

# Reading

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## The Gingerbread Man

Once upon a time, there lived a little old woman and a little old man. One day, the little old woman made a gingerbread man. But when she opened the oven, he ran away! The little old woman and the little old man ran after him yelling, "Stop! Stop!" but they could not catch him. The gingerbread man said, "Run, run, as fast as you can! You can't catch me, I'm the gingerbread man!"



The gingerbread man came to a cat. "Stop! You look good enough to eat!" said the cat and chased him. The gingerbread man said, "Run, run, as fast as you can! You can't catch me, I'm the gingerbread man!"



He came to a dog. "Stop! You look good enough to eat!" said the dog and chased him. The gingerbread man said, "Run, run, as fast as you can! You can't catch me, I'm the gingerbread man!"



He came to a cockerel. "Stop! You look good enough to eat!" said the cockerel and chased him. The gingerbread man said, "Run, run, as fast as you can! You can't catch me, I'm the gingerbread man!"



He came to a pig. "Stop! You look good enough to eat!" said the pig and chased him. The gingerbread man said, "Run, run, as fast as you can! You can't catch me, I'm the gingerbread man!"



He came to a cow. "Stop! You look good enough to eat!" said the cow and chased him. The gingerbread man said, "Run, run, as fast as you can! You can't catch me, I'm the gingerbread man!"



He came to a horse. "Stop! You look good enough to eat!" said the horse and chased him.

The gingerbread man said, "Run, run, as fast as you can! You can't catch me, I'm the gingerbread man!"

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He came to a boy. "Stop! You look good enough to eat!" said the boy and chased him.

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He came to a girl. "Stop! You look good enough to eat!" said the girl and joined in the chase. He ran until he came to a river. He stopped, as he could not swim!



Just then, a fox came by. "I can help you cross the river," said the fox. "Hop onto my tail." The gingerbread man saw the others coming and didn't want to be eaten, so he jumped on. When he began to get wet, the fox said, "Climb onto my back," so he did. The water got deeper. The fox said, "Jump onto my nose." So he did. Just then, the fox tipped back his head and the gingerbread man flew into the air. The fox opened his mouth and SNAP! That was the end of the gingerbread man.



**The end.**

### **Challenge 1 - Understanding Words:**

1. Section 1. What is oven?
  - a) Something to play with.
  - b) Somewhere to cook in.
  - c) Somewhere to buy something.
  - d) A name of a person.
2. Section 2. What does the word 'chased' mean?
  - a) Run after someone.
  - b) Eat something.
  - c) Drink something.
  - d) To do exercise.
3. Section 4. What is a cockerel?
  - a) A small animal with four legs.
  - b) A type of dog.
  - c) A type of bird.
  - d) A type of insect.
4. Section 10. What does deeper mean?
  - a) You can walk in the water.
  - b) The water is still.
  - c) The water is fast.
  - d) You need to swim in the water
5. Challenge Question:  
Write the phrase which means the fox ate the gingerbread man.

### **Challenge 2 - Retrieval:**

(Remember, the answer is in the text.)

1. Section 1. What did the little old women make?
2. Section 3. What did the cat say to the gingerbread man?
3. Section 9. Why did the fox stop when he came to the river?
4. Section 10. Who said he would help the gingerbread man across the river?
5. Section 10. Why did the gingerbread man climb onto the fox's nose?

### **Challenge 3 Inference:**

(Remember to look for clues in the text.)

1. Why did the gingerbread man run away from the little old women and man?
2. Why would it have taken the cockerel a long time to eat the gingerbread man?
3. Why did the gingerbread man not want to do into the water?
4. Why did the fox offer to help the gingerbread man?

### **Challenge 4 - Prediction:**

(Use what you know to make a sensible guess.)

1. Why do you think the little old women make the gingerbread man?  
Explain your answer.