

Martha's Hedgehog Diary

Useful Words

tally chart

mealworms

sign

recovery

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Monday 4th June

Today, Dad dropped me off at Grandpa's house for a week. I am really excited because Grandpa is a lot of fun. He loves animals, just like me. Tomorrow, we are going to make a list of all the birds we can see in his garden.



Tuesday 5th June

This morning, we filled up the bird feeders and topped up the water in the bird bath. Grandpa says this is important as it has been so hot lately and all the animals are thirsty. Then, I made a tally chart of all the birds we saw. I saw 18 sparrows, seven blackbirds, three robins and one little wren. They loved Grandpa's bird bath.

Wednesday 6th June

Something amazing happened today... I saw a hedgehog! It was crawling along the grass towards the bird bath. Grandpa brought it inside. He says it's not normal to see hedgehogs during the day so he thinks this one might be poorly. He gave it some water and fed it some mealworms. The worms stank but it ate them all up!



Grandpa found an old rabbit hutch and put it in the shed. We put the hedgehog inside it with lots of fresh water and some dog food. I hope it is feeling better tomorrow.

Thursday 7th June

8 a.m.

I woke up early today to check on our new friend. When I looked in the shed, it was curled up in a little ball. It was so cute! Most of the dog food has gone. Grandpa says that is a good sign. We think that the hedgehog is a boy. I'm going to call him Little Hoggy.

8 p.m.

It's now late on Thursday evening. I should have gone to bed at 7 p.m. but I've been up with Little Hoggy. He isn't well. He won't eat his food and his right eye is closed. Grandpa says he will take him to the vets in the morning.



Friday 8th June

The vet was really nice. She said that Little Hoggy has a poorly ear. She's keeping him overnight and we can phone her again in the morning. I hope Little Hoggy will be OK.

Saturday 9th June

Grandpa phoned the vets first thing this morning. Afterwards, he explained that Little Hoggy had been taken to a hedgehog hospital. Grandpa said that's the best place for him but it still made me sad.

Sunday 10th June

Today was the last day with Grandpa and I didn't want to leave. He gave me a great big hug and I cried. He told me he'd let me know about Little Hoggy as soon as he heard anything. I haven't stopped thinking about him ever since.

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Sunday 1st July (three weeks later)

Today was amazing! Dad took me to Grandpa's house. I couldn't believe my eyes when we got there. It was Little Hoggy! Only, he isn't little anymore. He's grown so much!

Grandpa said that Little Hoggy had made a full recovery at the hedgehog hospital. He said we now had to return him to the wild. We went outside and Grandpa let me pick Little Hoggy up. He was really prickly! I put him near the bushes at the bottom of the garden. Little Hoggy sniffed around and then we all watched him disappear under the hedge.

It was the best day ever!



1. List two things that Martha and Grandpa did on Tuesday 5th June

1. _____

2. _____

2. How many robins did Martha see?

Tick **one**.

three

seven

eighteen

twenty

3. *It was crawling along the grass towards the bird bath.*

Why do you think that the hedgehog was crawling towards the bird bath?

Tick **one**.

It was looking for a bird to eat.

It wanted to have a wash.

It needed to have a drink.

It did not like water.

4. Tick **true** or **false** for each statement about the hedgehog.

Statement	True	False
He normally comes out during the day.		
It did not eat any of the mealworms.		
It ate lots of dog food.		
The hedgehog ran out of the rabbit hutch.		



1 mark



1 mark



1 mark



2 marks



total for

5. Why do you think that Martha woke up early on Thursday 7th June?



6. Look at the diary entry from Friday 8th June.
Find and copy one word which describes the vet.



7. *Grandpa said that's the best place for him...*
Do you think Grandpa is right? Give a reason for your answer.



8. *Today was the last day with Grandpa and I didn't want to leave.*
Why do you think that Martha didn't want to leave?
Tick **one**.

because she wanted to make sure little Hoggy was okay

because she thought that grandpa would be lonely

because she does not like her bedroom at home

because it would take a long time to get home



9. *Little Hoggy had made a full recovery.*

What does the phrase *full recovery* mean?

Tick **one**

to go on a long journey

to get completely better

to make a big mistake

to eat too much food



10. What might Little Hoggy have been thinking as he disappeared under the hedge?



1 mark

11. Draw **three** lines to show what each person does in the story:

Dad

found an old rabbit hutch

Grandpa

made a tally chart of birds

Martha

dropped Martha off



1 mark

12. What do you think might happen the next time that Martha visits Grandpa?



1 mark

13. Look at the whole story.

Number the sentences 1 to 5 to show the order that they happen in the story. The first one has been done for you.

The vet said that Little Hoggy has a poorly ear.

Martha and Grandpa filled up the bird feeders.

Little Hoggy was taken to the hedgehog hospital.

Martha was really excited to see Grandpa.

Grandpa brought the hedgehog inside.



1 mark