

# Moving House



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hutch

neighbourhood

silent

swirling

# Shadow

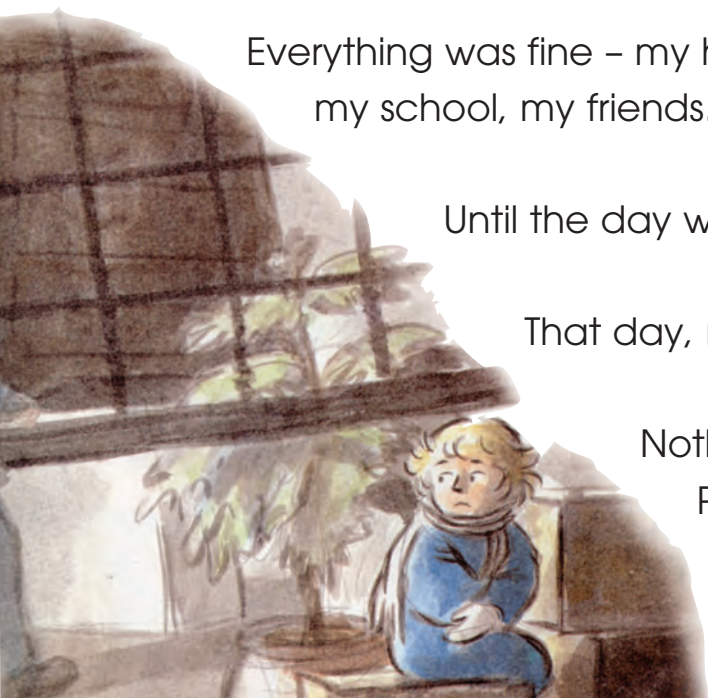
My name is Rosy.

Everything was fine – my home,  
my school, my friends.

Until the day we moved.

That day, my whole world turned upside down.

Nothing I did seemed right any more.  
People started to say how rude and  
bad-tempered I was.



## Practice questions

A Who is telling the story?

.....

B When did Rosy's world turn upside down?

when she was  
asleep

when she  
moved

when she went  
home

when she  
played

C What did people say about Rosy?

.....



Every day Dad walked me to my new school through the wood behind our new house. It was dark and spooky, and I didn't like it one bit.

Everyone at my new school seemed strange to me.

I wished I was really tiny so I could hide in my dad's arms.

1 How did Rosy and her dad get to school?

along the road

across the field

through the wood

over the river



2 How did the people at school seem to Rosy?

bad-tempered

tiny

happy

strange



There were nights when I just couldn't go to sleep. My dreams were scary. How I missed all my friends and my old home!



3 What did Rosy miss?

Write **2** things.

.....  
 .....



4 Which word tells you what Rosy's dreams were like?

sleepy

old

scary

tiny



One day snow was falling so school closed early.

We walked home slowly, watching the silent wood in the swirling snow.



All of a sudden,  
I saw a little face –  
a rabbit lying quite still, looking at me.

I saw that it was hurt, so very carefully I picked it up and carried it home.



Everyone agreed the rabbit could stay.

Mum helped me take care of the rabbit's hurt leg.

Dad helped me make a cosy hutch for its new home.

Before long, the rabbit was feeling well enough to hop around the house. It followed me everywhere, so I called it Shadow.





5 Which word tells you what the snow was like?

early

slowly

still

swirling

6 What was the rabbit doing when Rosy found it?

.....

7 Why did Rosy want to keep the rabbit?  
Tick **2**.

She was careful. ....

She was lonely. ....

School was closed. ....

The rabbit was hurt. ....

She was rude. ....

8 Why did Rosy call the rabbit Shadow?

.....

Shadow was very brave. He ran after the cat and even after the dog.

We played hide-and-seek together.  
We had lots of fun.



But one day Shadow disappeared. I looked in every room in our house and all over the neighbourhood.

9 How do you know that Shadow was very brave?

He ran after the dog.

He lived in a hutch.

He was called Shadow.

He had lots of fun.



10 Where did Rosy look when Shadow went missing?

.....





At teatime, I wasn't hungry.  
All I could think about was how much  
I missed Shadow.

What would I do without my new friend?

Suddenly I had an idea.

I got some paper and began  
to write:



11 Why wasn't Rosy hungry at teatime?

.....

12 What was Rosy's idea?

to write a story  
about Shadow

to look for  
a new friend

to write a  
'lost rabbit' poster

to look for  
a new rabbit



Just then, the doorbell rang. It was Nancy, a girl from my class, holding a huge box.

Inside, there was Shadow!



Now Nancy and I walk to school together. We play at each other's houses and in the wood, which is not spooky any more.

And sometimes Shadow comes too.

13 Who rang the doorbell?

Shadow

Nancy

Rosy

Mum

14 Why isn't the wood spooky any more?

.....

## Think about the whole story.

15 How did losing Shadow help Rosy?

She played  
hide-and-seek.

She made a  
new friend.

She got lost  
in the wood.

She rang the  
doorbell.

16 At the **beginning** of the story what did Rosy feel about her new home?

.....

.....

17 At the **end** of the story what did Rosy feel about her new home?

.....

.....

# Useful words

computer

memories

meow

removal van

## Moving House

You have just read a story about a little girl called Rosy, who moved house with her family. In this part of the booklet, you will read more about moving house. There are some children's memories of what happened when they moved house. Then there is some information about a removal van.

Sometimes, when people move house, a removal van is used to carry things to the new house. The removal van you are going to learn about is used when people are moving a very long way.

### Practice questions

A What are the children's memories about?

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B What will you be reading in this part of the booklet?

a letter

a poem

information

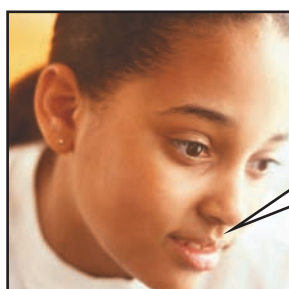
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## On Moving Day

We couldn't find my little brother, Sam, anywhere. Mum was really worried. After what seemed like hours of searching we found him. He was in one of the big boxes fast asleep!



Abigail



Kavita

We woke up very tired because we had to sleep on the floor. Our beds had been taken to pieces, all ready to go into the removal van. My sister and I couldn't get to sleep because we kept on talking and messing about.

18 Where was Sam found?

.....



19 Why did Kavita have to sleep on the floor?

Her sister was talking.

Her bed was in pieces.

Her sister was in her bed.

Her bed was in the van.





## On Moving Day

I went to play with a friend while Mum and Dad packed up all the things from the house. When I got back the old house was empty. When we spoke our voices sounded loud and strange. It didn't seem like our house.

When we got to the new house that felt strange too. It seemed like the stairs were the wrong way round. All our things were there but it felt as if nothing was in the right place.

Ryan



20 Why are the words in speech bubbles?

because it is what the children said

because it is about moving

because it is what the children did

because it is about memories



21 What was strange about Ryan's new house?

.....



## On Moving Day

We couldn't find the plates or the knives and forks. We sat on the floor and ate fish and chips out of the paper. It was great fun.



Jamie



Keegan

It took us ages to catch the cat. We had a special pet box but she didn't want to go in. When we did get her in she meowed very loudly. She meowed all the way to the new house. When we let her out she prowled around the house sniffing.

- 22 Why did Jamie think it was fun when they couldn't find the plates?

.....

- 23 What did the cat do when she was let out of the pet box?  
Tick **2**.

meowed loudly .....

prowled around .....

got back in the box .....

ran away .....

sniffed .....



24 Think about all the children's memories.

Which child do you think had the best time when they moved?

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Why?

.....

.....



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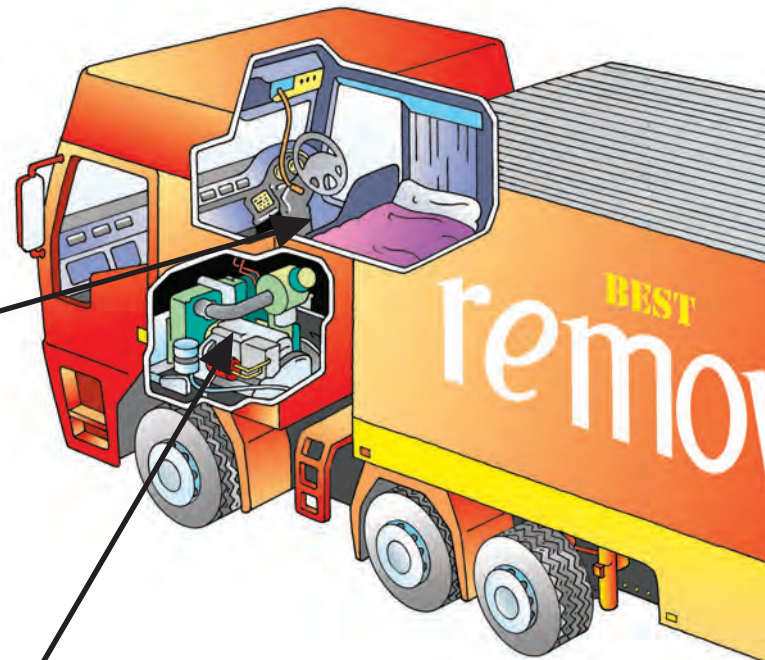
## Removal Van

### Driver's Cab

The seats in the cab can be turned into a bed when the driver has to sleep in the van.

### Engine

The engine has to be large because the van is heavy when it is full. The engine is controlled by computer.



25 What do the labels on the diagram tell you about?

the parts of the van

where the van goes

the size of the boxes

how the people drive

26 What does the computer do?

.....



**Hooks**  
Some of the things are fixed to hooks so that they don't get broken.



**Lifting Platform**  
When a button is pressed the platform moves up and down.

27 What are the hooks for?

.....



28 How do the people move the lifting platform?

.....







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