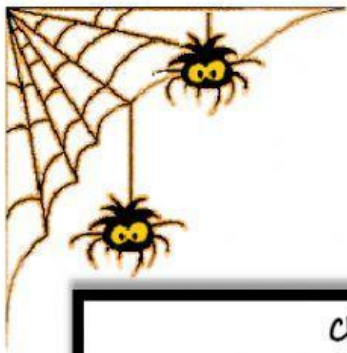




A GHOST STORY



Chapter

The night (be) very dark. Oh no! Someone or something was moaning downstairs while dragging a chain around the living room. It must be a ghost! No, impossible. And what was that? The dog outside (howl) and then I (see) something moves in front of me. A voice (say): Don't be scared. I think I (imagine) things at the moment. The wind was blowing very fiercely. So it was the wind. I (go) back to bed straight away and I (go) to hide under the covers. "There is nothing to be afraid of. This is not real" I (think).

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Do you believe in ghosts?

Ghosts live everywhere and they are invisible. Well, let me tell you what (happen) to me last year. I was sleeping soundly in my warm, cozy bed, when all of a sudden, I (hear) a strange sound. What (be) that? I _____(be) scared.

Maybe it (be) my dog, Morty making that noise. But no, Morty (lie) right outside my bedroom door on his favourite rug. He was even snoring loudly. Someone (knock) on the front door!

BOO!

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Calm down! Then, I (remember) a scary story the teacher _____(read) to us in school yesterday. It (be) all about ghosts and goblins. So I am dreaming about that ghost story- this isn't real. However, the strange noises _____(continue). OK, so something was going on at the moment. Then my mother suddenly (come) into my bedroom, both of us (hear) the sound of dragging chains and ghostly moans again and (see) flashes of lightning in the sky. We both (scream) loudly. I almost (jump) out of my skin. And then I (wake) up- it (be) only a nightmare! Whew!

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But it (not/be) the right time. I _____(start) to shiver and I (see) a flash of light outside. It wasn't raining at the moment, so it couldn't be a thunderstorm. So I (shake) in terror. Ghosts had never showed up at my house before. That (be) crazy! It (be) 3 o'clock in the morning. Who was at the front door, I (wonder). OK, so I (think) that ghosts (not/exist) in real life and that ghosts (live) only in stories. They (haunt) castles, but they (not/appear) in real people's houses. They (stop) making noises-I (hope).