Maverick Activity Pack

What is a Maverick Activity Pack?

This activity pack is for teachers and parents to help build comprehension and engagement when guiding their students and children in their reading journey. There are many activities in this pack that can be used alongside our Early Reader stories to encourage children to get stuck in after enjoying the story.

This Activity Pack is for:

The Spooky Sleepover Early Reader
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Summer is having her friends over for a sleepover at her new house. It may be old but everyone thinks it’s haunted! When settling down to sleep, the girls hear an ominous scream and go to investigate. Is there really a ghost haunting Summer’s new house?

Chapter 1

Summer wandered round her new home. How she loved it! It was out in the country, surrounded by fields. It was also big and old and great fun to explore. There was a wooden spiral staircase, narrow corridors and lots of rooms.

She was so excited! She couldn’t wait to show her new house to her friends. And they were coming for a sleepover tonight!

“They’re here!” her mum cried, as the doorbell rang. Summer rushed to answer it.

“Wow! What a great house!” Gemma cried.

“I’m so excited about our sleepover!” said Maisie.

“I’m not sure I’ve brought enough snacks!” said Ella, poring over a huge pile of them.

Summer laughed. “Come up to my room, and we’ll sort it out!”

Suddenly the lights went out! They all screamed.

“Ok, it’s okay,” said Summer. “It’s just happened before. It’s the wiring in this old house. It goes in fits and starts.”

She quickly found her torch and switched it on. Everyone smiled. And then it went out again.

“Oh!” cried Ella. “The ghost did it!”

“No, it just needs new batteries,” said Summer. “I’ll get them.”

“Or the ghost would… shutdown Ella so they all followed Summer back to the bedroom.”

Gold  Book  Band
Colour Me In!
Fill in the Gaps

Can you remember the words from the story?

1. It was also big and ______ and great fun to ______.
   old / explore       new / sleep       small / play

2. And then, as if on cue, there was a ______ ______ sound.
   loud wailing       quiet squeaking     soft hooting

3. Suddenly the ______ went ______! They all screamed.
   clock / tick       ghost / woo         lights / out

4. “Look! It’s only a _____!” she said, as it ran down the ______.
   dog / stairs       cat / corridor      ghost / clock

5. “We should call the _____ ______, as saw him just after midnight,” said Summer, and everyone agreed.
   dog Bedtime       cat Owl              cat Midnight

6. “So the stories about the house being ______ are ______.”
   haunted / wrong    haunted / true      pretty / true
Quiz

1. Where is Summer’s new home?
   a) In the city, surrounded by buildings
   b) In the country, surrounded by fields
   c) In a village, surrounded by houses

2. What did Summer bring her friends?
   a) Board games
   b) A Midnight Feast
   c) A birthday cake

3. What do Summer and her friends hear?
   a) A scream
   b) A boom
   c) A bang

4. What do they find in a cupboard?
   a) A bat
   b) A rat
   c) A cat

5. What did they call the cat?
   a) Midday
   b) Moonlight
   c) Midnight
Word Search

Words:
- clock
- creaky
- curtains
- garden
- ghost
- midnight
- owl
- pizza
- portrait
- scream
- sleep
- teddies

The Spooky Sleepover
Write Your Own Story

Write your own story using the characters in the book.

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Answers

Fill in the gaps:

1. old / explore
2. loud wailing
3. lights / out
4. cat / corridor
5. cat Midnight
6. haunted / true

Quiz:

1. b
2. b
3. a
4. c
5. c