



Beary Scared

DIRECTIONS

As you read, underline words that people say. Use a star to mark important ideas in the story. Put a star★ next to the name of the character who says each thing.

Then, complete the activity on page 2.

hiking: to take a long walk through a forest or mountains

scrambled: to move by climbing or crawling

terrified: to be very afraid

- 1 Jamal and David were **hiking** together. They climbed up a hill and crossed a stream. Then, they followed a path into the woods.
- 2 In the woods, they heard a noise. It sounded like a large animal stepping on the dry leaves. "It could be a bear," Jamal whimpered. "We have to get out of here!"
- 3 "We don't have time," David said. "Let's climb a tree."
- 4 "That's a good idea!" said Jamal. The friends ran deeper into the woods. First, they came to a tree that was too short. It wouldn't keep them safe from the bear. Next, they came to a tree that didn't have any branches to climb. Finally, they came to a tree that was tall and had low branches they could climb.
- 5 Jamal quickly **scrambled** up the branches. As he climbed, some of the branches broke below him.
- 6 Suddenly, the bushes next to the tree shook. A huge brown bear stepped onto the path. It growled loudly.
- 7 David tried to climb the tree, but he couldn't. Jamal had broken the branches. David asked Jamal for help. But Jamal was **terrified**. He was worried the bear would hurt him.
- 8 David got ready for the worst. He threw himself on the ground and waited.
- 9 Something very surprising happened! First, the bear sniffed David's head. Then, it licked his ear. Finally, the bear wandered away.
- 10 When Jamal was sure the bear was gone, he climbed down the tree. He said to his friend, "It looked like that bear whispered something in your ear."
- 11 "The bear did tell me something. He told me to choose a better friend to hike with," David said as he walked away.



Learn from What Characters Say

Look back at what you underlined and starred in **Beary Scared**. Write the character's name and what he says on the left. Then, on the right, write how the character feels.

What the Character Says	How the Character Feels



Here Comes Trouble

DIRECTIONS

Read the story and complete the activity on page 4.

- 1 Long ago, Pandora and her brother Epi were playing outside when something strange fell out of the sky and landed at Epi's feet. It was a small box that glowed green and purple! Epi eagerly bent down to pick it up, but Pandora held him back.
- 2 "Be careful," she warned, "I had a dream about a box like this one. In the dream, a wise-looking man appeared and warned me not to open it."
- 3 "Aw, come on, Pandora," Epi begged. "How much danger could there be in one little box? Besides, I bet there's a treasure inside. I want to find out!"
- 4 "It's better to be safe than sorry," Pandora warned. "Let's go home right now – and leave the box behind."
- 5 But as soon as Pandora turned to leave, Epi quickly opened the box. Suddenly, the sky was filled with swarms of bugs. He slammed the box shut and started **swatting** at them.
- 6 Pandora swung around in **horror**. "Epi, what have you done?" she cried out.
- 7 Epi didn't answer since he was still trying to get the bugs away. At last, the bugs flew off. Only then did Epi and Pandora hear a strange voice coming from the closed box.
- 8 "Don't be afraid," the voice whispered. "I'm here to help you."
- 9 Pandora wondered if she should run away, but then she thought that nothing could be worse than the awful little bugs. So, she slowly opened the box.
- 10 A tiny green and purple fairy flew out. "I am Hope," the fairy said, looking at Epi, "You just let out Trouble—all the bad things of the world. Now, I am here to bring **comfort** to the world."
- 11 Epi bowed his head and looked at Pandora with sadness. "I'm sorry I didn't listen," he said.
- 12 "Don't worry, Epi," Pandora said kindly. "At least we have Hope."

swatting: to hit something with your open hand

horror: a feeling of great fear

comfort: to make someone feel better



Match Character Actions and Effects

Reflect on the characters' actions in **Here Comes Trouble**. Match how the character action effects the story events.

Character Actions

Epi bends down to pick up the box.

Epi opens the box.

Pandora opens the box.

A voice from the box whispers, "I'm here to help you."

Epi says he's sorry.

Effects on Story Events

Stinging bugs fill the sky.

Pandora says not to worry because they have Hope.

Pandora thinks and then slowly opens the box.

Pandora tells about a dream she had and warns Epi.

A green and purple fairy flies out.