

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?

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

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when she
played

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C What did people say about Rosy?



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

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across the
field

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through the
wood

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over the river

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

Tick **one**.

bad-tempered

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tiny

☐

happy

☐

strange

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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

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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	<input type="checkbox"/>	slowly	<input type="checkbox"/>
still	<input type="checkbox"/>	swirling	<input type="checkbox"/>

6 What was the rabbit doing when Rosy found it?

7 Why did Rosy want to keep the rabbit?

Tick **two**.

She was careful.	<input type="checkbox"/>	The rabbit was hurt.	<input type="checkbox"/>
She was lonely.	<input type="checkbox"/>	She was rude.	<input type="checkbox"/>
School was closed.	<input type="checkbox"/>		

8 Why did Rosy call the rabbit Shadow?

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?



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?

12 What was Rosy's idea?

Tick **one**.

to write a story
about Shadow

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to look for a
new friend

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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	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nancy	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rosy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mum	<input type="checkbox"/>

14 Why isn't the wood spooky any more?

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?

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