

A Spooky Slumber Party

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Grace arrived at the slumber party feeling both excited and nervous. She'd made a friend at her new school and been invited to a slumber party. But this slumber party was different. It was outside.



"It'll be fun," Madeline said. "We'll be three of us. You, me, and Beth. We'll sleep in my tent."

Grace said goodnight to her mother and went to bed. She woke up early and went to see Beth through the hole in the tent.

"Ready to tell me a scary story?" Grace asked. "Put your sleeping bag on the floor," Madeline said. "And don't forget your flashlight."

Grace nodded and took out her flashlight. She, Madeline, and Beth were having a great time running around the tent. When the family, the three girls rose to go out to their tent.

"Wish I could come," Eric said. "I like scary stories, too."

"It's a sleepover for girls only," said Madeline.

"Yeah," said Beth. "And anyways, the story I've got to tell is too scary for you."

Madeline told a story first.

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Grace shivered when Madeline had finished. "Wow, that was spooky!"

Beth laughed. "If you think that's spooky, wait 'til you hear my story."

Beth started her story. Suddenly, a wailing sound came from behind the tent.

"What was that?" Grace gasped.

"I-I don't know," Madeline whispered.

The wail came again. Then the tent began to shake.

"It's trying to get in!" cried Beth.

"W-where's my flashlight?"

t now—"

"Wooo-eee-oooo!"

"I have my flashlight!"

tent's door.

"Don't open it!"

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But Grace had

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jumped out into the

"Ahhh" cried a

"Sorry," said Gr

"Don't tell my

o the house.

"Good job, Gra

"Yeah," said Beth. "You're a real superhero."

Grace smiled. "Let's finish our scary stories," she said. "Then we can tell funny stories and eat that popcorn I brought."

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- 1) Read what Beth says to Grace. Write which sentence is more likely to be true. Beth laughed. "If you think that's spooky, wait 'til you hear my story."
- a) Beth was so excited that she couldn't wait anymore to tell her story.
 - b) Beth thinks she has a far spookier story than Madeline and Grace will feel more scared when she hears it.
 - c) It was Beth who told the spookiest story every time they had a slumber party.
 - d) Beth didn't think Madeline's story was spooky, nor was she scared when she heard it.

2) Why do you think _____ at the slumber party?

3) Which narrative _____

- a) first person
- b) second person
- c) third person

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4) Write two synonyms for "spooky".

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5) Read the sentences and write them under Grace, Beth, or Madeline as appropriate.

She kept reassuring Grace that everything will be all right.

She thinks she has the scariest story of all.

Despite being nervous at the beginning, she turned out to be the bravest of all.

She told the story first of all.

She was nervous about attending a slumber party outside.

She sounded brave all the while but cried when the wailing sound came.

Grace	PREVIEW	Madeline
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