

Shadow

My name is Rosy.

Everything was fine – my home,
my school, my friends.

Until the day we moved.



That day, my whole world turned
upside down.

Nothing I did seemed right any more.
People started to say how rude and
bad-tempered I was.



Practice questions

A Who is telling the story?

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B When did Rosy's world turn upside down?

when she was asleep

when she moved

when she went home

when she played

C What did people say about Rosy?

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Every day Dad walked me to my new school through the wood behind our new house. It was dark and spooky, and I didn't like it one bit.

Everyone at my new school seemed strange to me. I wish I was really tiny so I could hide in my dad's arms.

1 How did Rosy and her dad get to school?

along the road

across the field

through the wood

over the river

2 How did the people at school seem to Rosy?

bad-tempered

tiny

happy

strange

There were nights when I just couldn't go to sleep. My dreams were scary. How I missed all my friends and my old home!

3 What did Rosy miss?

Write **2** things.

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4 Which word tells you what Rosy's dreams were like?

sleepy

old

scary

tiny

One day snow was falling so school closed early.

We walked home slowly, watching the silent wood in the swirling snow.



All of a sudden,
I saw a little face –
a rabbit lying quite still, looking at me.

I saw that it was hurt, so very carefully I picked it up and carried it home.

Everyone agreed the rabbit could stay.

Mum helped me take care of the rabbit's hurt leg.

Dad helped me make a cosy hutch for its new home.

Before long, the rabbit was feeling well enough to hop around the house. It followed me everywhere, so I called it Shadow.



5 Which word tells you what the snow was like?

early

slowly

still

swirling

6 What was the rabbit doing when Rosy found it?

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7 Why did Rosy want to keep the rabbit?

Tick 2.

She was careful.

She was lonely.

School was closed.

The rabbit was hurt.

She was rude.

8 Why did Rosy call the rabbit Shadow?

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Shadow was very brave. He ran after the cat and even after the dog.

We played hide-and-seek together.
We had lots of fun.



But one day Shadow disappeared. I looked in every room in our house and all over the neighbourhood.

9 How do you know that Shadow was very brave?

He ran after the dog.

He lived in a hutch.

He was called Shadow.

He had lots of fun.

10 Where did Rosy look when Shadow went missing?



At teatime, I wasn't hungry.
All I could think about was how much
I missed Shadow.

What would I do without my new friend?

Suddenly I had an idea.

I got some paper and began
to write:



11 Why wasn't Rosy hungry at teatime?

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12 What was Rosy's idea?

to write a story about Shadow

to look for a new friend

to write a 'lost rabbit' poster

to look for a new rabbit