



It is the week before Easter and Ben Hopswood, the Easter rabbit, is very sad. He has got the flu and must stay in bed. His house is full of red, blue, yellow, pink and green Easter eggs. They are in each room of his house. They are on the table, on the shelves, in the fridge, in the cupboards, on the chairs and on the sofa.

Every year Ben hides the Easter eggs for the children. But this year Ben cannot do it because he is ill. He asks his cousin Jim, the Easter bunny, for help. Jim wants to help him, but he cannot do this all alone, because he must also hide eggs for the children in his village.



"I need some more help" Ben thinks. "I cannot ask the hens they are too weak. I cannot ask the wolf. He would eat the eggs. I cannot ask the cat. She would play with the eggs. Who can help me?"

Ben thinks and thinks and then he's got an idea. I could ask the squirrels for help. They are good at hiding their nuts. Maybe they will help me."



Ben sends Lizzie, the hen, to the squirrels. They live on the big trees in the wood. A squirrel is looking down from a tree. "Hi, Lizzie! What's up?" And Lizzie tells them that the Easter rabbit is ill.



"Ben needs your help. He cannot hide the Easter eggs for the children because he's got the flu. Could you help him, please?" says Lizzie. The squirrels like Ben Hopswood and want to help him. They love the idea of hiding eggs.

On Easter Sunday the squirrels go to Ben very early in the morning. They take the Easter eggs and go to the park. There, they hide the eggs for the children. Jim, the Easter bunny, hides the eggs in the gardens. He hides them behind the trees, in the grass and under the bushes.

Later in the morning the children can find eggs in their gardens. But the children cannot find eggs in the park. They think that there are no Easter eggs in the park this year. But there are a lot of eggs. They are high up in the trees and deep down in the ground. Squirrels can really hide things very well !!!

True or False

- _____ 1. Ben cannot hide the Ester eggs because he is sick.
- _____ 2. Ben needs someone to help him hide the Ester eggs.
- _____ 3. Lizzie cannot help Ben because she is healthy.
- _____ 4. The wolf doesn't like eating eggs.
- _____ 5. Jim will help Ben hide the Ester eggs and he can do it alone.
- _____ 6. The squirrels live in the forest.
- _____ 7. Ben himself goes to see the squirrels and ask them to help him hide the Ester eggs.
- _____ 8. The squirrels hide the eggs for the children in the garden.
- _____ 9. Jim hides the eggs for the children behind the trees, in the grass and under the bushes.
- _____ 10. The children can find the eggs in the garden and in the park.

11. Why cannot Ben hide the easter eggs?

- a. He is sad.
- b. He is weak.
- c. He needs someone to help him.
- d. He is unwell.

12 How does Ben feel?

- a. He feels well.
- b. He has got the flu.
- c. He needs someone to help him.
- d. He is sad.

13 What animals cannot help him?

- a. The hen, the Ester Bunny, the wolf and the children
- b. The Ester Bunny and the wolf
- c. The hen, and the wolf
- d. The squirrels and Jim



14 Who goes to the squirrels?

- a. Jim
- b. Lizzie
- c. The wood
- d. Ben

15. When do the squirrels hide the eggs?

- a. In the park and in the garden
- b. High up in the tree and deep down in the ground
- c. In the early morning on Easter Sunday
- d. One week before Easter Day

16. Ben has got

- a. the flu
- b. too many chocolate
- c. a lot of toys
- d. little children



17. Ben's house is full of

- a. friends
- b. rabbits
- c. Easter eggs
- d. children

18. The eggs are

- a. on the roof
- b. in the sink
- c. in the cups
- d. on the sofa



19. The children find eggs

- a. in the fridge
- b. behind the tree
- c. on the sofa
- d. in a basket

20. Squirrels are good at

- a. hiding things
- b. getting up early
- c. painting eggs
- d. eating eggs

21. Ben asks to help him hide the eggs.

- a. the squirrels
- b. the hen
- c. the wolf
- d. the children

22. The squirrels live in the

- a. the forest
- b. the village
- c. the park
- d. the house

