

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. Then he ran out of his room and down the hall to his brother's room and jumped onto his bed.

"What are you doing in here?" Adam tugged on David's arm. "There's something in my closet!" "You probably had a bad dream. It wasn't a dream. I was awake, and the closet door started opening by itself!" David sighed. "Fine I will check. David told Adam to open the closet door slowly. "I'll grab whatever it is with this pillow case." 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. David put the pillowcase on the bed and an orange cat climbed out. "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!"

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Answer the following questions. Place correct **LETTER** on the line provided.

1. What is the setting of the story? _____

- a) On the play ground
- b) At home
- c) At his school

2. What happened right after David went into Adam's room? _____

- a) David grabbed a pillow case
- b) Adam awoke to strange sounds coming from his bedroom closet.
- c) David heard the noise coming from Adam's closet

3. Who were the main characters in the story? _____

- a) Adam and the cat
- b) David and Adam
- c) Adam and Dad

4. Why was Adam's voice shaky at the beginning of the story? _____

- a) Adam had a sore throat
- b) Adam imitating the sound
- c) Adam was afraid

5. What was the problem in the story? _____

- a) David was angry because Adam came into his room
- b) Adam didn't know what was making the scratching noises
- c) Adam was having a nightmare

6. What is an antonym for the word **tugged**? _____

- a) yanked
- b) pulled
- c) pushed

7. What was making the strange sounds in Adam's closet? _____



- a) A monster
- b) An animal
- c) A toy

8. What is the authors purpose of the story? _____

- a) To entertain
- b) To persuade
- c) To inform

Write **S** if the group of words is a sentence. Write **F** if the group of words is a fragment.

9. Tugged on David's arm. _____

10. David told Adam to open the closet door slowly. _____

11. Using numbers 1-5 place the story events in sequential order.

- _____ The animal in the closet ran right into the pillowcase.
- _____ Adam heard a scary sound coming from his closet.
- _____ David took Adam back to his room to inspect the closet.
- _____ Adam ran to his brother's room for help because he was afraid.
- _____ David told Adam he was having a nightmare.