

The butterfly lion

• Write numbers 1 to 16 to put the events in order

- Bertie and his mother **asked** father to let the lion stay. He **refused** at first but then he **accepted**. The kid and his mum **were** delighted with their lion.
- Bertie **became** a war hero and gained a VC for saving two soldiers. Millie **read** about him in the news and **decided** to become a nurse. Eventually, she **found** Bertie in a hospital.
- While he was **running away** from school, Johny **met** an old lady who **invited** him home.
- One day, Bertie **saw** a lioness at the waterhole near his farmhouse. The lioness **had** a little white lion cub. He **told** his parents about it, but they **didn't believe** him.
- Bertie and Millie **grew** up and **went** separate ways. However, they **kept** writing letters until war **broke** and Bertie **joined** the military service.
- While the old lady **was preparing** tea, Johny **gazed out** of the window and **saw** a white shimmery lion shape on the hillside, so the woman **started** to tell him the story of the butterfly lion.
- One morning, Bertie **woke** up because of the desperate neighing of zebras outside. Some hyenas **were chasing** them. But in the middle of the waterhole he also **saw** the white lion cub covered in mud, trying to defend himself from the hyenas, so Bertie **ran** downstairs and **went** to its rescue.
- Johny's life at his boarding school **was** miserable because of detentions, tests, the food and Basher Beaumont (a bully), so he **decided** to escape.
- Millie **grew** up in strawbridge with her Nanny. She **was** homeschooled and her father rarely **spent** time with her. She **liked** flying kites and reading books.
- During a hunting day, Bertie's father **killed** the lioness, so Bertie **promised** to keep the lion cub if he ever **saw** it again.
- The hyenas almost **got** Bertie and the lion cub but Bertie's mother **fired** a rifle and **scared** them away. Bertie and his mother **took** the lion inside, **fed** it, and **washed** it.
- One evening, Father **told** Bertie that he **had** to go to school in England and that he **was going to** sell the lion to a circus owner, so Bertie **escaped** at night and **set** his lion free.
- The days past and they **knew** nothing about the lion. However, the day the French circus owner **visited** them, the lion cub **appeared** soaked to the skin and looking extremely thin. They **gave** it food and finally **sold** it to the Frenchman. Bertie **promised** he would find the lion again and then he **sailed** to England.
- One sunday afternoon, while Bertie **was running away** from school he **met** Millie. He **helped** her get her kite back and they **talked** for long. They **became** friends and **decided** to meet every Sunday.
- Johny **asked** the lady if Bertie had found the lion again. The woman **warned** him that true stories don't always have a happy ending and she **continued**. She **said** that now on it was her story too.
- Bertie **lived** in Africa, in a farmhouse, so his father **decided** to put a fence around the house to make a safe compound, but Bertie **felt** locked inside it. He **wanted** to go out and see the wonders of Africa.