

On a hill above the valley there was a wood.

In the wood there was a huge tree.

Under the tree there was a hole.

In the hole lived Mr Fox and Mrs Fox and their four Small Foxes.

Every evening as soon as it got dark, Mr Fox would say to Mrs Fox, 'Well, my darling, what shall it be this time? A plump chicken from Boggis? A duck or a goose from Bunce? Or a nice turkey from Bean?' And when Mrs Fox had told him what she wanted, Mr Fox would creep down into the valley in the darkness of the night and help himself.

Boggis and Bunce and Bean knew very well what was going on, and it made them wild with rage. They were not men who liked to give anything away. Less still did they like anything to be stolen from them. So every night each of them would take his shotgun and hide in a dark place somewhere on his own farm, hoping to catch the robber.

But Mr Fox was too clever for them. He always approached a farm with the wind blowing in his face, and this meant that if any man were lurking in the shadows ahead, the wind would carry the smell of that man to Mr Fox's nose from far away. Thus, if Mr Boggis was hiding behind his Chicken House Number One, Mr Fox would smell him out from fifty yards off and quickly change direction, heading for Chicken House Number Four at the other end of the farm.

'Dang and blast that lousy beast!' cried Boggis.

'I'd like to rip his guts out!' said Bunce.

'He must be killed!' cried Bean.

'But how?' said Boggis. 'How on earth can we catch the blighter?'

Bean picked his nose delicately with a long finger. 'I have a plan,' he said.

'You've never had a decent plan yet,' said Bunce.

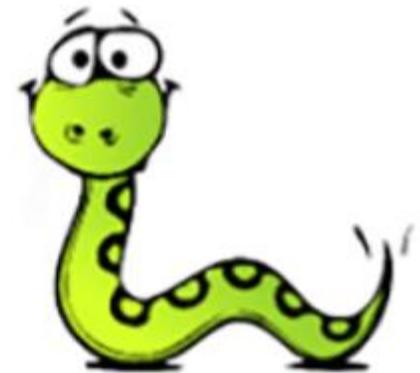
'Shut up and listen,' said Bean. 'Tomorrow night we will all hide just outside the hole where the fox lives. We will wait there until he comes out. Then . . . *Bang! Bang-bang-bang.*'

'Very clever,' said Bunce. 'But first we shall have to find the hole.'

'My dear Bunce, I've already found it,' said the crafty Bean. 'It's up in the wood on the hill. It's under a huge tree . . .'

# MONDAY

**V**ocabulary  
**I**nfer  
**P**redict  
**E**xplain  
**R**etrieve  
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# WHAT DO YOU ALREADY KNOW ABOUT...?

foxes



farmers



# VOCABULARY



## valley

a low area between hills or mountains often with a river running through it

## plump

having a full rounded shape.

## darling

used as an affectionate form of address to a beloved person

## approached

come near or nearer to (someone or something) in distance or time

## creep

move slowly and carefully in order to avoid being heard or noticed.

## robber

a person who steals something that's is not theirs.

## lurking

hiding some someone

What other words were unfamiliar?

Let's use a dictionary or thesaurus to define them.

Can you see any clues within the word to help us work out what they mean?

# **SUMMARISE**

**Can you summarise what happens in this text?**

**Tell me three things:**

**1.**

**2.**

**3.**



# TUESDAY

**V**ocabulary  
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# DO NOW



**Choose the correct word for each sentence:**

**approached      robber      lurking**

**Stanley was \_\_\_\_\_ behind the trees.**

**As Louise \_\_\_\_\_ the classroom she could hear her teacher talking.**

**The \_\_\_\_\_ was caught with by the police.**

# **RETRIEVAL QUESTIONS**

## **WHAT DO THESE MEAN AGAIN?**

### **HOW CAN WE ANSWER THEM?**



### **Stage 1**

1. Where does Mr Fox live?
2. How many foxes live in the hole?
3. How did Mr Fox always avoid getting caught?
4. Who can Mr and Mrs Fox get a plump chicken from?
5. Where does Mr Fox creep to in the darkness of night?
6. Tomorrow night, where will Bean, Boggis and Bunce hide?

### **Challenge:**

1. How do you know if this story is fact or fiction?

# WEDNESDAY

**V**ocabulary  
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# DO NOW

1. Find and copy one word in the second paragraph which tells us Mr Fox loves his wife.
2. Find and copy one word in the third paragraph which tells us Bunce, Boggis and Bean are angry.
3. Find and copy one word in the fourth paragraph which means the same as hiding.

**Challenge: Write your own Find and Copy questions.**



# **INFERENCE QUESTIONS**

## **WHAT DO THESE MEAN AGAIN?**

### **HOW CAN WE ANSWER THEM?**



### **Stage 1**

1. Why does Mr Fox creep out in the darkness of night?
2. Why does Mr Fox think he is clever?
3. What are Bean, Boggis and Bunce so angry about?

### **Challenge:**

1. What does Mrs Fox do while Mr Fox is out getting food?

# THURSDAY

**V**ocabulary  
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**R**etrieve  
**S**ummarise



# **DO NOW**

**Write these events in the order in which they happen.**

- 1. Every night Bean, Boggis and Bunce would hide in a dark place waiting.**
- 2. Mr Fox creeps down the valley**
- 3. Mr Fox always out smarted Bean, Boggis and Bunce.**
- 4. Bean, Bunce and Boggis hatch a plan**
- 5. Mr Fox asks Mrs Fox what she would like to eat**



# THE BIG QUESTION

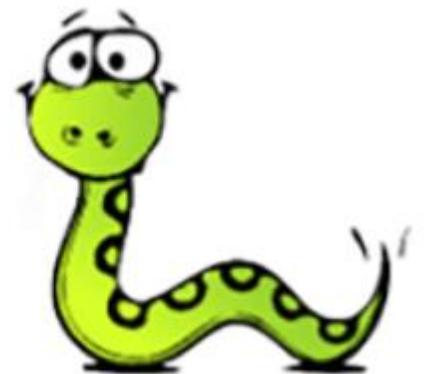


## QUESTION

**Do you think it's right for Mr Fox to steal? Explain your answer fully.**

# FRIDAY

**V**ocabulary  
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**P**redict  
**E**xplain  
**R**etrieve  
**S**ummarise



# DO NOW

Think carefully about what you have read and make a prediction about the following:

**What will happen when the farmers hide beside the tree?**



# REVIEW

Was there anything you liked about this text?

Was there anything you disliked about this text?

Was there anything that puzzled you?

Were there any patterns or connections that you noticed?

