

The Ghost

Davit's mum stood in the living room doorway. She waited patiently while the three boys covered the floor in pillows, blankets and duvets in preparation for their sleepover.

"Okay boys," she said. "Don't stay up too late, don't disturb the dog and make sure you brush your teeth before you go to sleep."

"We will, Mrs Amsel," Olly and Nish said together.

As his mum closed the door, Davit turned to his friends. "What do you want to do? I'm not tired at all."

"We can't go to sleep yet," said Olly. "It's so early."

"Let's tell ghost stories," said Nish.

Davit turned off the lights, throwing the room into darkness. He switched on a torch. "Does anyone know any good ones?"

"I do," said Nish. Davit handed him the torch, and Nish turned it upwards so the light glowed creepily over his face. "There once was this pirate who sailed the high seas and collected loads of treasure, like gold coins and jewels and stuff. After he died, he came back and haunted the treasure."

"What did he do to people if they found the treasure?" asked Davit.

"Don't know," said Nish, his forehead creasing. "I think he just sort of hovered nearby."

"Huh," Olly laughed. "So if someone stole a coin and put it in their pocket, what would happen? Would he just follow them round, keep them company while they did their shopping?"

"That's a rubbish story," said Davit. He took the torch from Nish. "My turn. Let me tell you a real ghost story. You know the old house on the way to school? The one with the cobwebs, the boarded-up windows and all those scary-looking trees outside? It's *haunted*."

"It's not," said Olly. "Ghosts aren't real, Davit."

"It is!" Davit insisted. "I went there yesterday and I saw a ghost with my own eyes!" He paused, then lowered his voice dramatically. "I crept across the long grass as quietly as I could and looked through a gap in the boards over the windows. It was really dark inside, but I saw something move."



Olly shook his head, but Nish was staring at Davit with wide eyes.

"Suddenly," Davit continued, "a gust of wind blew right through me. You remember how hot it was yesterday?"

"Boiling hot," Nish answered.

"Well, this wind was ice cold. I was shivering like a leaf. Then all the dogs in the neighbourhood started barking at once."

"Wow," breathed Nish.

"Then a big white shape appeared out of the darkness. It was like a person, but I couldn't see its face. It was coming right at me. I ran as fast as I could away from the house. I could hear it behind me, but I just kept running and running. It followed me all the way home."

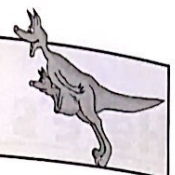
Both boys were concentrating on Davit now, his face glowing with torchlight in the gloom of the living room. Suddenly, something white leapt from the shadows and sped across the floor, lunging at Olly.

Olly yelled and jumped to his feet. "Gh-ghost!" he cried.

Nish scrambled up too, looking around wildly. "Where did it go?"

Davit burst out laughing. He stood up and turned on the lights. "It's just Rex," he said, as a small, white creature jumped out from a pile of blankets, barking happily and wagging his tail. "I can't believe you were scared of him. That's enough ghost stories for one night!"

Fact Retrieval Questions



FACT RETRIEVAL questions are all about finding bits of information in the text.
Read 'The Ghost' again, then see how you get on with these questions about the story.

- 1) Write down **one** thing the boys put on the floor when getting ready for their sleepover.

Look at the first paragraph.

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1 mark

- 2) Find and copy **one** thing Mrs Amsel told the boys to do at the start of the story.

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1 mark

- 3) Whose idea was it to tell ghost stories? Circle your answer.

Mrs Amsel's

Davit's

Nish's

Olly's

1 mark

- 4) Put a tick in the correct box to show whether each statement is true or false.
The first one has been done for you.

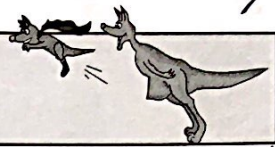
	True	False
The boys thought it was too early to go to sleep.	✓	
Davit's mum told the boys a ghost story.		
Nish was holding a torch while he told his story.		

1 mark

- 5) Read the paragraph beginning "I do," said Nish...'
Give **one** type of treasure that is mentioned in this paragraph.

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1 mark



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Fact Retrieval Questions

6) Read the paragraph beginning “That’s a rubbish story...”
According to Davit’s story, where is the haunted house?

next door to Davit’s house

in the countryside

next to a busy road

on the way to school

Circle your answer.

1 mark

7) How does Davit describe the trees outside the haunted house?

scary-looking

enormous

sturdy

twisted

Circle your answer.

1 mark

8) According to Nish, what was the weather like the day before?

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9) Read the paragraph beginning “Then a big white shape appeared...”
What did the ghost in Davit’s story do?

Tick **one** box.

It followed Davit home.

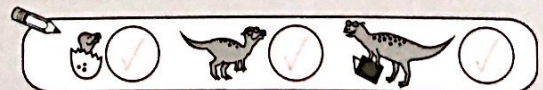
It touched Davit on the shoulder.

It asked Davit to leave.

It invited Davit into the house.

1 mark

Tellastauriuses love to do triple somersault dives into pools of facts. How did you find this page? Tick a box.





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Inference Questions

INFERENCE questions get you to think about the story more deeply. To answer the questions on these pages, you'll have to really think about what's happening in the story.

1) Where does the story take place?

Davit's house

Olly's house

Nish's house

Circle your answer.

1 mark

2) Why do you think Davit turned off the lights when they started telling ghost stories?

Tick **one** box.

Because his mum told him to

To make the ghost stories scarier

So that they wouldn't disturb Rex

Because he wanted to go to sleep

1 mark

3) Circle the word that best describes the pirate in Nish's story.

strong

kind

rich

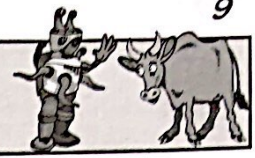
poor

1 mark

4) Read from "That's a rubbish story..." to "...saw something move."
How can you tell that no one lives in the house? Give **one** way.

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1 mark



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Inference Questions

5) Read the paragraph beginning "Then a big white shape appeared..."
What do you think Davit was thinking when he saw the ghost?

Tick one box.

- He wanted to talk to the ghost.
- He thought the ghost was very ugly.
- He thought the ghost was funny.
- He wanted to get away from the ghost.

1 mark

6) Read from 'Both boys were concentrating...' to "Where did it go?"
Why were Nish and Olly scared?

Davit's face looked scary.

There was a loud noise.

They thought they saw a ghost.

Davit's story got really scary.

Circle your answer.

1 mark

7) Read the last paragraph of the text.
Find and copy a sentence which suggests that Davit wasn't scared.

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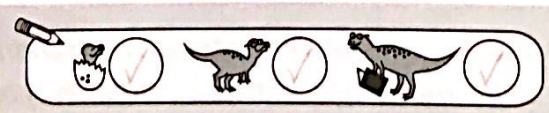
8) Who do you think Rex is?

Think about what Rex does and how he acts.

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1 mark

*A Tellastaurius eats inference questions for breakfast.
How did you get on? Tick one of the boxes.*



Word Meaning Questions



WORD MEANING questions will test your vocabulary skills. Read the story again, then try the questions on this page to check you have understood the words in the text.

- 1) "I think he just sort of hovered nearby."

Circle the word which means the same as 'hovered' in this sentence.

chased

floated

hunted

whispered

1 mark

- 2) Read from "Well, this wind was ice cold..." to "Wow," breathed Nish.'

Which word could be replaced by the word 'shaking'?

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1 mark

- 3) '...glowing with torchlight in the gloom of the living room.'

Circle the word that means the same as 'gloom' in this sentence.

Think about which word would make sense in the sentence.

darkness

cold

silence

light

1 mark

- 4) Read the paragraph beginning 'Both boys were concentrating...'

Which of these is closest in meaning to 'leapt'? Tick **one** box.

ran

jumped

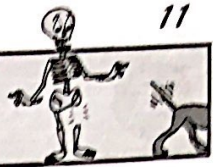
crept

shouted

1 mark

Tellastauriuses like nothing more than answering word meaning questions. How did you find them?





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Summary Questions

SUMMARY questions get you to think about big chunks of the story, or even the story as a whole. Read through 'The Ghost' again, then have a go at these questions.

- 1) Put these summaries of paragraphs in the order they happened in the story. The first one has been done for you.

- The boys saw Rex.
- Davit told a ghost story.
- The boys decided what to do. 1
- Nish told a ghost story.

1 mark

- 2) Read from "That's a rubbish story..." to "...saw something move." Which phrase best summarises these paragraphs? Circle your answer.

Turning the lights off in the room	Saying goodnight to Davit's mum	Describing the haunted house	Something jumping out at Olly
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1 mark

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Structure Question



STRUCTURE questions get you to think about all the parts that make up a story. Give this question a go to see how well you understand the different parts of the text.

- 1) Read the quotations below, then match each one to the part of the story it shows. One has been done for you.

'throwing the room into darkness'	setting
'Let me tell you a real ghost story.'	action
'Olly yelled and jumped to his feet.'	speech

1 mark

A Tellastaurius is happiest when it's answering summary and structure questions. How did you do?

