

Year 2 Reading

Read the text and then pick some questions to answer each day

Grandfather's Pencil

The boy finished his letter to his father.

He put down his pencil and climbed into bed.

He kissed his mother goodnight.

All was quiet.

The house slept in the moonlight. The boy dreamed in his bed.

The pencil lay on the paper.

Then there was a scratchy, scribbly sound. The pencil was writing.

"I remember," wrote the pencil, "I remember when I first came to this house.

I was in a box with friends. We were all different colours. We were a present for the boy."

"I remember the shop where we were bought. The shelves were full of bottles of ink and boxes of paints in sets like soldiers.

The meaning of words

1. What does 'moonlight' mean?
2. What does 'present' mean in the text?

Retrieval – Find in the text

3. Who wrote a letter to his father?
4. Who did he kiss goodnight?
5. Where was the pencil?
6. *The pencil was in a box with friends.*
Who were the pencil's friends?
7. What else was in the shop where the pencils came from?

Inference – using clues in the text

8. 'The house slept in the moonlight'. What does this tell you about the house at this point in the story?
9. Mrs Johnson thinks the boy might be dreaming about the pencil. Why might she think this?

Language

10. Can you pick out 3 nouns (person/place/object)
11. Can you pick out 3 verbs (action/doing words)