

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

By now, Hot Cross bunny was ravenous. His tummy was calling to him to stop and go home for a carrot cookie but experience had taught him otherwise. He had the last three invitations to deliver and they had to be done before he ran out of energy to hop.

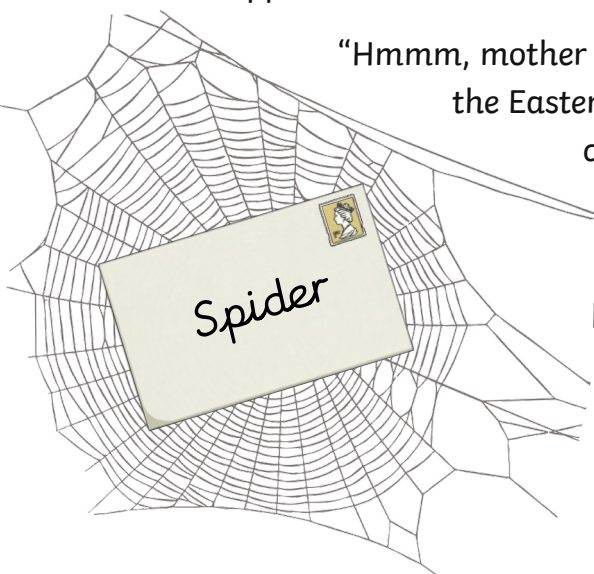
At the dray, the letter slipped quickly into sleepy squirrel's paws, and as Cross Hot was leaving he could hear him muttering.

"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 nuts instead" But the bunny was too far away to hear the last thing that squirrel said.

Cross Hot was on his way to find the deer when he bounded into spider's sticky web. Thankful for his good luck, he stuck the invitation to the sticky strands and hopped into the distance.

"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 crispy flies instead"

The last letter was jumping around inside Cross Hot's back pack when he skidded to a halt beside deer. Thrusting the final invitation between deer's hooves he sped off home, hopping as fast as his paws would carry him.



"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 fresh oak leaves instead."

Mother bunny was pleased with Cross Hot when he returned home so quickly and tipped up the cookie jar. "Did you deliver all of the invitations to the right animals?" she asked her youngest kit.

"Oh yes, mother," replied the mischievous bunny, "and I promise to try everything that our friends bring to the Easter Bunny Parade!"



Cross Hot Bunny - Questions

1. Do you think Cross Hot will get a cookie if he goes home without delivering all of the invitations? Find and copy parts of the text to support your opinion.
2. What might have happened if Cross Hot had heard what the squirrel said?
3. Why was getting caught in spider's web good luck for Cross Hot?
4. Why was the last letter 'jumping' around in Cross Hot's bag?
5. Is Cross Hot going to enjoy the food for the Easter Bunny Parade? Why?