

The Christmas Ghost

("A spooky Christmas story", "fiction")

It was a cold night in December, just days before Christmas. Anna and her little brother, Ben, stayed at their grandmother's old house. The house was big, dark, and full of creaky noises. "Don't worry," Grandma said. "This house is old, but it is safe."

That evening, Anna and Ben decorated a small Christmas tree in the living room. The fireplace glowed warmly, and they hung red stockings on the mantel. But as the clock struck midnight, the house felt colder. Anna woke up and heard a strange sound. It was soft, like a whisper. "Who's there?" she called. No one answered.

She tiptoed down the stairs to check. The Christmas tree lights flickered. Suddenly, a shadow moved across the room. "Ben? Is that you?" she asked, her voice shaking. But it wasn't Ben.

A figure appeared by the tree. It was pale and wore old-fashioned clothes, like from a hundred years ago. "Don't be afraid," the figure said softly. "I was once a child here too." Anna froze in fear but didn't run. The figure continued, "I lost my favorite toy one Christmas long ago. I've been looking for it ever since."

Anna took a deep breath. "What does it look like?" she asked. The ghost smiled sadly. "It's a wooden train."

Ben suddenly appeared on the stairs, rubbing his eyes. "Anna, what's going on?" he asked sleepily. Anna quickly told him about the ghost. "We have to help!" Ben said, forgetting his fear.

Together, they searched the house. In the attic, under an old blanket, they found a dusty wooden train. "This must be it!" Anna said. They carried it back downstairs. The ghost was waiting by the tree.

"Thank you," the ghost whispered. It held the train and smiled brightly. Slowly, it faded away into the night. The house felt warm again, and the Christmas tree lights glowed brighter than ever.

The next morning, Grandma asked why they looked so tired. "It's a long story," Anna said, smiling. She looked at Ben, and they both knew they had shared a Christmas they would never forget.

Questions

1. Where were Anna and Ben staying before Christmas?
2. What did Anna hear at midnight?
3. What kind of clothes did the ghost wear?
4. Why was the ghost sad?
5. What did the ghost ask Anna to find?
6. Who found the wooden train?
7. Where did Anna and Ben find the wooden train?
8. How did the house feel after the ghost left?
9. What did the ghost do after getting the train?
10. Why was this Christmas special for Anna and Ben?

Multiple Choice Questions

1. Where were Anna and Ben staying before Christmas?
 - a) At a hotel
 - b) At their grandmother's house
 - c) At their parents' house
2. What did Anna hear at midnight?
 - a) A loud crash
 - b) A soft whisper
 - c) Music playing
3. What kind of clothes did the ghost wear?
 - a) Old-fashioned clothes
 - b) A Santa suit
 - c) Modern clothes
4. Why was the ghost sad?
 - a) It lost its favorite toy
 - b) It was cold
 - c) It wanted to scare them
5. What did the ghost ask Anna to find?
 - a) A Christmas stocking
 - b) A wooden train
 - c) A golden star
6. Who found the wooden train?
 - a) Anna and Ben together
 - b) Only Anna
 - c) Only Ben
7. Where did Anna and Ben find the wooden train?
 - a) In the basement
 - b) Under the Christmas tree
 - c) In the attic
8. How did the house feel after the ghost left?
 - a) Warm and peaceful
 - b) Dark and cold
 - c) No different

9. What did the ghost do after getting the train?
- a) Danced around the tree
 - b) Faded away into the night
 - c) Stayed and talked to them
10. Why was this Christmas special for Anna and Ben?
- a) They got new presents
 - b) They met a ghost and helped it
 - c) They visited a new place

