# Short-burst year 4 comprehension



## **Questions**

## Pre-reading work

Match the words to their closest synonym.

strange

among

glossy

trailing

muffler

pleasant

amidst

pondering

dragging

scarf

agreeable

unusual

shiny

### **Skimming and scanning for information**

Find the words above in the text below and highlight them.

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the wardrobe door	
a lamp-post	
a torch	
the Sun	
ow did Lucy know something was approaching her? (1 mark)  she saw something	
she smelt something	
she felt something	
she heard something	
here did the strange person emerge from? (1 mark)	
the trees	
the wardrobe	
the snow	
the shadows	

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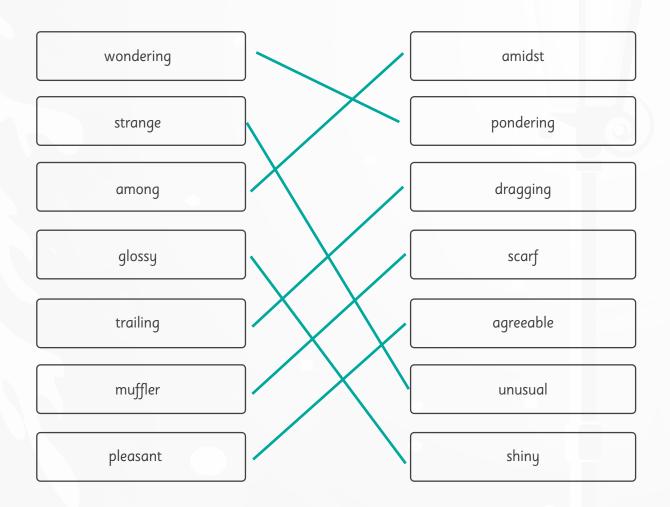
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# **Summarise**

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Lucy finds a strange looking man whilst she is exploring in the woods.

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3. Where did the strange person emerge from? (1 mark)

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4. What is the weather like in this scene? Use evidence from the text to support your answer. (2 marks)

It is cold and snowing. I know this because in the text it says 'white with snow', 'to keep it trailing in the snow', 'a red woollen muffler'. This shows that it had been snowing heavily recently as the snow has settled and it is cold enough to need a scarf.

5. Why did it look like he had been doing his Christmas shopping? Use evidence from the text to support your answer. (2 marks)

It looks like he has been doing his Christmas shopping because he is carrying several parcels. It is also snowing which suggests it is winter. Snow is often associated with Christmas, as is buying and wrapping parcels.

6. Draw a picture of the Faun in the box below using the description in the text to support you. Label it with key words and phrases.

Children to draw a picture and include some of the following features:

- an umbrella over his head
- waist upwards = a man's body
- · legs like a goat
- · legs are covered in black, shiny fur
- · hoofs as feet
- · a tail held over his arm
- · a red scarf around his neck
- reddish skin
- a short pointed beard
- · curly hair
- two horns: one on either side of his forehead
- carrying several brown-paper parcels in his other hand