Step 2 Developing Reading Skills





## Milly's Big Surprise

It was the school summer holidays. Milly wanted to sleep all day long but, early on Wednesday morning, Milly heard some strange sounds coming from the garden.

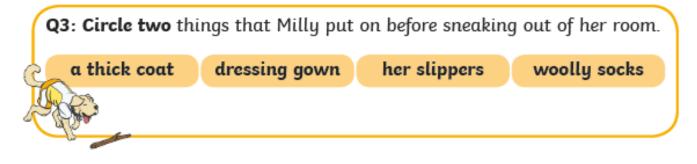
"What could that be?" Milly thought to herself. She stood on her bed and looked out of the window into the back garden. Milly had a big surprise. She could see something white underneath the slide, something that Milly had never seen in her garden before...

<b>Q1:</b> Where was the white object that Milly could see? Tick <b>one</b> answer.	
under her bed	inside the shed
under the slide 🛛	behind a bench
<b>Q2</b> : What day did Milly hear the strange sounds on?	

Milly put on her dressing gown and her slippers before sneaking out of her bedroom. She crept down the stairs, carefully unlocked the back door and went into the garden.

Milly could feel butterflies in her tummy as she walked up to the slide. What would the strange, white object be? Where had it come from?

Holding her breath, Milly bent down and looked under the slide...



Q4: Find and copy two words which describe the object in the garden.



On the floor, surrounded by twigs and leaves, was a white egg. But, this was not a normal egg... this egg was HUGE! The egg had started to crack. As Milly watched it, the crack began to get bigger and bigger. Suddenly, the egg cracked in half and out popped a head!

"Aaarrgghh!" screamed Milly, forgetting to stay quiet.

"Aaarrgghh!" replied the little face staring up at Milly from inside the egg. ...and that was how Milly became the first girl in the world to have a pet dinosaur.

Q5: How did Milly feel when she first saw the head?

How do you know?

**Q6:** Put these sentences in the order that they happen in the text. The first one has been done for you.

) Milly put on her dressing gown.

) The egg had started to crack.

) Milly bent down and looked under the slide.

- ) Milly had a big surprise.
- Milly stood on her bed.





## Milly's Big Surprise Answers

Q1: Where was the white object that Milly could see? Tick one answer.

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<b>Q2:</b> What day did Mi	lly hear the strange sounds on?
Accept the answ	er 'Wednesday' only.
Q3: Circle two thing	s that Milly put on before sneaking out of her room.
a thick coat	dressing gown (her slippers) woolly socks

Q4: Find and copy two words which describe the object in the garden.

Accept the answers 'strange' and 'white' only.

Q5: How did Milly feel when she first saw the head?

Accept any answer which states that Milly was scared, shocked or surprised.

How do you know?

Accept answers which discuss the fact that Milly screamed when she saw it.

- **Q6:** Put these sentences in the order that they happen in the text. The first one has been done for you.
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  - 5 The egg had started to crack.
  - (4) Milly bent down and looked under the slide.
  - (2) Milly had a big surprise.
  - (1) Milly stood on her bed.