

# 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?

Tick **one**.

when she was asleep

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when she moved

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when she went home

☐

when she played

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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?

Tick **one**.

along the road	<input type="checkbox"/>	across the field	<input type="checkbox"/>
through the wood	<input type="checkbox"/>	over the river	<input type="checkbox"/>

- 2 How did the people at school seem to Rosy?

Tick **one**.

bad-tempered	<input type="checkbox"/>	tiny	<input type="checkbox"/>
happy	<input type="checkbox"/>	strange	<input type="checkbox"/>

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 **two** things.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

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

Tick **one**.

sleepy

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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?

Tick **one**.

early

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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 **two**.

She was careful.

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The rabbit was hurt.

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She was lonely.

☐

She was rude.

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School was closed.

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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 vanished. I looked in every room in our house and all over the neighbourhood.





9 How do you know that Shadow was very brave?

Tick **one**.

He ran after the dog.

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He lived in a hutch.

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He was called Shadow.

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He had lots of fun.

☐

10 *But one day the shadow vanished.*

What does the word *vanished* mean?

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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?

Tick **one**.

to write a story  
about Shadow

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to look for a new  
friend

☐

to write a 'lost  
rabbit' poster

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to look for a new  
rabbit

☐

Just then, the doorbell rang. It was Nancy,  
a girl from my class, holding a huge box.

Inside, there was Shadow!

Now Nancy and I walk to school together.  
We play at each other's houses and in the  
wood, which is not spooky any more.

And sometimes Shadow comes too.



13 Who rang the doorbell?

Tick **one**.

Shadow

☐

Nancy

☐

Rosy

☐

Mum

☐

14 Why isn't the wood spooky any more?

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**Think about the whole story.**

15 How did losing Shadow help Rosy?

Tick **one**.

She played  
hide-and-seek.

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She made a new  
friend.

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She got lost in the  
wood.

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She rang the  
doorbell.

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16 At the **beginning** of the story what did Rosy feel about her new home?

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17 At the **end** of the story what did Rosy feel about her new home?

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