

A Noise at Midnight

It was around midnight when Louise woke up. At first she didn't know what had woken her up, but suddenly she heard a noise which was coming from downstairs. She was frightened and didn't want to get out of bed because it was dark and she couldn't see anything. However she decided to go and investigate the frightening sounds. She got out of her bed and made her way downstairs. The stairs creaked with each movement that she made so she had to walk slowly and carefully. She didn't want anybody to hear her.

The noise was coming out of the kitchen, so that was where she wanted to go first. She put her head around the door and saw a big shadow, which looked like a monster. Louise walked slowly in the kitchen, switched on the light and saw....

.....she saw the cat licking the milk off the floor. It had knocked its bowl over and was now licking everything clean again. This was the noise that frightened Louise so terribly. She got herself a glass of water and went straight back off to bed.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS
HALF YEARLY EXAMINATIONS 2009/2010

YEAR: 5	English (Listening Comprehension)	Time: 20 min
TEACHER'S COPY		

Guidelines for the conduct of the Listening Comprehension Examination.

ALL INSTRUCTIONS ARE TO BE GIVEN IN ENGLISH.

- a) 3 minutes - First reading aloud of passage by teacher.
- b) 3 minutes – Teacher reads out questions.
- c) 3 minutes – Second reading aloud of passage by teacher.
- d) 5 minutes – Pupils answer questions.
- e) 3 minutes – Third reading aloud of passage by teacher.
- f) 3 minutes – Final revision of answers by pupils.

1.	Listen carefully as I read the passage called <i>A Noise at Midnight</i> . Do not write anything while I am reading
2.	Open the exam paper and look at the sentences. I will read the sentences to you once
3.	Close the exam paper and listen carefully. I will read the passage a second time. Do not write anything while I am reading
4.	You have 5 minutes to finish sentences, number 1 to 11.
5.	I will read the passage A third time. You may complete any unfinished sentences as I read.
6.	You have now three minutes to check your work and finish any incomplete sentences.

A. Put a tick (✓) near the correct answer.

a)
b)
c)
d)

1. What time was it when Louise woke up?

- a) It was lunchtime.
- b) It was midnight.
- c) It was noon.
- d) It was around breakfast time.

a)
b)
c)
d)

2. Where was the noise coming from?

- a) It was coming from the bedroom.
- b) It was coming from upstairs.
- c) It was coming from the bathroom.
- d) It was coming from downstairs.

a)
b)
c)
d)

3. At the beginning of the story Louise was.....

- a)sad.
- b)frightened.
- c)happy.
- d)over the moon.

4. Why didn't she want to get out of bed?

a)
b)
c)
d)

- a) Because her parents weren't at home.
- b) Because it was cold.
- c) Because it was dark and she couldn't see anything.
- d) Because it was too early to get up.

a)
b)
c)
d)

5. What happened to the stairs when she tried to walk down them?

- a) They creaked.
- b) They were quite as anything.
- c) They fell apart.
- d) They changed colour.

6. How did she walk down the stairs?

a)
b)
c)
d)

- a) She walked jumping and shouting.
- b) She walked slowly and carefully.
- c) She walked without a care in the world.
- d) She limped down the stairs.

a)
b)
c)
d)

7. Where did she go first when she got downstairs?

- a) She went into the sitting room.
- b) She went into the kitchen.
- c) She went into the garden.
- d) She went into the bedroom.

8. What did she see when she put her head round the door?

a)
b)
c)
d)

- a) She saw her mum.
- b) She saw a wolf.
- c) She saw a shadow.

d) She saw nobody

9. What did Louise see when she switched on the light?

a)
b)
c)
d)

- a) She saw a dog sitting in front of her.
- b) She saw a cat about to pounce on her.
- c) She saw a monster.
- d) She saw her cat licking up the milk.

10. Put a tick (✓) in the correct box to show if the sentence is TRUE

True	False

or FALSE.

- a) The kitchen was upstairs.
- b) A noise in the kitchen woke Louise up.
- c) It was morning when Louise walked down the stairs.
- d) After drinking some water, she went back to bed.

11. Complete the sentence.

Louise was a very courageous girl because _____
