



There's a monster under my bed!

There's a monster upstairs. It's living in my bedroom this week. It's under my bed.

When I get up in the morning, I have to run to my cupboard very quickly, open its doors, take out my clothes and then run to the bathroom. I put my clothes on there. I don't want to put my clothes on my chair or to get dressed in my bedroom. I don't want the monster to come out from under the bed and steal my socks or my favourite sweater.



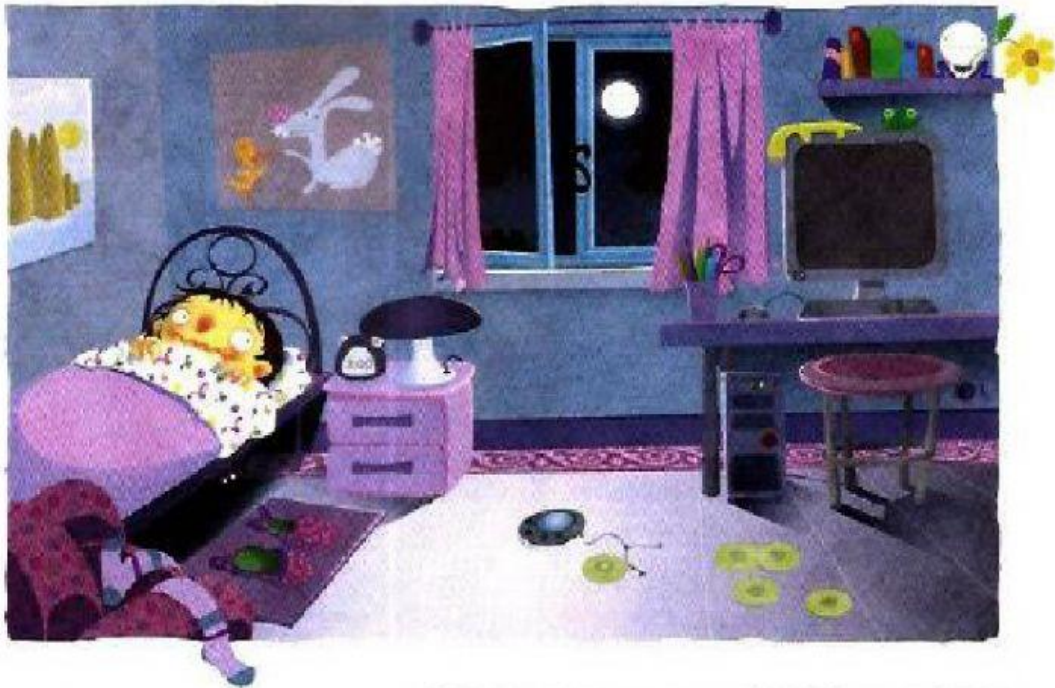
After school, I don't go upstairs and play computer games. My computer is on my desk in my bedroom. I don't want to sit there with my feet on the floor. When I'm not looking, the monster might come out and try to eat my toes.



And I can't do my homework in my bedroom in the evening. The monster might write or draw on all the pages in my school books. I'm doing all my homework downstairs on the kitchen table this week. Mum says that's OK.

When I go to bed at night, I open the door to my bedroom and say very loudly, 'This is *my* room but I know you're in here! You can't scare me!' The monster listens, I think. It doesn't come out. I never see it. But the monster *does* scare me. I know it's there.

I run and jump in my bed very quickly and close my eyes and count to 100. Grandma told me to do that. Counting helps you to go to sleep, she says. When you are counting to 100, you don't think about monsters.



The monster tries to move quietly but sometimes I can hear it in the night. I think it climbs out of my window. I think it finds things to eat in our garden. I know it comes back again before morning.



I told my brother about the monster. He laughed and said, 'Don't be silly, Vicky! There are no monsters under your bed, but there's a very big one under mine. There's one in my cupboard too.' I think my brother likes monsters. He draws lots of pictures of them and puts them on his walls.



I told Mum about the monster. She laughed and said, 'I didn't see any monsters under your bed when I cleaned your room yesterday.' I think the monster hides when she goes in my room. This monster is a very, very clever one!

I told Dad about the monster. He said, 'Don't worry! I'm not afraid of monsters. We can find it and tell it to go away.' But Dad didn't come and help me when I asked him to. He wanted to watch a film on television with Uncle Bill. I think Dad is scared of monsters. I can understand that.



It's Saturday today. My brother and my parents don't want to help me, but I don't want to live with this scary monster for another week. I want to play computer games in my bedroom again.

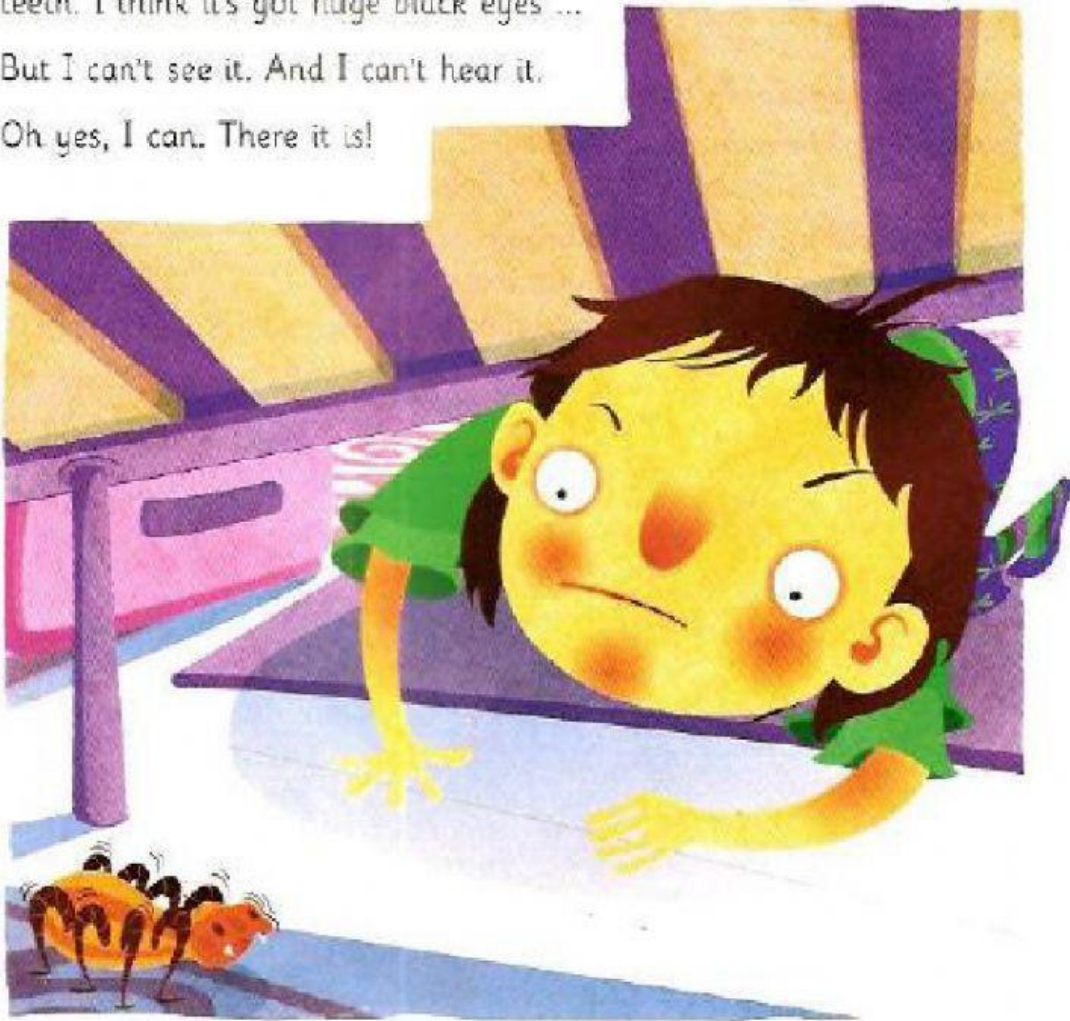
I'm going upstairs now. I want to find the monster and tell it to go away. It can go and live with Mrs Gray. She lives in the house next to ours. My brother and I don't like her!



So, I'm looking under my bed ... I know there's a monster here. I think it's got lots of legs and a big round stomach and big scary teeth. I think it's got huge black eyes ...

But I can't see it. And I can't hear it.

Oh yes, I can. There it is!



Slowly ... quietly ... slowly ... quietly ... Got you!!

3 There's a monster under my bed!

A New words for you!

Write the new words under the correct pictures.

 Three, four, five, six	 Help!		
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steal	scare	hear	count

B Yes or no?

Are these sentences correct? Write yes or no.

Examples: The monster is in a bedroom.

The monster is inside a cupboard.

- Vicky gets dressed in the bathroom.
- Vicky can play on her computer this week.
- Vicky counts to 200 when she's in bed.
- There are two monsters in Vicky's brother's room.
- Vicky's mum saw the monster.
- Vicky's dad found the monster under the bed.

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C Who's talking about this story?

Tick the right box.

☐ I read this story at home yesterday. It's about a big monster that steals some socks from a girl and then hides them under her bed. I laughed at the end.	☐ This story is about a girl and a spider that she finds under her bed. It's funny because she thinks it's a monster. I liked the picture of her room at night.
	

D This monster is scary!

Complete the sentences. Write 1 word.

Example: The monster lives upstairs in Vicky's bedroom.

- 1 Vicky's are in her cupboard.
- 2 She runs to the and gets dressed there.
- 3 She thinks the monster might her socks!
- 4 There's a on Vicky's desk.
- 5 She doesn't want to **put her** on the floor.
- 6 She thinks the monster might her toes!
- 7 Vicky does her downstairs in the kitchen.

E I think ... I know ...

Write I think or I know.

Example:

1 I think the monster gets its food from our garden.

2 I've got ten toes.

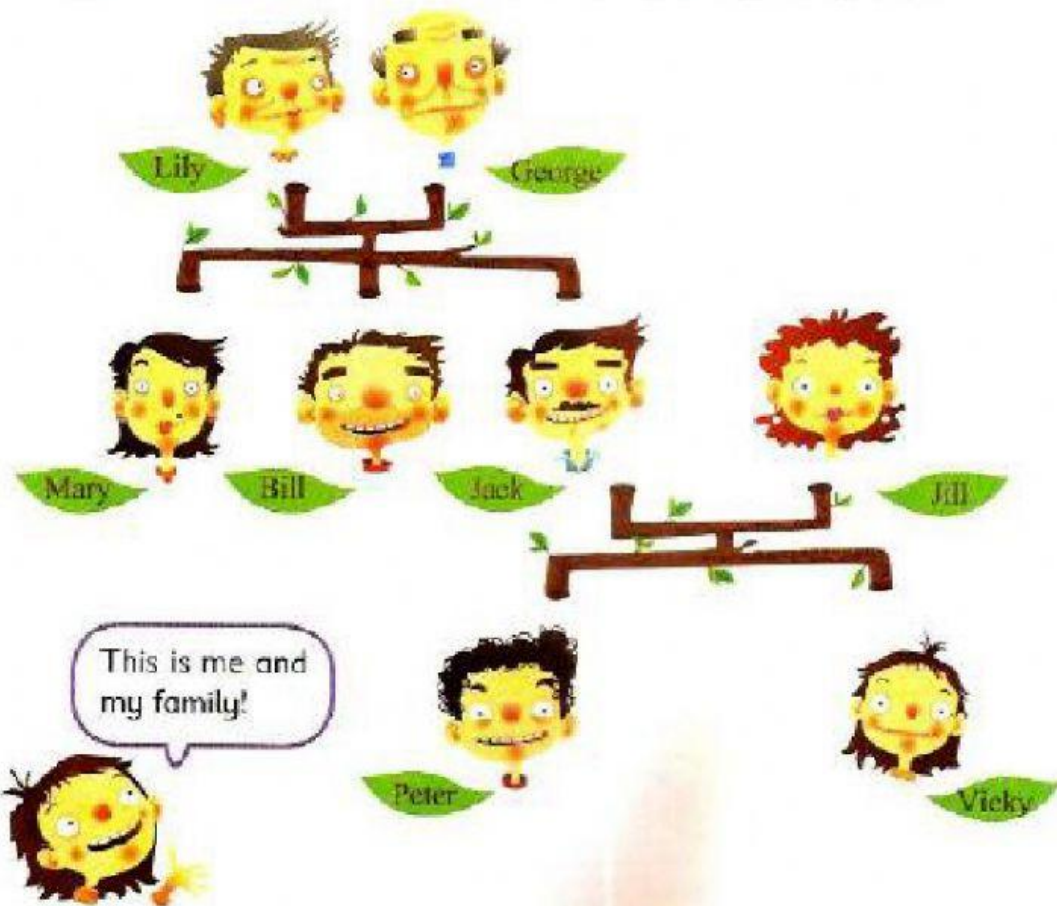
3 the monster has got lots of friends.

4 the word monster has seven letters in it.

2 monsters live on the moon.

Vicky's family

Complete the sentences with a family word from the box.



Example: My brother is called Peter.

- 1 My are called Jack and Jill.
- 2 Mary and Bill are my and uncle.
- 3 I am my grandpa's
- 4 My are called Lily and George.
- 5 Aunt Mary is my dad's
- 6 Peter is my mother's !

sister brother mum
dad daughter son
aunt uncle
granddaughter
grandson
grandparents parents



The monster hid when ...

Join the sentences. Draw lines.

- Example:** My aunt gave me a drink — **when** he got some new pencils.
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| 1 My grandma counted to 100 | when | they went to the beach. |
| 2 My brother drew a monster | when | I was thirsty. |
| 3 My uncle bought me two CDs | when | it was dirty. |
| 4 My grandparents went swimming | when | she couldn't sleep. |
| 5 My parents cleaned the kitchen | when | it was my birthday. |