

Section A

1. Why was Plop feeling very lively in the evening?

2. What does the person call Plop?

3. Who did Plop think he looked like in the drawing?

4. Did the young lady like Plop’s screech? How do you know?

Section B

5. What does ‘hurriedly’ mean?

6. Why is Plop cross that the young lady isn’t Father Christmas?

7. Why did Plop think the lady had her sketch book the wrong way up?

8. Why doesn’t Plop’s mother recommend eating a hedgehog?

Section C

9. What adjectives are used to describe Mr Barn Owl’s beak?

10. “Standing a little way from the tree was someone wearing shiny black boots, a bright red fur coat with a matching hat, and what looked like a white beard.” Who do you think Plop thinks this is?

11. Why didn’t the person’s voice sound right?

12. What does ‘fascinating’ mean?

Section D

13. What do you think ‘obediently’ means?

14. How did Mr Barn Owl feel about Plop waking him up?

15. Why did Plop feel the young lady had sketched him at the wrong end of the book?

16. What do you think ‘reproachfully’ means?

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Section A

Three of the statements are true and three are false. Tick to show which are true and false below.

	True	False
Plop wasn't feeling hungry.		
Mr Barn Owl didn't mind being woken up.		
Mr Barn Owl calls Plop a "day bird".		
Mr Barn Owl had a small, straight beak.		
Mrs Barn Owl was sleepy.		
Plop toppled forward and landed on his face.		

Section B

Put the words into the correct order to make sentences. Remember to add capital letters and full stops.

glared he plop at

peered leaves the plop through down

quickly up looked plop

her not plop with was

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Section C

Add the missing question marks and exclamation marks to the sentences below.

Why don't you go and talk to her

How gorgeous your screech is

That's Father Christmas

Are you all right

May I draw a picture of you

I'm not bald like that

Section D

Add the numbers 1 – 6 to the events below to show which order they appear in the chapter.

He fell off his branch in such a hurry that he forgot either to shut his eyes *or* to take a deep breath.

Plop went to the nest-hole to complain to his mother. A sleepy Mrs Barn Owl listened sympathetically.

Plop bobbed his funny little bow. Then he took off and circled round, 'eeking' for all he was worth.

The Father Christmas lady sat on a log and began to draw.

He could hardly believe his eyes when it was finished. "Is that really me?" he said. "I look just like Daddy – well, almost."

"Well, dear, I should go and find out some more about the world if I were you."