

Stormy day

When William woke up, he could hear the wind blowing outside. The trees were waving and millions of leaves were bashing against each other making a loud swishing noise.

William could hear a banging sound so he looked out of the window. The shed door was open. The wind kept knocking it backwards and forwards.

Will got out of bed and got dressed quickly. He opened the back door carefully so that the wind didn't catch hold of it. He closed the door behind him and walked down the path towards the shed. He had to struggle to walk because the wind was so strong.

The shed door was swinging dangerously. When the wind blew and the door closed, Will rushed to the shed and pushed the bolt across.

He turned to go back to the house and saw his mum.

"What are you doing outside, Will?" called Mum.

"It's too dangerous in this wind."

"I'm all right!" shouted Will.

Suddenly there was a loud crashing noise. A huge tree came crashing down right across the garden. The path was completely blocked.



Name: _____ Date: _____

Why did Will get dressed quickly?

Why was Will struggling to walk down the path?

How did Will manage to bolt the door safely?

Why did Will have to shout to his Mum?

Describe how you think William would get back to the house.

Notes for teachers

Read the passage through with the children, ensuring that they understand the sequence of events. Discuss each of the questions with pupils before they attempt their answers. The final question provides the children with an opportunity to write creatively. Encourage them to empathise with Will: how would they feel in his position? What would Mum do? What would Will do? Would anybody else be involved?