

Boldilocks and the three hares

Once upon a time there were three hares that lived together. They weren't related but were just good friends. They had all decided to get a flat together after leaving university three years ago. Sharing the rent between the three of them meant they each paid less than if they had their own places. It had taken them a year to find this place, but when they finally found it, six months ago, they moved in straight away. They all thought it was perfect.

As they sat in their front room one summer evening, the traffic buzzed by on the road outside their window. It was rush hour, and the traffic was always louder at this time, but on this occasion it was unusually loud. They loved living where they did; being in the middle of the UK's capital city was so exciting.

Suddenly there was a knock on the door. The hares looked at each other,

"Are you expecting anyone?" said the biggest hare, Bobby. The others shook their heads. No one made a move towards the door. The knock came again, only this time louder and accompanied by a shout that sounded like "Is anybody in?"

The hare called Joe hid his face in his hands. Bobby looked around desperately, clearly looking for a weapon of some kind- just in case.

After a few minutes, the smallest hare, Jake, stood up and started to move towards the door. He walked slowly and before he could get there the knock came again, even louder this time, in fact so loud that it seemed as though it would break the door.

"It's me, Boldilocks, let me in please, it's urgent..." The three hares gasped...

Write the answers to the questions below in your homework books.

1. **When** did the three hares first move in to their flat?
2. **Where** was the flat? Explain, using information from the text, how you know and give us much detail as possible.
3. Apart from being good friends, **what** was one good reason for the three hares to share a flat?
4. **Which** hare do you think is the bravest? Explain why you think this using evidence from the text.
5. **Who** was knocking at the door?
6. **What** do you think will happen next? – make your prediction using evidence from the text.