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# before reading

- 1 The title of the story about Prince Jake is *Monster Madness!* Can you **say** the title? Here are some more words beginning with “M” which appear in the story. **Say** them too!

Madness Mythical

Moat Majesty Medicine

Monster Morania Mum

- 2 **Look** at the picture on the front cover of the book. **Circle** the answer you think is correct.

Prince Jake is holding a... \_\_\_\_\_

compass. biscuit. ball.

Jake is dressed as a... \_\_\_\_\_

monster. captain. king.

Behind Jake there is a... \_\_\_\_\_

monster. submarine. castle.

- 3 Look at the title of the book again. “Monster Madness.” **Underline** the words which mean the same as “Madness.”

craziness happiness horror sadness foolishness lunacy



4 **Look** at the back cover of the book. **Decide** if these sentences are True (T) or False (F).

The monster is real.

The monster lives in the castle.

The monster is causing problems.

Jake has problems.

5 The story is all about monsters and unexpected creatures. Can you find information and describe these mythical creatures?

Sphynx: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phoenix: \_\_\_\_\_

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Minotaur: \_\_\_\_\_

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6 We can see something similar to a monster in the picture on the front cover. What do you know about monsters? **Tick** the best options.

Monsters...

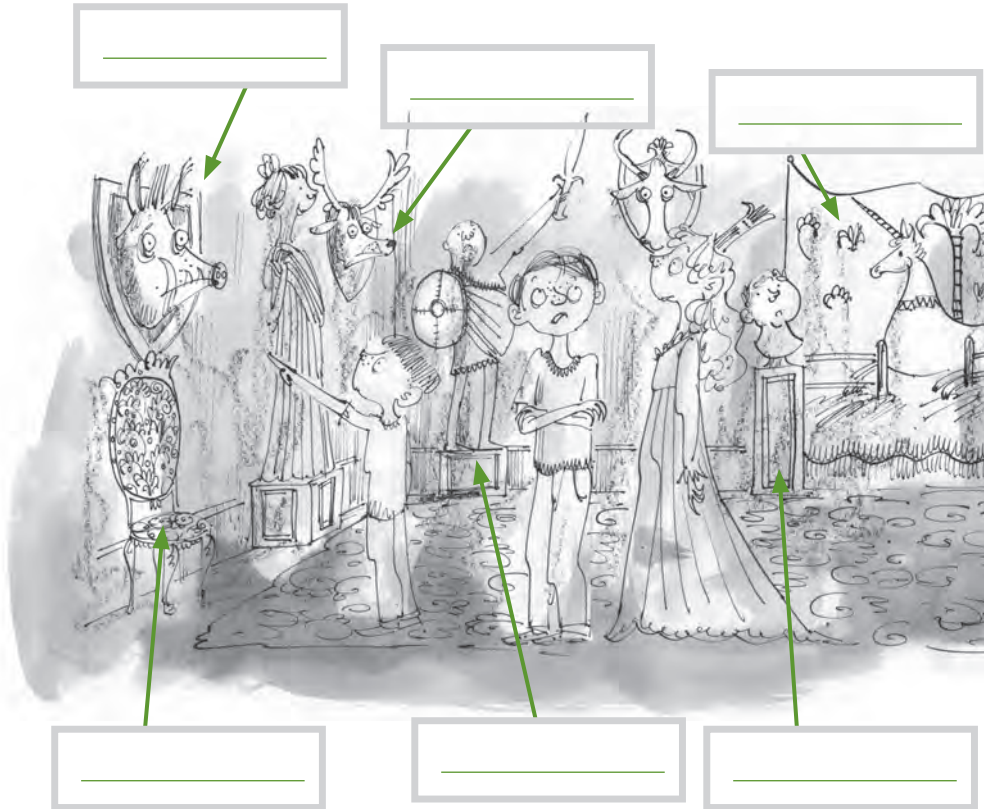
live in palaces.  are ugly.  eat children.

are smelly.  are afraid of water.  wear hats.

# during reading

## Chapter 1

- 1 **Read** Chapter 1. The royal children are in the Great Hall. Can you **name** the objects? **Label** the picture.



- 2 Jake says his present for his mum's birthday is a surprise. What do you imagine it could be? **Write** 3 different options.

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- 3 Can you **draw** the box (with Jake's secret present inside)?

- 4 **Listen** to Chapter 1 on the CD while you read your book. Can you **repeat** these sentences and sound like King Nicholas whispering to the royal children?

*Pssst! Come here!*

*Stop it!...It's me, the King!*

*Quick!...Before your mother sees us!*

*Good,...So, what have you got for her?*

*Very pretty,...She'll love it. What about you, boys?*

*And Jake. What about you? What surprises have you planned for your mother's birthday tomorrow?*

- 5 **Choose** the 7 correct words to **describe** Jake's monster.

tiny gigantic purple ten moat  
animals green plants fish smelly  
sticky eight river insects

The moat monster has \_\_\_\_\_ tentacles, with horrid \_\_\_\_\_ warts on each one. Every wart is full of \_\_\_\_\_ poison, and when the monster catches a victim, poison drips onto them and covers the victim with green, smelly warts too. It lives at the bottom of the \_\_\_\_\_ and when it farts, big poisonous bubbles of smelly gas escape and kill all the \_\_\_\_\_. It has one \_\_\_\_\_ eye which can see in the dark. It will eat anything. \_\_\_\_\_, children, members of the royal family... and servants. It loves eating servants!

## Chapters 2 and 3

- 1 **Listen** to Chapter 2 on the CD while you read your book. Can you **repeat** these sentences and sound frightening like Prince Jake?

*The monster lives at the bottom of the moat...*

*And it has one gigantic eye which can see in the dark...*

*The monster catches its victims its tentacles...*

*It will eat anything. Animals, children, members of the royal family...*

*It loves eating servants!*

*Sometimes, it bites off their heads in one giant mouthful!*

- 2 The Queen's presents weren't wrapped up. Do you remember why? **Complete** the sentences.

The King's present (Bella Piccolo) wasn't wrapped up because

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The prime Minister's present wasn't wrapped up because

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Princess Petunia's present wasn't wrapped up because

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Prince Ned's present wasn't wrapped up because

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Jake's present wasn't wrapped up because

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- 3 The gold telephone started to ring and Boris the Butler hurried to answer it. **Write** Boris' conversation with the reporter.

*Boris:* Moranian Castle, Boris speaking. How can I...?

*Reporter:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Boris:* What? Is this a joke?

*Reporter:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Boris: (talking to the King and Queen)* Sorry, Your Majesties. It's a reporter from The Scoop. He wants to know if you have any information on the...er...er...

*Reporter:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Boris:* He wants to know if you have any information on the bone-eating monster living in the royal moat.

*King:* The bone-eating what? Put the phone down, Boris. It must be a joke. Honestly! A monster in the moat, really!

- 4 Queen Caroline gets a lot of presents for her birthday. **Match** the present to the person who gave it.

a Song

a rose garden

a horse

a card with a diamond

a card with rubies

a stableblock

lots of birthday cards

lots of flowers

a surprise

The Prime Minister  
and the government

King Nicholas

King Nicholas

Princess Petunia

Princess Petunia

The Moranian people

Jake

Prince Ned

Prince Ned



# during reading

## Chapters 4 and 5

- 1 As usual Jake and Petunia are fighting. **Unscramble** the words to make sentences and **write** the things they do to each other.

Her / princess / pulled / The / brother. / face / a / at

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Jake. / Petunia / tongue / at / her / out / stuck

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present. / loudly / laughed / Petunia / Jake / have / because / a / didn't

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Jake. / Princess / at / screamed / Prince / Petunia

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monster. / he / She / was / said / a

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- 2 **Fill** in the gaps with the correct words.

**submarine moat dock sky basement**

**periscope TV screen engine room**

The dungeons and dock were in the \_\_\_\_\_.

The submarine was in the \_\_\_\_\_.

The diamond lamp was in the \_\_\_\_\_.

The captain was in the \_\_\_\_\_.

The fish were on the \_\_\_\_\_.

The helicopters were in the \_\_\_\_\_.

The pondweed was on the \_\_\_\_\_.

The reporter was in the \_\_\_\_\_.

- 3 Jake's present to the Queen was a ride in the Moat Monster. **Circle** all the different things they saw. Then, use the letters you didn't circle to **discover** the secret message.

VAULT  
STAIRS  
BASEMENT  
DUNGEONS  
RING  
DOCK  
SUBMARINE  
HATCH  
MOAT  
FISH  
TUNNEL  
PONDWEED  
REPORTERS

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A	P	F	P	M	Y	B	U	U	R
P	I	I	R	O	T	H	B	N	E
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N	U	H	A	T	C	H	A	E	O
D	O	C	K	E	E	N	R	L	R
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Secret message: \_\_\_\_\_

- 4 Listen to Chapter 5 on the CD while you read your book.

Can you repeat these sentences from Chapter 5 and sound like Queen Caroline as she enjoys her birthday?

*A submarine ride?...Is this my surprise?*

*You mean...we're going to play a joke on them?*

*Oh, yes,...I think we're ready!*

*This is going to be so much fun!*

*They really believe that this is a m-m-monster!*



## Chapters 6

1 **Circle** True (T) or False (F).

The reporter in the water was rescued by the submarine.

Jake and his mum wanted to try piloting the submarine.

The submarine hit a wall.

The flashing green light meant everything was OK.

The underground vault was enormous.

Jake planned to give his mum the diamond ring.

2 The monster in the story is not real. Jake invented it. **Draw** a picture of your imaginary monster.



- 3 Listen to Chapter 6 on the CD while you read your book. Can you **re-peat** these sentences and sound like happy Prince Jake and his excited mum?

*Mum look!...*

*...This is the last part of the present. Happy Birthday!*

*Thank you sweetheart!...*

*...Oh, thank you for all of this! ...*

*...This has been the most exciting, unusual birthday surprise I've ever had!*

- 4 Can you **spot** the spelling mistakes in the following extract? **Mark** the wrong words and **write** the extract correctly in your notebook.

Up in the nose of the sudmarine it felt like bing in a plane. There were suitches and butons everywhere, and two big winbows at the front, with a line of layghts shining into the water of the mot.

The Queen went first, as it was her birtday. Capitain Bill showed her how to mobe the submarine down in the water and how to piloth it alon the moat.

When it was Jake's turn he quikly sat down in the driving sit. It was so fonny seeing the fish swim pats the window and...Hey, what was that? Jake sudenly saw one of his homework books swimming past. Oops! Hope Mam didn't see that!

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# after reading

- 1 Who said it? **Write** the name next to the sentence.

Jake   the servant   the Monster  
the Queen   Ned   the reporter

Dad's making sure we haven't forgotten. \_\_\_\_\_

That was a good...story, Your Highness. \_\_\_\_\_

I *didn't* forget. \_\_\_\_\_

Any news about the monster? \_\_\_\_\_

GRRRRRR! \_\_\_\_\_

Shall we explore? \_\_\_\_\_

- 2 Look at the glossary at the end of the book. Choose 6 words and write a sentence with each one.

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Put the pictures in the order they happen in the story. Write a sentence to describe each picture.



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# after reading

- 4 In the royal castle things are more extravagant than in normal homes. Do you **remember** the expensive objects that Jake and his family used in their day to day lives? For example, the Queen's birthday cards (except Jake's!)

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- 5 **Match** the beginning and end of each sentence. **Read** *The whole Story* it out loud to your partner.

It was nearly Queen Caroline's birthday...

...and took his mum down under the castle.

The Prune had a new project for class...

...for his mum!

The servant heard Jake talking about his monster...

...and Jake spent the whole afternoon inventing a monster.

The next day the castle was surrounded...

...but they got lost under the castle.

The King, Petunia and Ned gave the Queen their presents...

...and looked out through the periscope.

He suddenly had a great plan...

...and thought it was true.

They travelled in the submarine into the moat...

...but Jake still had nothing.

The submarine appeared covered in pondweed...

...and the king checked that everyone had got her a present.

Jake and the Queen piloted the submarine...

...and surprised the reporters.

They found a secret vault and Jake discovered a beautiful ring...

...by reporters and helicopters.

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The Queen got a lot of presents for her birthday. **Draw** your present for Queen Caroline and **explain** why did you choose yours.



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# after reading

- 7 Queen Caroline really enjoyed her birthday and she wrote about it in her diary. **Write** the Queen's diary for the day.

Dear Diary,

Today it was my birthday and lots of things happened.

At breakfast this morning...

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Then we all went outside...

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Unfortunately...

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Later I met Jake and...

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It was my best birthday ever!