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Summer fun

Cast

Katy	A quiet, kind, clever girl.
Helen	Katy's cousin who loves talking and doing exciting things.
Frank	A quiet, kind boy.
Dan	Frank's friend who is loud and funny and likes doing exciting things.
Mr Whistle	A man who lives in a large house next to Katy's home.
A wild horse	

Scene 1

Helen and Katy's large garden with high trees. Katy is texting. Helen is dancing.



Helen You're very quiet, Katy. Who are you sending messages to now?

Katy No-one! It's a secret.

Helen Tell me.

Katy No, I can't. Sorry. It's just someone who needs my help.

Helen Boring! Turn off your phone and come and play with me. This tree is as tall as the mountains. I'm going to climb to the top, find answers to the world's four most important questions and then draw pictures of iguanas or eagles or foxes or dinosaurs or something. Let's do it together.

Katy In a minute! Just let me ...

Helen OK, but hurry! I can already think of two questions ...

Katy All right. There. Message sent. But I need to keep my phone in my pocket. Have you got some paper?

Helen Yes!

Katy And some crayons?

Helen No, mine are missing. I can't remember where I put them. Perhaps you could give ...

Katy Yes, OK. You can borrow mine. Don't drop them. Look after them, please. Actually ... I'm going to carry them. Go on then. You go first.



Scene 2

The girls are climbing up the tree, Helen first, Katy next. Katy is carrying the paper and crayons. Next to their large garden is lots of open land where a white horse is eating grass. A man on a quad bike is riding into view.



Helen Come on! You're really slow.

Katy I know. I'm trying, but I'm not as good as you at climbing.

Helen Here, take my hand. There. We're at the top. It's amazing up here, isn't it? Now. Question number one. Why don't people let children drive racing cars?

Katy Racing cars? Well, only a few really brave and clever people do that. Anyway, they're really dangerous and difficult to drive. But you can drive one if you play Dan's new computer game!

Helen Dan's fun, but he's too noisy.

Katy Really?

Helen Yes. OK. Second question. Why do kids have to go to school? I want to be an artist or a mechanic, the manager of an expensive shoe shop, a famous photographer or film star, a queen of, of ... anywhere or a wonderful clothes designer!

Katy I know. But you have to study and practice for a long time to be all those things, Helen. Well, not to be a queen perhaps ...

Helen Hmm. OK. Third thing. Why are mangoes more orange inside than oranges? And my fourth question – cats love mice. Right? We can only buy meat or fish food for our cat. Why can't you buy cat food that tastes like mice instead?

Katy I don't know, Helen.

Helen All right! Well, let's forget about the world's problems. Give me my paper and your crayons and let's start looking for iguanas, eagles, foxes and dinosaurs.

Katy [laughing] You are funny! You know dinosaurs are extinct, [pointing] but THEY aren't!

Helen What? Who?

Katy Frank and Dan ... look! They're racing across Mr Whistle's land. Mr Whistle's chasing them on his quad bike.



Helen And that wild white horse is running after them, too.

Dan [Calling to farmer] We're sorry!

Helen What did they do? Perhaps they took some of his grapes, lemons or apples.

Dan We said we're sorry!

Katy [calling] Frank! We're up here. Are you OK?

Dan [shouting] No, he's not! But we can run as fast as the wind, can't we, Frank?

Frank Can we? Quick! There's the gate.

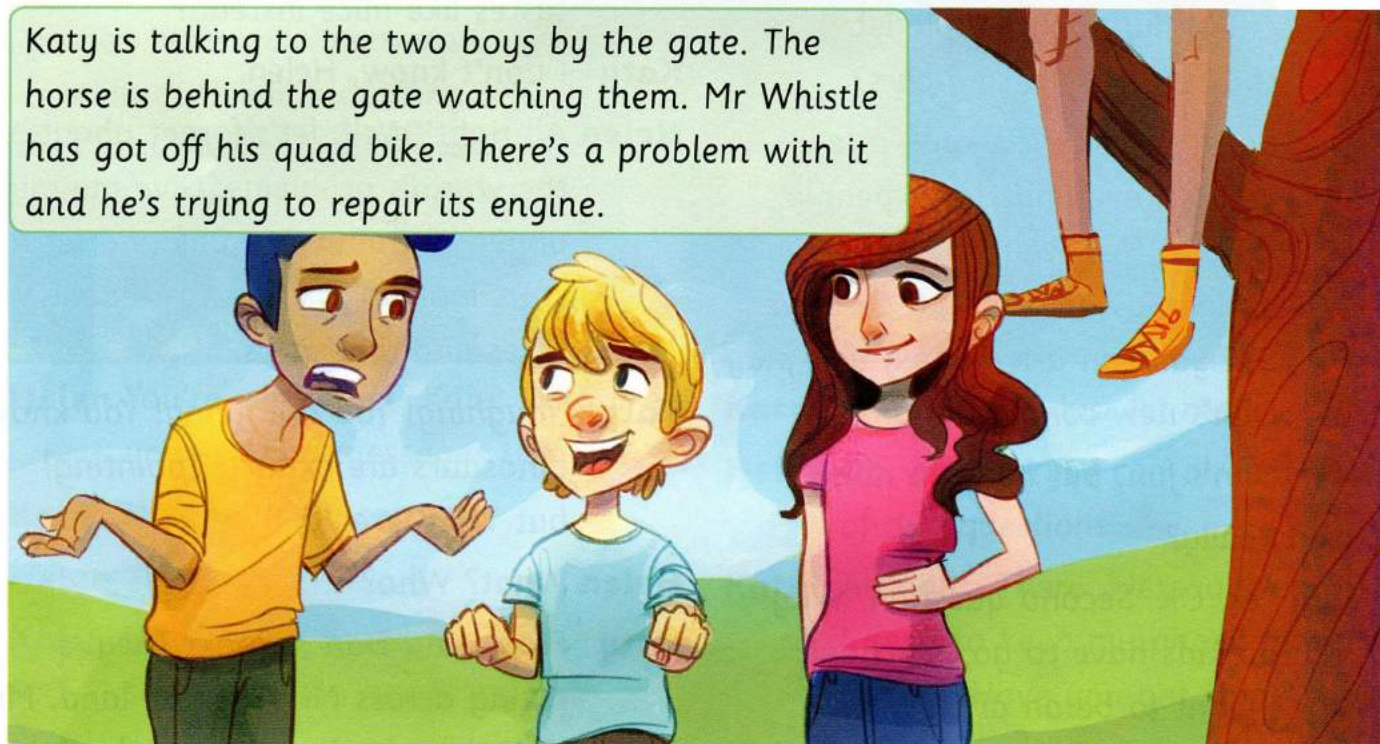
Katy I'm worried about them. They might fall over. I'm going to climb down and run to meet them.

Helen Well, I'm not. I'm going to stay up here. I'm sure there are dinosaurs here somewhere. Give me your phone before you go, Katy. Then if I see one, I can take a photo of it and send it to all the newspapers.

Katy All right. But be careful with it.

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Scene 3

Katy is talking to the two boys by the gate. The horse is behind the gate watching them. Mr Whistle has got off his quad bike. There's a problem with it and he's trying to repair its engine.



Katy Why were Mr Whistle and that horse chasing you?

Dan Mr Whistle was angry because we took some of his grapes.

Frank Because YOU took some grapes.

Dan To give to that horse. The horse was running after us because ...

Frank Because it wanted the grapes!

Katy Whose idea was that?

Dan Frank's.

Frank Dan's. [giving Katy some grapes] Would you like some?

Katy Not now, Frank.

Frank [quietly] Hey, thanks for keeping my secret.

Katy That's OK.

Frank And thanks for helping me. You're so kind and your idea was really great.



Katy Sshhh.

Dan Why are you two whispering?

Katy We aren't whispering.

Dan And where's Helen?

Katy She's at the top of her tree. Look! She should come and join us. We could go to the stream. There might be frogs in some of the little ponds there, too. Helen! Come down as quickly as you can. We're going to the stream with you or without you! Oh look. She's coming. I hope she doesn't fall ... Helen, no! Don't jump! That's too high.

[Helen arrives.]

Dan Hi, Helen. OK?

Helen Sure.

Dan Are you going to come with us, then? We're going to look for frogs.

Helen That sounds so boring.

Dan Aren't you interested in frogs?

Helen No. I'm interested in racing cars, exciting jobs, mangoes, cat food, iguanas, foxes, eagles and dinosaurs at the moment.

Frank Perhaps we could look for those in the stream too, then!

Helen You mean racing cars?

Dan No!

Katy Mangoes?

Frank No!

Helen Cat food?

Dan No!

Katy Iguanas? Foxes? Eagles?

Frank Perhaps!

Helen Dinosaurs?

Dan Yes!

[Everyone laughs.]

