

Topic: Reading Comprehension

THE CLOSET CREATURE

Bump! Bump! Scratch! Adam opened his eyes and pulled the covers up to his chin.

He stared around his room, searching the darkness for the thing that was making those scary sounds. The closet door moved as something banged on it from the inside.

"Who's there?" Adam asked in a shaky voice.

The closet slowly began to open. Adam jumped out of bed and ran to the closet door, slamming it shut with his palms. He grabbed his desk chair and propped it against the door handle. Then he ran out of his room and down the hall. His brother's door was wide open, and Adam jumped onto David's bed.



"Adam?" David asked in a groggy voice. "What are you doing in here?"

Adam tugged on David's arm. "There's something in my closet!"

"You probably had a bad dream. Go back to bed."

Adam yanked the blankets off the bed.

"It wasn't a dream. I was awake, and the closet door started opening by itself!"

David sighed. "Fine. But when we don't find anything, you have to promise to leave me alone for the rest of the night."

Adam nodded. David reached into his desk drawer and pulled out a flashlight. Then they headed to Adam's room.

Adam stopped in the doorway. He could hear something scratching his closet door.

"Do you hear that?" Adam asked.

David nodded. He walked over to Adam's bed and pulled the case off one of the pillows. He opened the pillowcase.

"You open the door very slowly, and I'll grab whatever it is."

Adam slid the chair to the side and pulled the closet door open a crack. Something banged against the door, trying to force it open. Adam took a deep breath and opened the door a few more inches. A small furry creature ran right into the pillowcase.

"I got it!" David said, closing the pillowcase and holding it in the air.

"What is it?" Adam moved closer as David peeked inside.

David put the pillow case on the bed and an orange cat climbed out. Adam scooped the cat up.

"Apricot? How did you get trapped in my closet?"

David laughed.

"The poor cat. If I was locked in your closet with your stinky shoes, I'd be banging on the door to get out, too!"

"Poor, Apricot,"

Adam said. "You were probably more scared than I was."

The boys laughed at their silliness and David went back to his room and Adam crawled back into bed for a good sound sleep.

Answer the following

1. What happened right after David went into Adam's room?
 - a. Adam jumped into David's bed.
 - b. David grabbed a flashlight from his desk drawer.
 - c. Adam awoke to strange sounds coming from his bedroom closet.
 - d. David heard the noise coming from Adam's closet.
2. What did David plan to do with the pillowcase?
 - a. keep the creature from coming out of the closet
 - b. scare the creature in the closet
 - c. catch the creature in the closet
 - d. hit the creature in the closet
3. What was making the strange sounds in Adam's closet?

4. Write three adjectives that describe David. Tell why you chose each word.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

5. What type of story is this?

- a. fiction
- b. non-fiction

6. If you hear strange noises in the night, will you be afraid like Adam or brave like David and what will you do about it?

7. Fill in the missing letters to create words from the story.

Then, write the full word on the side. Be sure to spell each word correctly.

1. ____ o ____ y The word is : _____
clue: sleepy

2. ____ l ____ The word is : _____
clue: past tense of slide

3. ____ m s The word is : _____
clue: inner surfaces of the hands

4. ____ i ____ ____ ____ ____ a ____ ____ The word is : ____
clue: soft bag for keeping a pillow clean

5. ____ e ____ ____ e d The word is : ____
clue: look quickly

6. ____ ____ ____ i ____ o ____ The word is : ____
clue: fruit