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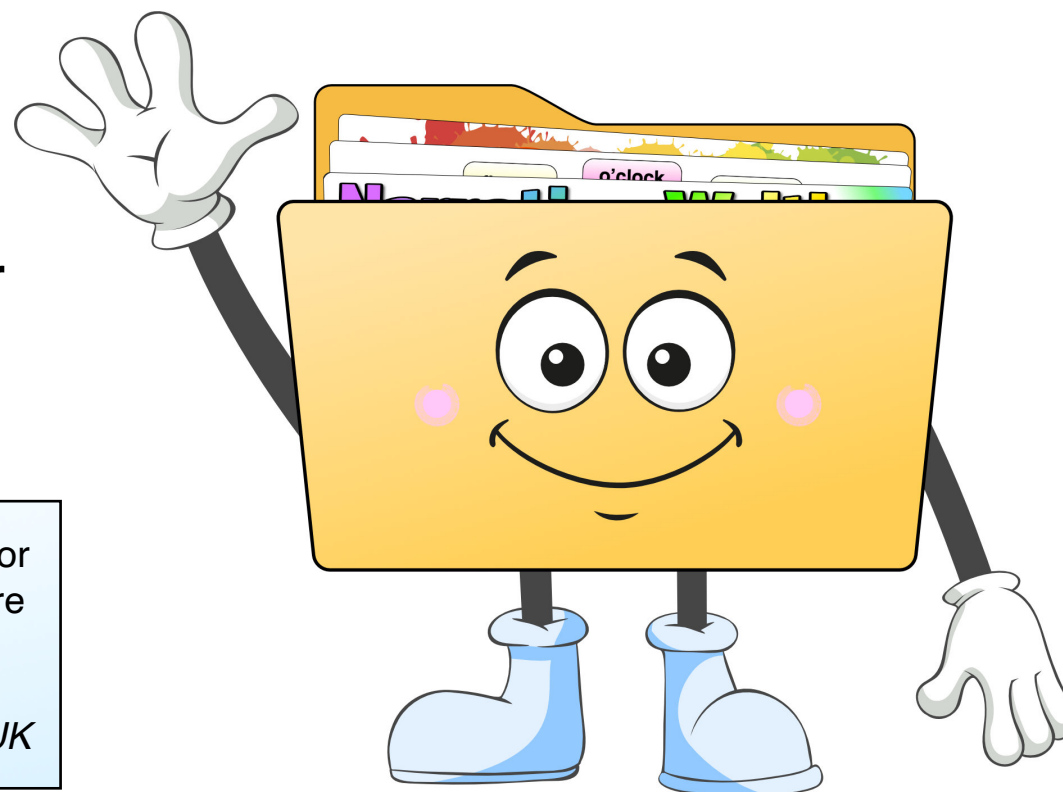
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The Lost Kitten

Lily was playing in the garden when she heard a tiny sound. She looked around and found a small, fluffy kitten hiding under a bush. It had soft grey fur and big eyes. The kitten looked scared, so Lily gently picked it up and stroked its fur. "Where did you come from?" she said.

Lily took the kitten inside and gave it some milk. Her mum helped her make a little bed with a soft towel. Later, Lily knocked at the house next door to ask if anyone had lost a kitten.



"Oh! You found him!" said the man who opened the door. "Thank you!"

Lily walked home with a smile, knowing she had helped the kitten find its home.

1) What did Lily hear in the garden?

- ☐ A dog
- ☐ A bird
- ☐ A kitten

2) Where did Lily find the kitten?

- ☐ Under a bench
- ☐ Under a bush
- ☐ On a road

3) What colour was the kitten?

4) What did Lily do after she found it?

5) Who did the kitten belong to?

6) How did Lily feel when she helped the kitten find its home? How do you know?

Apples Everywhere

Jamal's mum sent him into the kitchen with a basket full of shiny red apples. "Put some in the fruit bowl," she said. As he walked across the room, he tripped on the edge of a rug. The basket tipped, and apples scattered in every direction.

One rolled under the table, another landed in the dog's bowl, and a few bounced out of the back door. Jamal chuckled at the mess. His mum heard the noise and came in to see what was going on.

"Are you hurt, Jamal?" she asked.

"I'm OK, mum, but I don't know about these apples," he said, suddenly worried.

"They look fine, let's just rinse them under the tap and put them on the table." They worked together to quickly pick up all the fruit. Then Mum washed them. After, they put some in the fruit bowl, with the pears and bananas.



1) What did Jamal's mum give him to carry?

- ☐ Pears
- ☐ Apples
- ☐ Bananas

2) Why did the apples fall out of the basket?

- ☐ The dog jumped up.
- ☐ Jamal dropped them on purpose.
- ☐ Jamal tripped on a rug.

3) Name two places where the apples landed.

4) How did Jamal's feelings change when his mum asked if he was hurt?

5) What did Jamal's mum say they should do with the apples?

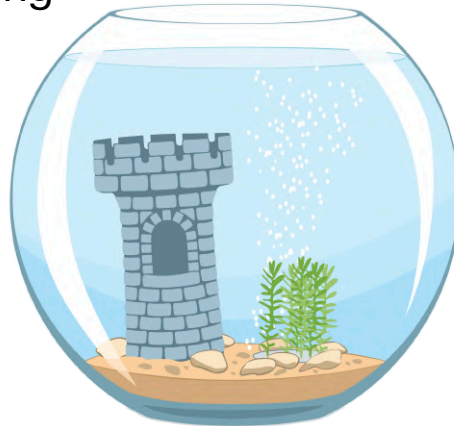
6) How do you think Jamal feels at the end of the story? Why do you think that?

The Fish Tank

Maya loved feeding the fish in her grandad's tank after school. One fish was bright orange and had a long, flowing tail. Another was blue and liked to hide behind the model castle that grandad kept in the tank.

Maya shook some flakes of fish food onto the water. The fish rushed up and gobbled it up fast. Her grandad smiled and said, "They were hungry today!" Maya nodded and picked up her fish diary. She wrote about the fish, as she always did. She wrote about the orange fish swimming in circles and the blue one hiding near the castle. She also described how quickly they ate their food. Then she reached for her colouring pencils and carefully drew a detailed picture of the blue fish, peeking out from its hiding place.

"Wow Maya, that is a really great picture!" her grandad said. "Now let's eat. I'm hungry, just like the fish!"



1) What colour was the fish with the long tail?

- ☐ Orange
- ☐ Green
- ☐ Blue

2) Where did the blue fish hide?

- ☐ Near the glass
- ☐ Under a rock
- ☐ Behind the castle

3) What type of food did Maya give the fish?

4) Has Maya written about the fish before? How do you know?

5) What shapes does the orange fish make when it is swimming?

6) What words could be used to describe the blue fish?

Answers

The Lost Kitten

1. A kitten
2. Under a bush
3. Grey
4. She picked it up and stroked its fur.
5. The man living next door.
6. She was smiling, so she was happy to have helped it find its home.

Apples Everywhere

1. Apples
2. Jamal tripped on a rug.
3. Any two from: under the table, in the dog's bowl and out the back door.
4. He became worried.
5. Rinse them and put them on the table.
6. Answers should be plausible. For example, 'he is relieved that the apples have been picked up', or 'he is happy that his mum was not cross.'

The Fish Tank

1. Orange
2. Behind the castle
3. Flakes of fish food
4. Yes. The text says she always did.
5. Circles
6. Answers might refer to the colour, for example bright blue, or its personality, for example shy.