

There's No Such Thing as a Dragon

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- 1 Billy Bixbee was rather surprised when he woke one morning and found a dragon in his room.
- 3 It was a small dragon, about the size of a kitten.
- 4 The dragon wagged its tail happily when Billy patted its head.
- 5 Billy went downstairs to tell his mother.
- 6 "There's no such thing as a dragon!" said Billy's mother. And she said it as if she meant it.
- 8 Billy went back to his room and began to dress. The dragon came close to Billy and wagged his tail. But Billy didn't pat it. If there's no such thing as something, it's silly to pat it on the head.
- 11 Billy washed his face and hands and went down to breakfast. The dragon went too. It was bigger now, almost the size of a dog.



Challenge 1

1 Tick **three** facts we know from the first sentence.

The dragon was called Billy. The dragon was in Billy's room.

Billy saw the dragon in the morning. Billy had a pet dragon.

Billy was surprised to see the dragon.

2 Number these events in the order in which we are told them.

Billy went downstairs.

Billy patted the dragon's head.

Billy did not pat the dragon's head.

Billy's mother said, "There's no such thing as a dragon!"

3 Read the sentence. Underline the word that tells you how the dragon felt when Billy patted its head.

"The dragon wagged its tail happily when Billy patted its head." (line 4)

4 How do you think Billy felt when he was getting dressed? Tick the **one** answer.

He felt happy because there was a dragon in his room.

He felt cross with his mother because she did not listen to him.

He felt confused because there was a dragon but his mother said it did not exist.

He felt silly because he had already patted the dragon's head.

5 Complete the sentences.

At first, the dragon was about the size of a _____.

When Billy went down to breakfast, the dragon was about the size of a

_____.

6 Why do you think the dragon was bigger by the time Billy went down to breakfast?

Write the question number and then answer the questions:

Answers: