

Ten Little Lights

At the edge of a wintry wood, a large house stood silent and still. The silvery light of the cold, clear sky reflected off the fresh white snow below.

A warm golden glow attracted a rat, who was scurrying in the frozen leaves.

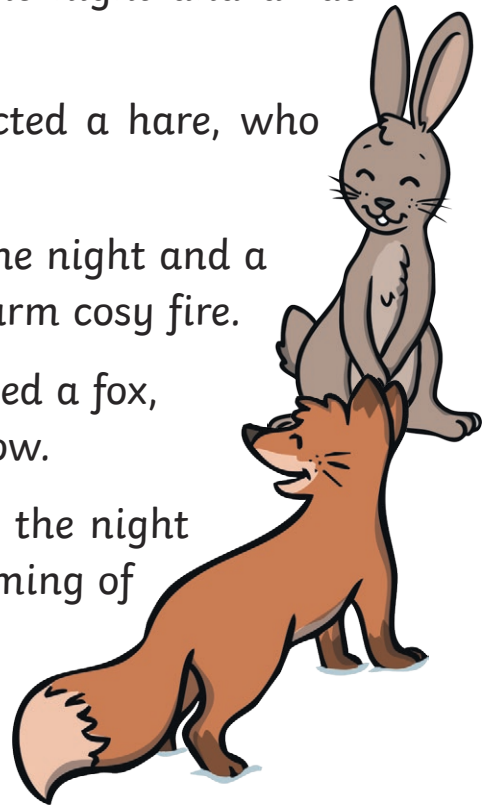
One little light was shining out in the night and a rat was dreaming of a warm cosy fire.

The glow became brighter and attracted a hare, who was snuffling in some crunchy twigs.

Two little lights were shining out in the night and a rat and a hare were dreaming of a warm cosy fire.

The glow became brighter and attracted a fox, who was prowling in the powdery snow.

Three little lights were shining out in the night and a rat, a hare and a fox were dreaming of a warm cosy fire.



The glow became brighter and attracted an owl, who was gliding between the glistening trees.

Four little lights were shining out in the night and a rat, a hare, a fox and an owl were dreaming of a warm cosy fire.



The glow became brighter and attracted a mole, who was digging in the icy soil.

Five little lights were shining out in the night and a rat, a hare, a fox, an owl and a mole were dreaming of a warm cosy fire.

The glow became brighter and attracted a robin, who was darting between lacy snowflakes.



Six little lights were shining out in the night and a rat, a hare, a fox, an owl, a mole and a robin were dreaming of a warm cosy fire.

The glow became brighter and attracted a deer, who was sheltering under the bare branches of an oak tree.

Seven little lights were shining out in the night and a rat, a hare, a fox, an owl, a mole, a robin and a deer were dreaming of a warm cosy fire.

The glow became brighter and attracted a badger, who was foraging in the frosty bushes.

Eight little lights were shining out in the night and a rat, a hare, a fox, an owl, a mole, a robin, a deer and a badger were dreaming of a warm cosy fire.

The glow became brighter and attracted a stoat, who was scampering through a hollow log.

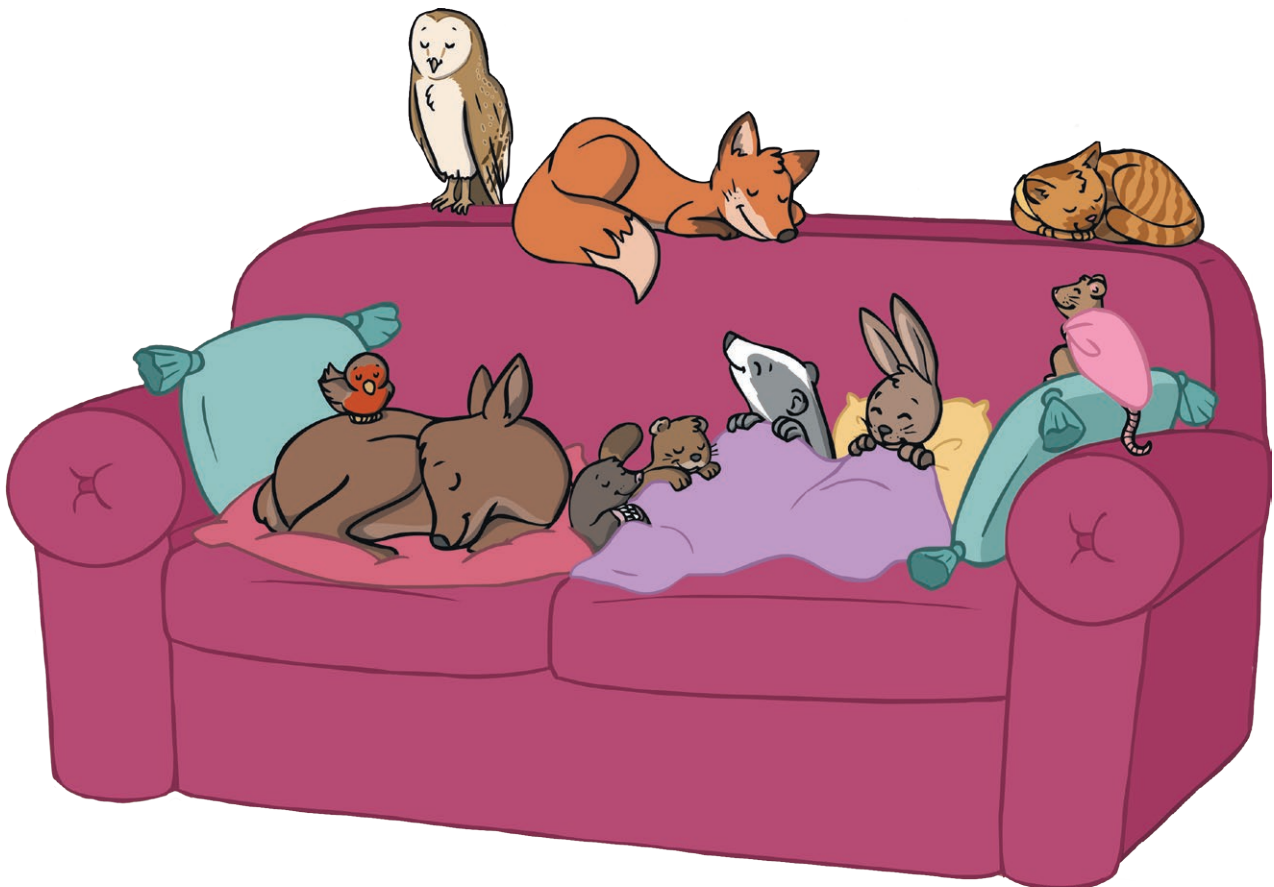
Nine little lights were shining out in the night and a rat, a hare, a fox, an owl, a mole, a robin, a deer, a badger and a stoat were dreaming of a warm cosy fire.



The glow became brighter and attracted a cat, who was returning to its toasty bed across the thick blanket of snow.

Ten little lights were shining out in the night and a cat was looking back at a rat, a hare, a fox, an owl, a mole, a robin, a deer, a badger and a stoat, who were all dreaming of a warm cosy fire.

Ten little lights were shining out in the night... and ten little friends were snuggled up very tight.



Questions

1. What is the weather like in the story? Tick one.

☐ sunny

☐ snowy

☐ rainy

2. Who is the first animal we meet in the story? Tick one.

☐ a rat

☐ an owl

☐ a rabbit

3. What were the animals dreaming of? Tick one.

☐ a hot drink

☐ a hot bath

☐ a warm cosy fire

4. How many lights were lit at the end of the story? Tick one.

☐ 10

☐ 6

☐ 11

5. Who let the animals into the house? Tick one.

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1. Where is the house? Tick one.

- ☐ near a road
- ☐ near a wood
- ☐ near the seaside

2. How was the fire described? Tick one.

- ☐ warm and cosy
- ☐ burning and smoky
- ☐ hot and orange

3. Who was snuffling in some crunchy twigs? Tick one.

- ☐ a rat
- ☐ a dog
- ☐ a hare

4. Draw a line to complete the sentences.

The glow became brighter
and attracted a fox,

who was darting between
lacy snowflakes.

The glow became brighter
and attracted a mole,

who was prowling in the
powdery snow.

The glow became brighter
and attracted a robin,

who was digging in the icy
soil.

5. Complete this sentence:

Ten little lights were shining out in the night and ten little friends were
snuggled up very _____.

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- ☐ cold and clear
- ☐ bright and warm
- ☐ dark and dull

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3. Draw a line to connect the animal with what it did in the story.

scurrying in the frozen leaves

owl

foraging in the frosty bushes

rat

gliding between the glistening trees

badger

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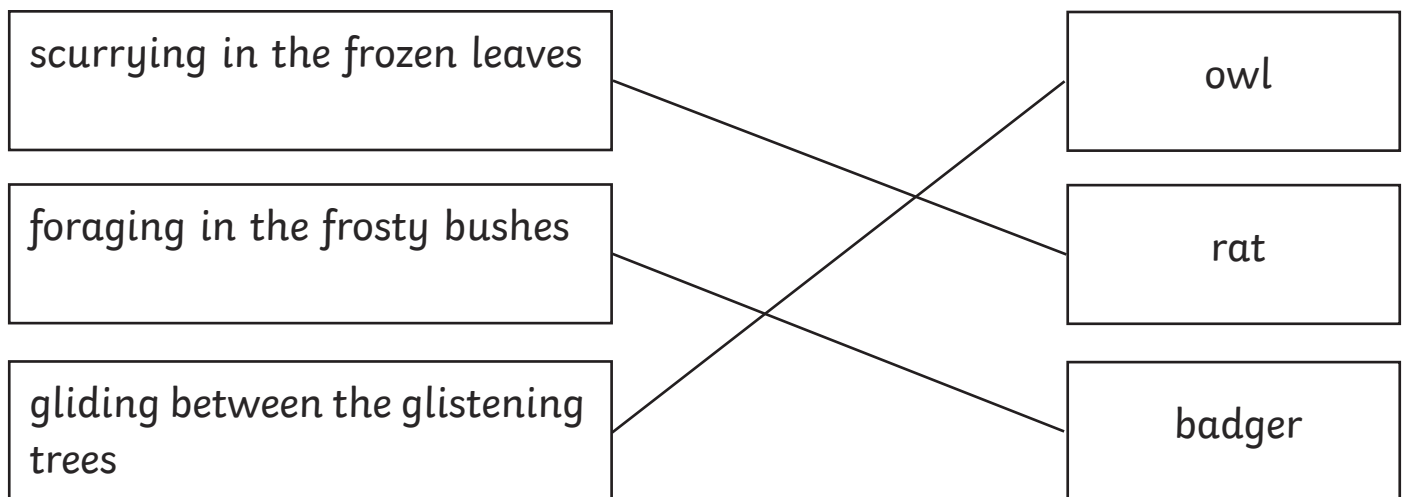
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2. Name two animals who are characters in the story.

Accept any two from: rat, hare, fox, owl, mole, robin, deer, badger, stoat, cat.

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The cat was returning to his/her toasty bed.

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Various answers.