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The Roar in the Cupboard

Reading level 5 (2nd grade) · 110 words

From the cupboard under the stairs came a roar.

Ana put her head under the blanket.

Roar! Roar! It was loud and deep.

“Dad!” she called. “What is that?”

Dad came and took her hand.

They went down the stairs together.

Dad opened the cupboard a little.

It was the vacuum, with a long, dusty hose.

Dad had left it on, with a low hum.

“Let us give it a smile,” said Dad.

Ana drew a smile on it with chalk.

Dad swept up some crumbs, and the vacuum ate them.

The vacuum gave one happy roar.

“Good night, Roary,” said Ana.

That night, she slept all the way through.

Questions

1. Where does the roar come from?

A. The roof
B. The cupboard
C. The yard

2. What is making the roar?

A. A bear
B. A cat
C. A vacuum

3. Who goes down the stairs with Ana?

A. Dad
B. Mom
C. A pup

4. Why does Ana sleep all the way through at the end?

A. She is cold
B. She is not afraid any more
C. She is sick

5. What is a blanket?

A. A tiny bug
B. A long hose
C. A soft bed cover

Words to know

cupboard: a closet for things
blanket: a soft bed cover
crumbs: tiny bits of food
hose: a long bendy tube

Answer key: The Roar in the Cupboard

1. B. The cupboard
2. C. A vacuum
3. A. Dad
4. B. She is not afraid any more
5. C. A soft bed cover