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Mia's Ghost

By Guy Belleranti

"Mia, there's a ghost in your room,"
Annie whispered.

"No there isn't," Mia said.

"Then what's making that noise?"

Annie asked.

"Do you mean this noise?" Mia asked,
moving her door slowly.

Creak.

"No," Annie said. "That's just a
squeaky door."

"Do you mean the noise by my window?" Mia asked.

Wooo-oooo-oooo.

"No," Annie said. "That's just the wind."

"Then what noise do you mean?"

Annie pointed at Mia's closet. "The noise in there."

Bump. Thump. Bump, bump, thump.

Mia frowned. She slowly slid open the door.

Bump, thump—

"Eeeek!" cried both girls. They jumped back as a big pile of toys tumbled
down.

"Whew!" said Annie. "At least it wasn't a ghost."

"I wish it was," said Mia. "A ghost could help me clean up the mess!"



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1. Why does Annie think there is a ghost in Mia's room?
 - a. Annie hears something.
 - b. Annie sees something.
 - c. Annie smells something.
 - d. Annie feels something.

2. Write the number **1**, **2**, or **3** next to each sound Annie and Mia hear **first**, **second**, and **third**.

_____ Toys in the closet

_____ Wind

_____ Squeaky door

3. What happens when Mia opens the closet?
 - a. The girls see a ghost.
 - b. The toys fall out of the closet.
 - c. Mia's cat runs out of the closet.
 - d. Nothing happens.

4. Why does Mia wish there was a ghost in her closet?

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Fill in the missing letters to create words from the story.
Then, write the full word on the line. Be sure to spell
each word correctly.

1. ___ qu ___ a k ___

hint: making a creaking sound

1. _____

2. f ___ o ___ n e ___

hint: made a serious face

2. _____

3. t u ___ b l e ___

hint: toppled over

3. _____

4. ___ e s ___

hint: clutter, heap

4. _____

5. c ___ o ___ e ___

hint: a small room used to store
clothing or other items

5. _____

6. n ___ i s ___

hint: sound

6. _____

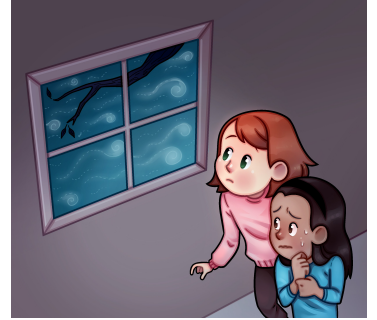
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In the story, "Mia's Ghost," Mia and Annie hear strange sounds that make them think there is a ghost in Mia's room. When the girls open the closet, they find out the ghost is really just a pile of toys!

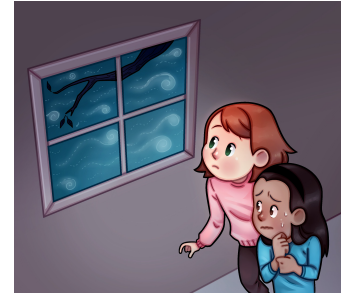
On the lines below, tell about a time when you were afraid of something. What was it? What helped you to not be afraid any more?



ANSWER KEY

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1. Why does Annie think there is a ghost in Mia's room? **a**

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c. Annie smells something.

d. Annie feels something.

2. Write the number 1, 2, or 3 next to each sound Annie and Mia hear **first, second, and third.**

3 Toys in the closet

2 Wind

1 Squeaky door

3. What happens when Mia opens the closet? **b**

a. The girls see a ghost.

b. The toys fall out of the closet.

c. Mia's cat runs out of the closet.

d. Nothing happens.

4. Why does Mia wish there was a ghost in her closet?

Mia wishes there was a ghost to help her clean up her messy closet.

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1. squeaky

hint: making a creaking sound

1. squeaky

2. frowwned

hint: made a serious face

2. frowned

3. tumbled

hint: toppled over

3. tumbled

4. mess

hint: clutter, heap

4. mess

5. closet

hint: a small room used to store
clothing or other items

5. closet

6. noise

hint: sound

6. noise