

Bella Goes To Sea

Bella the goose lived with William in a cottage by the sea. William was a fisherman. He had a big garden with lots of good grass for Bella to eat. Sometimes for a treat he took Bella to the Harbour Cafe and bought her a milkshake and biscuits. But whenever William went to sea, Bella had to stay behind. "You can guard the house," he said.



Practice questions

(a) What was William's job?

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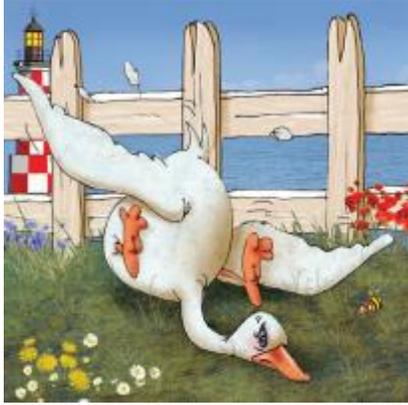
cafe owner

guard

gardener

fisherman

(b) When William went away, what did he tell Bella to do?



Bella was lonely when William was away. She wished her wings were stronger so that she could fly after him. I will fly, thought Bella. She tried and tried... and at last she was flying perfectly.

One morning she followed William down to the harbour and out to sea. William was cross. "A fishing boat is no place for a goose," he said. But he let her stay. Bella loved life at sea.



1 When Bella was learning to fly, she...

Tick **one**.

was lazy.

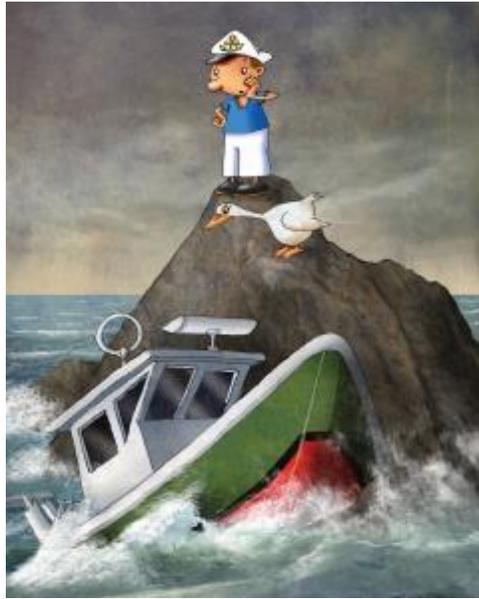
did not try hard.

did not give up.

found it easy.

2 Why was William cross with Bella?

In the afternoon the sky grew dark and a wild wind began to blow. It was too rough for fishing and then the engine broke down. The little boat was blown onto some rocks with a great crunch. "We're shipwrecked," said William. "Somebody will come." But nobody came. Nobody knew they were there.



3 Why did the boat hit the rocks?

4 The boat hit the rocks with *a great crunch*.

This means that it made...

Tick **one**.

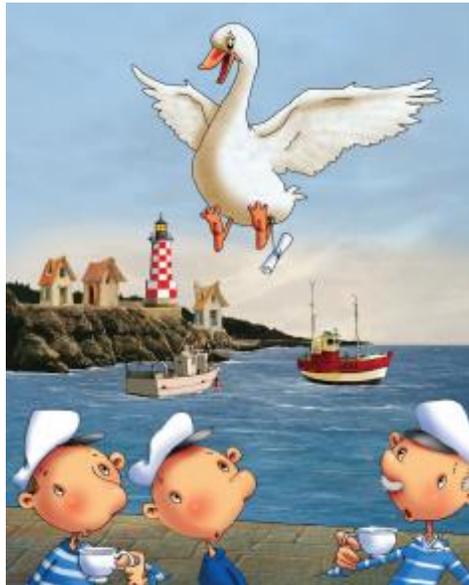
a huge squeak.

a big splash.

a long creak.

a loud crash.

Next morning William wrote a message and tied it to Bella's leg. "Fly away home!" he said. I can do it, thought Bella. She flew straight to the Harbour Cafe. The other fishermen set out to rescue William and his boat. "Brave Bella!" said William. "When I get a new boat you can come with me whenever I go to sea." Bella was happy.



5 Where did Bella take William's message?

6 At the end of the story, Bella was happy. Why?

7 Number the sentences below from 1 to 4 to show the order they happened in the story.

The first one has been done for you.

William sent Bella to get help.

Fishermen came to rescue William.

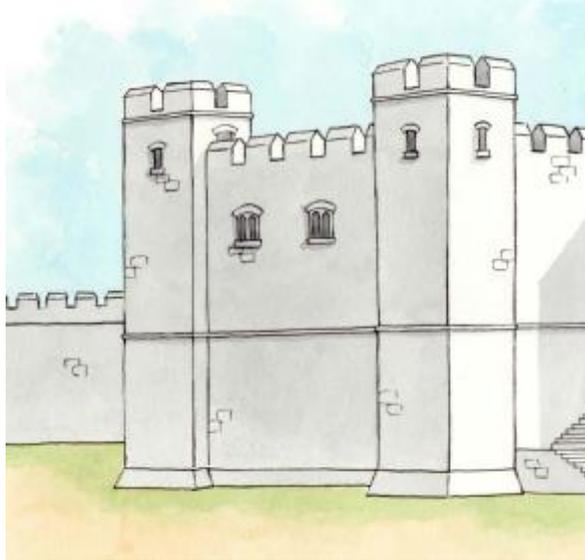
The boat hit some rocks.

William went to sea on his boat.

LIVING IN A CASTLE

When you think of a castle, you might have stories like King Arthur in mind. You might even think of stories about princesses and dragons. But what were castles really like and who lived and worked in them?

Hundreds of years ago, when these castles were new, lots of people lived in them. The high towers and thick walls kept them safe when there were battles. Today, many castles are ruins and are falling down.



Practice questions

(a) What is this text about?

Tick **one**.

building a
castle

repairing a
castle

living in a
castle

looking for a
castle

(b) **Find** and **copy** the name of the story that people might think of when they think of castles.



Knights

Knights were important men who worked for the lord. They were skilled fighters who kept the land safe from robbers and enemies.

Lords and Ladies

A castle usually belonged to a rich lord. He lived in the castle with his family. His wife was called a lady. Their children had their own garden to play in and lots of servants to do things for them.



1 Who did most castles belong to?

Tick **one**.

jesters

lords

knights

servants

2 **Find and copy one** word that shows knights were very good fighters.

3 Who did knights protect the land from?



Jesters

A jester was there to amuse the lords and ladies. He did this by singing, dancing, telling stories or even juggling.

Servants

The servants in a castle often worked from early in the morning to late at night. They did many important jobs such as cooking, cleaning and washing. They also cared for the children and looked after the gardens.

4 When did the servants start work?

5 Tick to show what jesters and servants did in the castle.

The first one has been done for you.

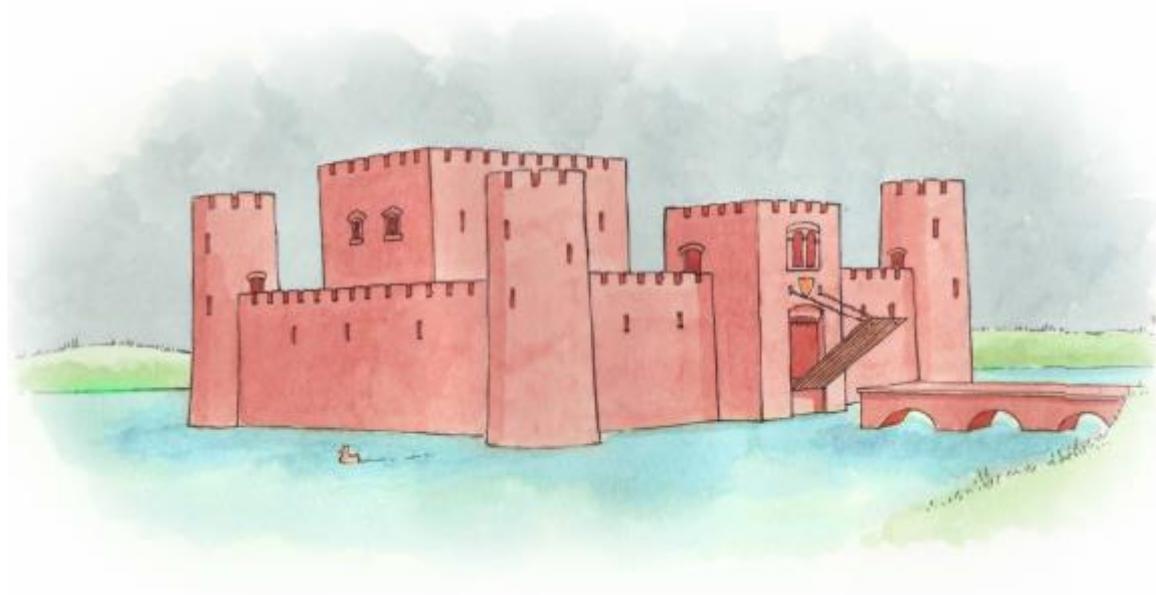
	Jesters	Servants
gardening		✓
cleaning		
dancing		
juggling		
cooking		

Did you know?

Some castles were surrounded by a moat filled with deep water to stop enemies getting in. The only way into a castle was over a drawbridge which was lowered across the moat.

Castles were very noisy and smelly places. Animals roamed inside the walls and all sorts of people worked there. People who made things

from metal clanged out armour and weapons, soldiers and knights practised fighting, and children played. The people who worked in the kitchens had to make dinner for all these people.



6 Why were some castles surrounded by a moat?

7 What made castles smelly places?

8 Give **two** things that people made inside the castle walls.

1. _____

2. _____

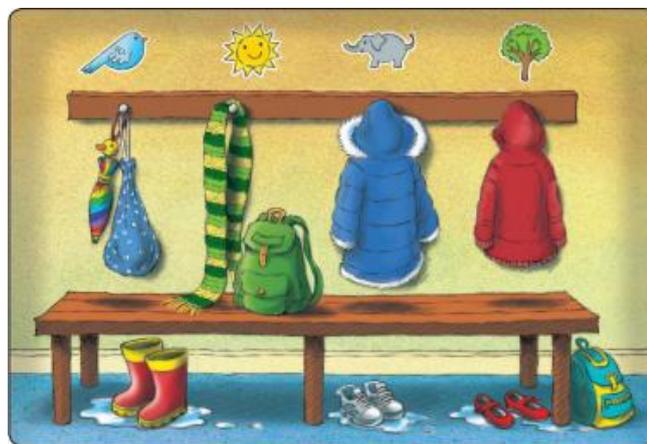
Winter Parcel

Today I'm like a parcel,
wrapped up from top to toe,
protected from the icy winds,
the rain, the sleet and snow.

My head has got a hat on,
my neck hides in a scarf,
and on my hands some puppet
gloves,
a tiger and giraffe.

My coat is thick and furry,
and does up very high.
And on my feet I've special
boots,
to keep me warm and dry.

So though there's little of me
that anyone can see,
this walking, talking parcel is
most definitely ME!



1 What are **three** types of weather in this poem?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

2 *my neck hides in a scarf*

What does this mean?

Tick **one**.

The child's neck is hurting.

The child's neck is covered.

The child is playing hide and seek.

The child's scarf is lost.

3 What **two** animals does the child wear on her hands?

1. _____

2. _____

4 **Find** and **copy two** words that show that the coat is warm.

1. _____

2. _____

5 How is the child in the poem like a parcel?

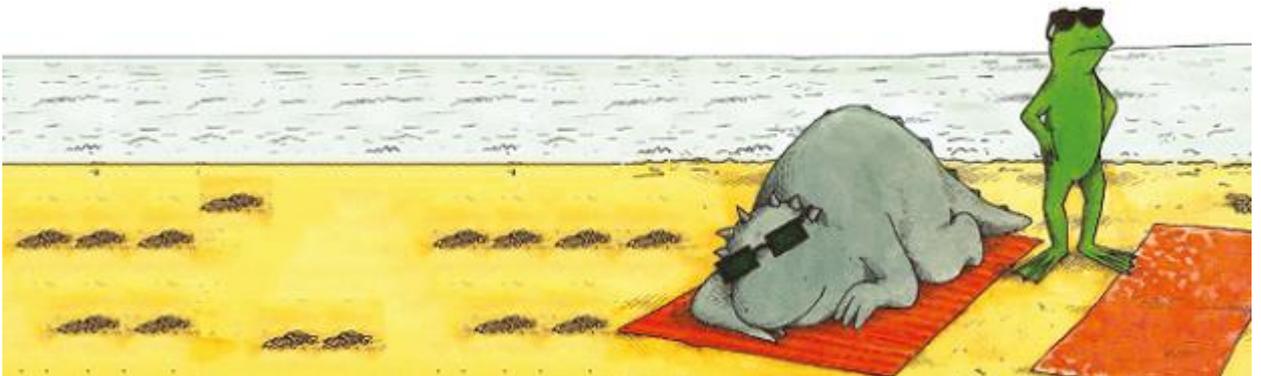
Monster and Frog at Sea

One hot sunny day Monster and Frog went to the seaside.

Monster lay on the sand, sunbathing. But Frog was bored and restless.

“If we had a boat,” said Frog, “we could sail away to sea and have an adventure. We could be explorers!”

Frog was always looking for adventure. Monster wasn't.



Practice questions

(a) What kind of day was it?

Tick **one**.

cloudy	<input type="checkbox"/>	sunny	<input type="checkbox"/>
cold	<input type="checkbox"/>	wet	<input type="checkbox"/>

(b) What was Monster doing?

So Monster was not very happy when a little boat came drifting towards them. But it cheered Frog up.

“This must be our lucky day,” he said. “Come on, Monster.”

“I’ve never been in a boat,” said Monster.

The two friends climbed in and Frog pulled hard on the oars.



1 Why did Frog say, “*This must be our lucky day*”?

Tick **one**.

Monster
liked boats.

A boat drifted
towards them.

They were
by the sea.

It was a
sunny day.

2 Why was Monster worried?

“Where are we going?” Monster asked nervously.

“To that island,” said Frog, pointing towards a tiny spot on the horizon.

“It’s a long way,” said Monster. “I don’t think I like boats.”

Monster was beginning to feel seasick.



3 What could Frog see on the horizon?

Tick **one**.

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|-----------|--------------------------|---------|--------------------------|
| a boat | <input type="checkbox"/> | the sun | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| an island | <input type="checkbox"/> | a beach | <input type="checkbox"/> |

4 **Find and copy one** word which tells you that Monster was not feeling well in the boat.

After a while, Frog spotted something on the water. It was a large basket.

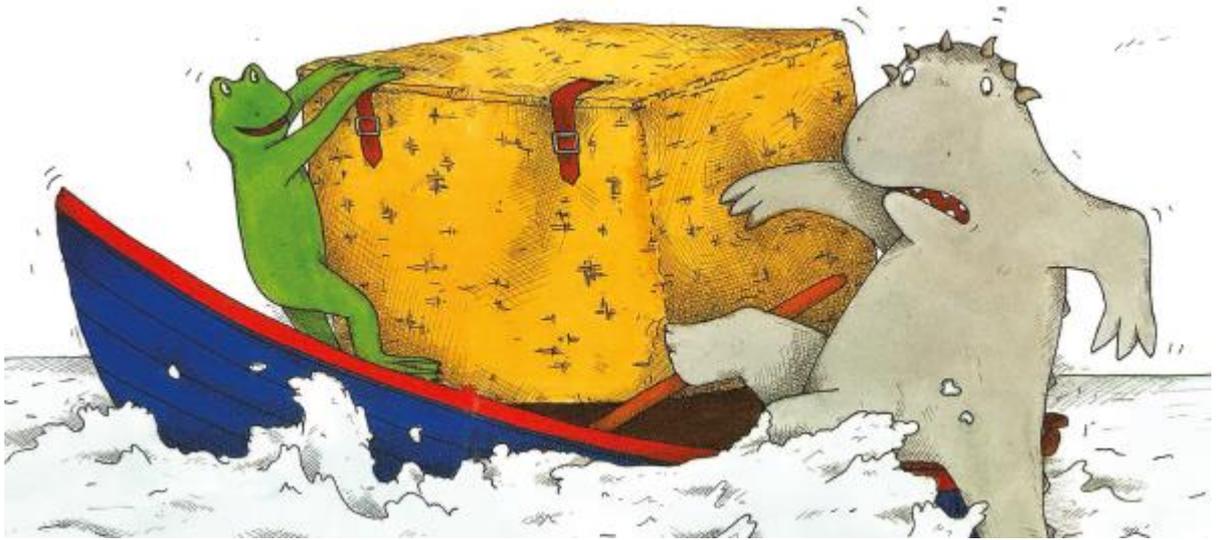
Frog lifted the basket into the boat. One end of the boat tipped up in the air.

The other end sank down into the water. The water started to come in.

Monster scooped out the water as fast as he could. But the boat was sinking.

“Monsters don’t swim,” said Monster.

“Don’t worry,” said Frog. “We haven’t far to go.”



5 *Frog spotted something on the water.*

What does the word *spotted* mean in this sentence?

Tick **one**.

smelt	<input type="checkbox"/>	heard	<input type="checkbox"/>
felt	<input type="checkbox"/>	saw	<input type="checkbox"/>

6 Why did the boat start to sink?



Just in time they reached the island, and carried the basket ashore.

Frog lifted the lid. "This is definitely our lucky day," he said.

It was somebody's picnic...

"This is what I call an adventure," said Frog.

Monster ate and ate until he was full up. He stretched out in the shade of a palm tree.

Frog felt tired too. Soon they were both fast asleep.

7 How do you know that Frog was excited?

8 What did Frog find inside the basket?

9 Where did Monster go to sleep?

When they woke up the sun had nearly disappeared.

"Our boat has drifted off!" said Frog. "This adventure gets better and better!" he said. "Cast away on a desert island!"

"I wish I had never come on this adventure," said Monster, almost in tears.

"Don't worry, old friend," said Frog. "I will think of something."



10 How can you tell that it was late when Monster and Frog woke up?

11 How did Monster feel when he woke up?

Tick **one**.

cheerful

tired

bored

upset

Frog lifted the lid of the basket again. Inside was a huge red balloon. "We could float home," said Frog.

Frog blew up the balloon until it was full of air. Then he tied the balloon to the basket.

"I've never been in a balloon before," said Monster.

Neither had Frog, but he didn't tell Monster that.



12 How did Frog think they could get home?

13 Frog had not been in a balloon before, but he did not tell Monster because...

Tick **one**.

he didn't want to talk to Monster

he didn't want to go in the balloon.

he didn't want Monster to worry.

he didn't have time to say anything.



Monster climbed into the basket and Frog jumped in after him.

The balloon began to rise high into the air and float over the sea.

“Frog...” said Monster, nervously “when we get home... how do we get down?”

“Leave it to me,” Frog said. “I will think of something. I’m ever so good at adventures.”

14 What was Monster worried about when they were floating over the sea?

Tick **one**.

how to find the way home

how to get down again

how to find more food

how to learn to swim

15 Number the sentences below from 1 to 4 to show the order they happen in the story.

The first one has been done for you.

They found a big basket.

They fell asleep on the island.

They went in a boat.

The boat drifted away from them.