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The Closet Creature

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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



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room and down the hall. His brother's door was wide open, and Adam jumped onto David's bed.

"Adam?" David asked in a groggy voice. "What are you doing in here?"

Adam tugged on David's arm. "There's something in my closet!"

"You probably had a bad dream. Go back to bed."

Adam yanked the blankets off the bed. "It wasn't a dream. I was awake, and the closet door started opening by itself!"

David sighed. "Fine. But when we don't find anything, you have to promise to leave me alone for the rest of the night."

Adam nodded. David reached into his desk drawer and pulled out a flashlight. Then they headed to Adam's room. Adam stopped in the

doorway. He could hear something scratching his closet door.

"Do you hear that?" Adam asked.

David nodded. He walked over to Adam's bed and pulled the case off one of the pillows. He opened the pillowcase.

"You open the door very slowly, and I'll grab whatever it is."

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.

"What is it?" Adam moved closer as David peeked inside.



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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!"

"Poor, Apricot,"

Adam said. "You were probably more scared than I was."

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 - c. Adam awoke to strange sounds coming from his bedroom closet.
 - d. David heard the noise coming from Adam's closet.



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

4. Write three adjectives that describe David. Tell why you chose each word.

_____ because _____

_____ because _____

_____ because _____

5. What type of story is this?

- | | |
|--------------|----------------|
| a. tall tale | b. non-fiction |
| c. mystery | d. fable |

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Fill in the missing letters to create words from the story.
Then, write the full word on the line. Be sure to spell each word correctly.

1. ____ o ____ y

clue: sleepy

1. _____



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4. ____ i ____ a ____

clue: soft bag for keeping a pillow clean

4. _____

5. ____ e ____ e d

clue: went towards

5. _____

6. ____ i ____ o ____

clue: orange fruit

6. _____

7. ____ e ____ e d

clue: took a quick look

7. _____

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Characters: List the main characters and briefly describe them.



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Solution: Tell how the problem was solved, and how the story ended.

Personal Opinion: Tell whether or not you liked the story, and justify your opinion.

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Retell "The Closet Creature" from the cat's point-of-view.

Then, on a separate sheet of white paper, draw a picture to accompany your story.



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

The boys' cat, Apricot, was trapped in the closet.

4. Write three adjectives that describe David. Tell why you chose each word.

brave because **he was willing to catch the creature in the closet**

annoyed because **he didn't like his brother waking him up**

tired because **he spoke in a groggy voice**

Answers will vary.

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1. g r o g g y

clue: sleepy

1. groggy



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4. p i l l o w c a s e

clue: soft bag for keeping a pillow clean

4. pillowcase

5. h e a d e d

clue: went towards

5. headed

6. a p r i c o t

clue: orange fruit

6. apricot

7. p e e k e d

clue: took a quick look

7. peeked

ANSWER KEY



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Characters: List the main characters and briefly describe them.

Adam - brother of David; scared of sounds in the night

David - brother of Adam; sleepy in this story; Brave



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and is afraid.

Solution: Tell how the problem was solved, and how the story ended.

David came into the room with a flashlight, he took Adam's pillowcase and

used it to catch the creature. It turned out to be the family cat.

Personal Opinion: Tell whether or not you liked the story, and justify your opinion.

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