

# Willie Whiskers

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- 1 Willie Whiskers lived at 3, Orangeblossom Avenue. His front door was a little hole in the skirting board of the kitchen. His back door led to the larder. This was the most important part of the house for Willie Whiskers and his family. It was full of good things to eat.
- 5 Willie Whiskers lived with his mum and dad, Mr and Mrs Whiskers, and all his brothers and sisters. Willie Whiskers wasn't sure how many. Some days he thought there were nine and some days he thought there were ten.
- 8 Willie Whiskers couldn't count very well. He was also bad at adding up. He was best at eating up. He was fat. He was very fat. He looked like a hairy golf ball.
- 11 "A young mouse should not be so round," said Mr Whiskers.
- 12 "What?" said Willie Whiskers. He was dreaming of biscuit crumbs.
- 13 "You're too fat," said Mrs Whiskers. "If you're not careful, you'll get stuck one day."



Challenge 1

- 1 When Willie went out of his front door, where would he be?

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- 2 "*His back door led to the larder.*"

What does the word "*larder*" mean? Tick **one**.

a special place in the mousehole

the kitchen

the playground

the room where food is stored

- 3 Why do you think Willie Whiskers is not sure about how many brothers and sisters he has?

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- 4 "*He was also bad at adding up. He was best at eating up.*" (paragraph 3)

What does this tell you about Willie Whiskers?

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- 5 "*He was fat. He was very fat. He looked like a hairy golf ball.*" (paragraph 3)

Why do you think the author tells us the same thing in three different ways?

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- 6 What might happen to Willie later in the story?

### **Challenge 1**

Write the question number and then answer the questions:

**Answers:**