Thistledown Lane

Lilly's Lost Acorns: Reading Comprehension

KS1 · Year 1 and Year 2

Free · with answers



- Year 1: a short retelling and 6 questions
- Year 2: the whole story and 9 questions, with reading domains
- Answers for both, and a mark scheme for Year 2

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How to use this pack

Two levels from the same story. **Year 1** is a short retelling with picture-friendly questions: tick, order and true or false. **Year 2** is the whole story as told in the episode, with questions tagged by KS1 reading content domain (1a to 1e) and a mark scheme. You can watch the episode together first, read it aloud, or use it as an independent reading task.

KS1 reading content domains

- **1a** draw on knowledge of vocabulary to understand texts
- **1b** identify and explain key aspects of texts, such as characters, events and information
- **1c** identify and explain the sequence of events in texts
- **1d** make inferences from the text
- **1e** predict what might happen on the basis of what has been read so far

The story

Lilly the squirrel has hidden her acorns all over the lane and can't remember where. Moss has a very good idea.

The lesson

If a job's too big to remember, make a mark, and let the mark do the remembering.

Curriculum links

English, Year 1 and Year 2 reading comprehension: listening to and discussing stories, discussing word meanings, predicting, making inferences and checking the text makes sense. PSHE: problem solving, patience, working together.

Year 1: Lilly's Lost Acorns

Name: _____





One morning, something small and orange came down the wall very fast. It was Lilly. She lives in the big tree at the top.

Lilly had hidden lots of acorns for winter. But she had forgotten where she put them!

Bramble and Moss helped her look. In the big green field, Bramble found an acorn in the long grass. In the woods, Bramble found another one.

But there were too many acorns, and Lilly kept forgetting. “We’re going to be here till Tuesday!” said Moss. He sat down on the path. “It’s no good,” he said.

Then Moss had a very good idea. “Every time you hide one, put a little stone on top. The stone remembers for you.”

So every time Lilly hid an acorn, Moss put a small white stone on top. Then they went to Mam’s kitchen and drew a map of all the stones. “Next time you’ll find every single one,” said Bramble.

Year 1 questions

Name: _____

1 What had Lilly lost?

☐ her hat ☐ her acorns ☐ her map

2 Who had the very good idea?

☐ Lilly ☐ Mam ☐ Moss

3 What did Moss put on top of each acorn?

☐ a small white stone ☐ a leaf ☐ a stick

4 What did they draw in Mam's kitchen?

☐ a tree ☐ a map ☐ a squirrel

5 Put these in order. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the boxes.

☐ Moss had a very good idea.

☐ They drew a map in Mam's kitchen.

☐ Bramble found an acorn in the big green field.

6 True or false?

Lilly lives in the big tree at the top. **True** ☐ **False** ☐

Lilly remembered where all her acorns were. **True** ☐ **False** ☐

Moss sat down on the path. **True** ☐ **False** ☐

Year 2: Lilly's Lost Acorns

Name: _____





Some mornings on Thistledown Lane are slow and quiet, with nothing to do but watch the leaves come down. This was not one of those mornings.

"Bramble. Did you hear that?" said Moss. "Hear what?" "That. It went past my ear. Twice."

Something small and orange came down the wall so fast that the leaves spun round behind it. "Hello! Hello hello hello. You haven't seen an acorn, have you?" "I'm sorry," said Bramble, "who are you?"

"Lilly. I live in the big tree at the top. I've got a hundred acorns hidden for winter." "A hundred?" said Moss. "Well. Somewhere between forty and a hundred. That's rather the trouble."

"You've forgotten where you put them," said Bramble. "I've forgotten where I put ALL of them." "Oh dear." "Then we'd better start looking. Come on." And that is how Bramble and Moss met Lilly, and lost their whole morning.

They tried the big green field first, where the grass grows taller than Moss's ears. "I definitely hid one here," said Lilly. "Or possibly over there. Or possibly not here at all." "That's three different answers." "I know! Isn't it exciting?"

They searched the long grass on their paws and knees. And then Bramble stopped. "Lilly. Is this one?" "That's one! That's ACTUALLY one! Oh, you clever hedgehog." "One down," said Moss. "Only ninety-nine to go." Lilly popped it in her satchel, and off they went to the woods.

Under the trees the light came down in stripes, and the ground was thick with leaves. "Right. I hid four here. Or five. Under something." "Under what?" "Something brown." "Lilly," said Moss. "Everything here is brown."

They looked under leaves, and under roots, and under one very surprised beetle. "Found one!" said Bramble. "Wonderful! Now, where were the other four?" "You don't remember." "Not even slightly." "We're going to be here till Tuesday," said Moss.

By the time they reached the hedge, Moss had sat down in the middle of the path and refused to move. "It's no good. There's too many. We find one, and she loses the next." "I'm sorry," said Lilly. "I do go rather fast." "You do," said Bramble. "But you're not the problem, Lilly. The problem is remembering."

And that is when Moss, who had been very quiet, sat up straight. “Then don’t remember.” “Don’t remember?” “Put something on top. Every time you hide one, put a little stone on top. Then you don’t have to remember at all. The stone remembers for you.”

“Moss. That’s a very good idea,” said Bramble. “That’s the BEST idea! Why didn’t I think of that?” “Because you were going too fast.” “...That’s fair.”

So all afternoon they went up and down the lane, and every time Lilly hid an acorn, Moss set a small white stone on top. A stone by the wall. A stone by the gate. A stone at the foot of the big tree. “Look at them all! It’s like a little trail of moons.” “And next time you’ll find every single one.”

And then Bramble had an idea of her own. “Lilly. What if we drew it?” “Drew it?” “A map. All the stones, on one piece of birch bark. Then you’d have it for keeps.” So home they went, to the warmest kitchen on the lane.

“Well now,” said Mam. “Three of you, and one of you I’ve not met.” “Lilly. I’ve lost about ninety acorns today and found eleven.” “That sounds like a day that wants a bun in the middle of it.”

So they sat round the table with the birch bark flat between them, and drew every stone they had laid. “That one’s by the gate,” said Moss. “And that one’s the big tree,” said Bramble. “And that one’s... do you know, I actually remember that one.” “There you are,” said Mam. “That’s what friends are for.”

Lilly folded the map into her satchel, next to her eleven acorns. “Can I come back tomorrow?” “Only if you go slower,” said Moss. “I’ll try. I won’t manage it. But I’ll try.”

“If a job’s too big to remember, don’t remember it. Make a mark, and let the mark do the remembering.” And that’s how the acorns got found, down on Thistledown Lane.





Year 2 questions

Name: _____

1 Why had Lilly hidden her acorns? (1 mark) 1b

2 Lilly "popped it in her **satchel**". What is a satchel? (1 mark) 1a

☐ a bag you carry ☐ a kind of hat ☐ a hole in a tree

3 In the woods, Lilly said she hid her acorns under "something brown". Find and copy the sentence Moss says that shows why this did not help. (1 mark) 1a

4 Name **two** places where Moss set a stone. (2 marks) 1b

5 Number these events from 1 to 4. (1 mark) 1c

- ☐ Moss has the idea of putting a stone on top.
- ☐ They draw a map on birch bark.
- ☐ Bramble finds an acorn in the long grass.
- ☐ Moss sits down in the middle of the path.

6 Lilly said she had "Somewhere between forty and a hundred" acorns. What does this tell you about her? (1 mark) 1d

7 Why did Moss say, "We're going to be here till Tuesday"? (1 mark) 1d

8 Lilly said the stones looked "like a little trail of moons". Why do you think she said this? (1 mark) 1d

9 Lilly asked, "Can I come back tomorrow?" How do you think she will find her acorns next time? Use the story to explain. (1 mark) 1e

Answers

Year 1

1. her acorns
2. Moss
3. a small white stone
4. a map
5. 1 Bramble found an acorn in the big green field. 2 Moss had a very good idea. 3 They drew a map in Mam's kitchen.
6. True; False (she had forgotten where she put all of them); True

Year 2 (total 10 marks)

1. For winter. ("I've got a hundred acorns hidden for winter.")
2. a bag you carry
3. "Everything here is brown." (Accept: Lilly, everything here is brown.)
4. Any two, 1 mark each: by the wall; by the gate; at the foot of the big tree.
5. Bramble finds an acorn in the long grass (1); Moss sits down in the middle of the path (2); Moss has the idea of putting a stone on top (3); They draw a map on birch bark (4).
6. She does not know how many acorns she hid. She is forgetful (she had forgotten where she put all of them).
7. Finding the acorns was taking a very long time, because there were so many and Lilly could not remember where any of them were.
8. The stones were small and white, and there were lots of them in a line, like little moons.
9. Any sensible answer linked to the story, for example: she will use the birch-bark map in her satchel, or look for the small white stones, because the stones remember for her.