Father Christmas had been.

3. Match up the sentences.

Timmy enjoyed seeing

Nana made him.

Timmy wanted

Grandad.

Teddy was special because

a friend for Teddy.

4. Why did Timmy like sitting next to Grandad?

- He didn't like sitting next to anyone else.
- Grandad made funny faces at Teddy.
- Grandad made Mum laugh.
- There was nowhere else to sit.

5. Write the missing word in this sentence:

At the end of the story, Timmy had a new \_\_\_\_\_ for Teddy.

## Barn Owl

Some barn owls are nocturnal but also they can be seen at sunset or early mornings. They have a white, heart-shaped face and a white chest with small brown spots, while their back is tawny and marked with black and white spots. Barn owls have a long wingspan and are silent when flying. They are a similar size to a small cat.

### Fascinating Facts

Barn owls make a screeching noise, not a hoot like the tawny owl.

Baby owls are called owlets.

Barn owls have very good hearing. The heart shaped feathers on the edge of their face create a disc, which works to trap and focus sound, the same way as a human ear.

### Where Do They Live?

Barn owls live in a range of habitats including farm buildings, dovecotes, church towers, hollow trees and cliff sites. The nesting season is between April and October. Owls do not generally make nests and look for sheltered nesting sites, abandoned nests in trees, underground burrows, or in buildings, barns and caves instead. Some owls prefer to live in the open grasslands, farmlands, and woodlands.





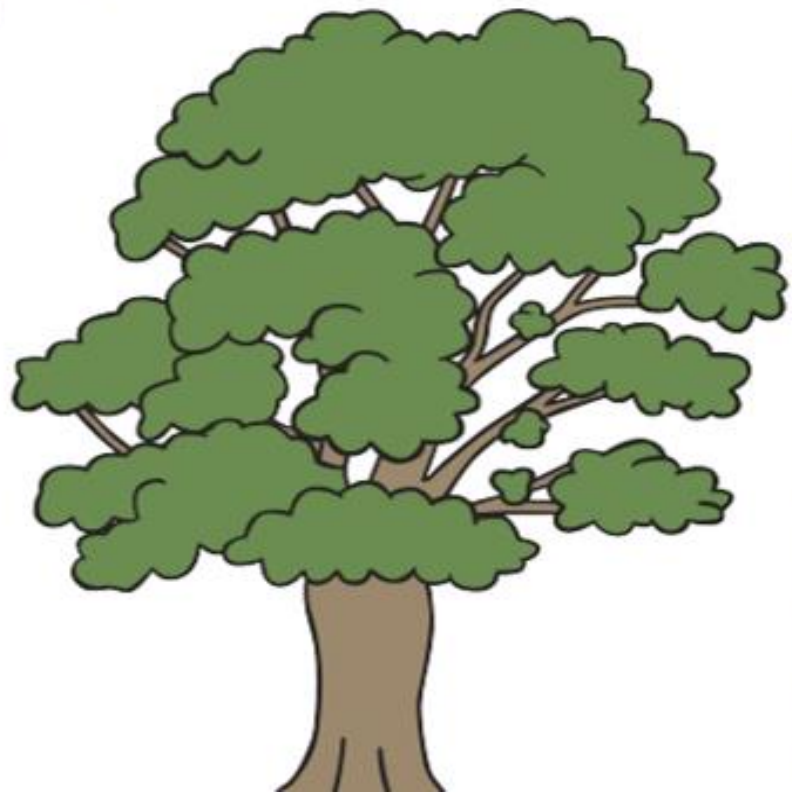
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### What do they eat?

Barn owls eat mainly small mammals like voles, shrews, rats and mice. Sometimes they eat birds, insects and even frogs. Nesting barn owls sometimes store lots of food they have caught at the nest site while they are waiting for their eggs to hatch so that they have food to feed their young. They wait, listen and watch for prey before swooping down to catch it. On average a wild barn owl eats about 4 small mammals per night, that's 1,460 per year.

### Staying Safe

Barn owls do not have many predators. Baby owls can sometimes be taken by stoats from their nest. They can also be killed by other larger owls. If they feel threatened they will squint their eyes, spread their wings and sway their head back and forth while hissing. If this does not stop their attacker, the barn owl will lie on its back and protect itself with its sharp talons.



## Questions

Answer the questions below in full sentences.

1. Which words describe what a barn owl looks like? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Do barn owls make their own nests? Explain your answer. \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

3. Where do barn owls live? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

4. What do they do if they feel threatened? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. What do barn owls eat? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

6. How do barn owls catch their prey? \_\_\_\_\_

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7. How many animals does a barn owl eat each night? \_\_\_\_\_

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8. How do barn owls hear? \_\_\_\_\_

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# The Owl and the Pussy-Cat

by Edward Lear



The Owl and the Pussy-cat went to sea  
In a beautiful pea-green boat,  
They took some honey, and plenty of money,  
Wrapped up in a five-pound note.  
The Owl looked up to the stars above,  
And sang to a small guitar,  
"O lovely Pussy! O Pussy, my love,  
What a beautiful Pussy you are,  
You are,  
You are!  
What a beautiful Pussy you are!"

Pussy said to the Owl, "You elegant fowl!  
How charmingly sweet you sing!  
O let us be married! Too long we have tarried:  
But what shall we do for a ring?"  
They sailed away, for a year and a day,  
To the land where the Bong-Tree grows  
And there in a wood a Piggy-wig stood  
With a ring at the end of his nose,  
His nose,  
His nose,  
With a ring at the end of his nose.



## Questions

1. What did the Owl and the Pussy-cat travel in? Tick one.


- a beautiful pea-green boat
- a lovely sea-blue bus
- a pretty rose-red car

2. How long did the Owl and the Pussy-cat sail for? Tick one.

- a day
- a week
- a year and a day

3. Draw **three** lines to match the rhyming words. One has been done for you.

above	•	•	sing
nose	•	•	love
ring	•	•	grows



4. Find and copy a word that means the same as 'little'.

\_\_\_\_\_

5. Write in the missing words to complete the sentence.

There in a wood a \_\_\_\_\_ stood.