

Making Inferences

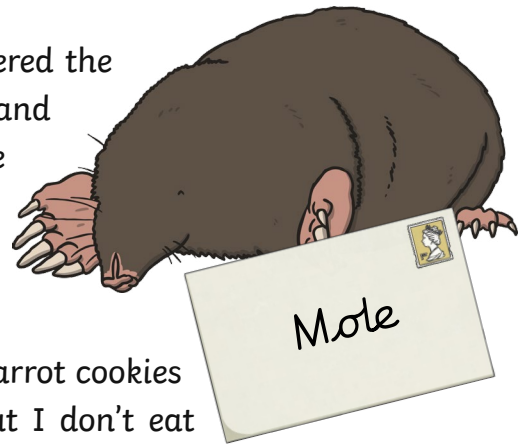
When things aren't explained literally in a text, you can use clues to reach a logical conclusion. This is called inference.

Read the short story extract then answer the questions in full sentences.

Cross Hot Bunny

An Original Story

Cross Hot was very proud of himself as he delivered the fourth invitation to mole's hill. He scrabbled and scraped away at the top of the mound until he had opened up a little hole to pop the letter through. His mind was on carrot cookies and he was keen to satisfy his rumbling tummy.



"Hmmm, mother bunny has asked me to bring carrot cookies to the Easter Bunny Parade and she knows that I don't eat cookies. I'll bring worms instead."

Bunny hopped away over the brow of the hill to the far side of Easter Wood. He was looking for fox's lair and was just a little bit nervous about the next delivery. Hopping from paw to paw and sniffing the air as he went, Cross Hot almost fell into the lair before he saw the well-hidden entrance. Delivering the invitation as quietly as he could, he padded away with a light paw and a quick heart.



"Hmmm, mother bunny has asked me to bring carrot cookies to the Easter Bunny Parade and she knows that I don't eat cookies. I'll bring chicken instead."

The next delivery was to be a challenge for Cross Hot. He didn't like heights and he knew that owl's roost was very high up in the branches of the hollow tree.

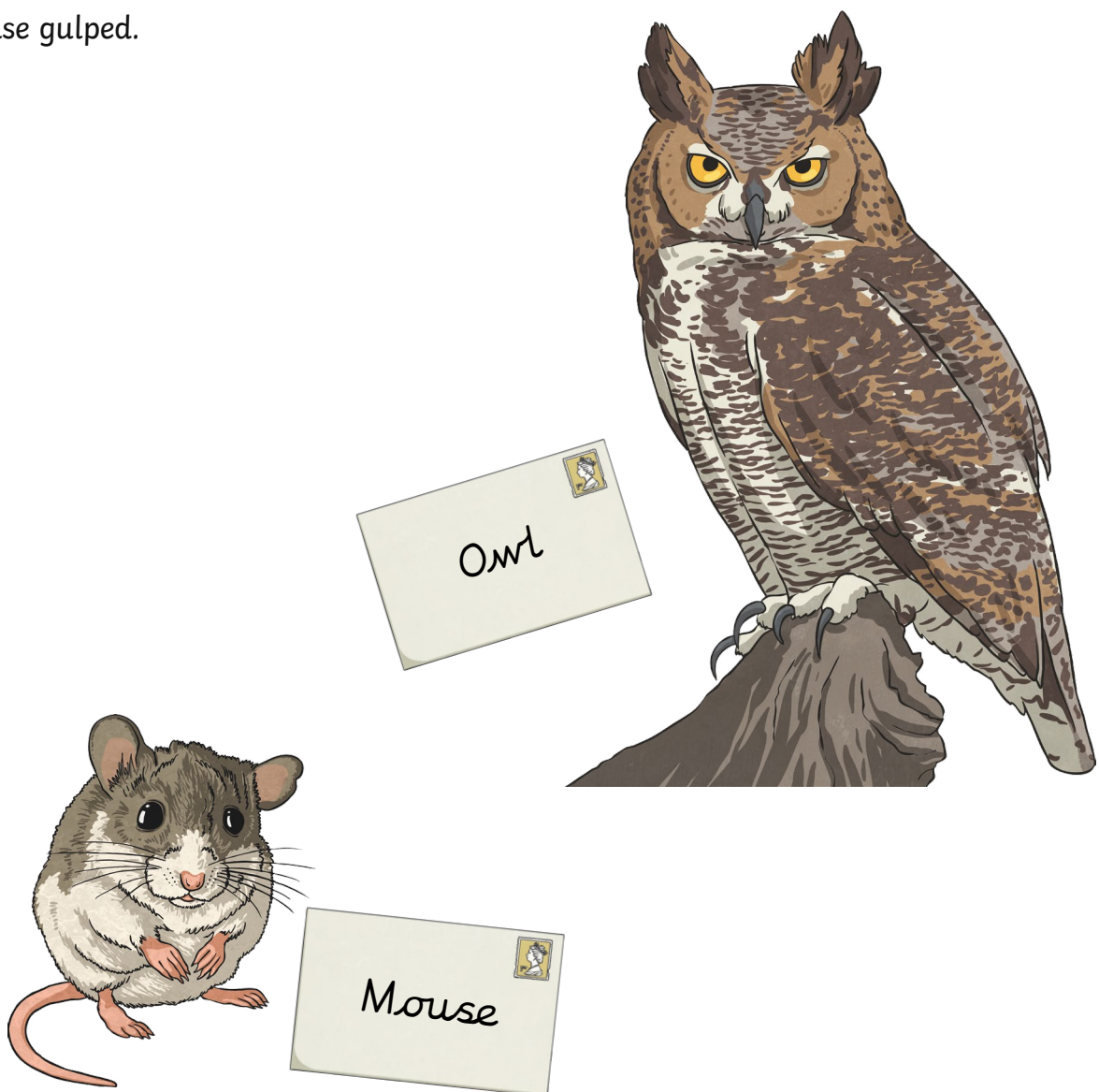
As luck would have it, owl was passing on his way home for tea with – or of – mouse!

"Oh good!" thought Cross Hot, "I can deliver two invitations at the same time." And he popped two letters into owl's beak, as he passed by. "Enjoy your tea," the little bunny called over his shoulder as he hopped across the woodland path.

"Hmmm, mother bunny has asked me to bring carrot cookies to the Easter Bunny Parade and she knows that I don't eat cookies. I'll bring seeds instead," squeaked mouse.

"Hmmm, mother bunny has asked me to bring carrot cookies to the Easter Bunny Parade and she knows that I don't eat cookies. I'll bring spiced mice instead," hooted owl.

Mouse gulped.



Cross Hot Bunny - Questions

1. Why was Cross Hot proud of how quickly he was delivering the invitations?
2. How could Cross Hot 'satisfy his rumbling tummy?'
3. Why did Cross Hot leave fox's lair 'with a light paw and a quick heart.'?
4. What could the phrase 'owl was passing on his way home for tea with – or of – mouse!' mean?
5. Why did mouse gulp at the end of the story?