

## The Fright Of My Life

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I decided to get a drink and then go to bed. I tried to find my way to the kitchen in the dark so the light wouldn't wake up Kylie.

When I got to the kitchen door I heard a banging sound. "*There's someone inside,*" I thought. Maybe Kylie had got up to have a midnight snack.

"Kylie," I said, "Is that you?"

There was no reply. I don't know if I was brave or if I had lost my mind, but I decided to open the kitchen door. I pushed it open and put on the light.



Then I let out a loud cry. I was very frightened.

On the floor was a biscuit tin. It was jumping across the floor!

I could have cried I was so frightened. I thought it was a poltergeist! A type of ghost!

What do you think happened next?

What happened next was that Kylie ran downstairs. "Are you all right?" she asked. "Should I phone the police?"

I was too frightened to speak. I just pointed at the tin.

Kylie started to laugh. "Oh my!" she said. "Did you get a fright? Don't be frightened it's all right. That isn't a ghost it's my mice Delilah and Ivor! They got out of their cage today so I made a trap to catch them. I got the biscuit tin and propped it up with a pencil. I put their food inside. Delilah and Ivor have eaten the food and got trapped inside the tin. They are trying to get out. That is why the tin is jumping!"

"Just mice!" I said, "I had the fright of my life!"

We got the mice back in their cage then had a nice cup of tea.

The next day I told my friend Eliza what had happened. I thought she would think it was funny. But she said "I hate mice! I would have been less frightened if it had been a poltergeist!"



*Can you underline all the words with the sound "i" (as in pie) in the story? How many did you find? Were they all spelt using the letters 'ie'?*

## Questions

(answer in full sentences)

1. What time is it at the start of the story?

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2. What is the storyteller's flat mate called?

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3. What did the person think when they heard a banging noise in the kitchen?

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4. Why did Kylie run downstairs?

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5. What are Kylie's mice called?

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## Words with the sound (phoneme) "I" (long I).

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