



Compréhension écrite

Je peux comprendre une histoire qui fait peur.

- Le lexique du fantastique et des légendes.

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1. Read the text and correct these sentences.

Around Halloween, the residents of Tuamgraney, avoid a certain wood and with good reason. A young man decided as it was a beautiful autumn day to go for a walk in these woods.

As he wandered in among the trees, a strange sensation came over him, a mixed feeling of fear and immense sadness. Suddenly, movement in the bushes caught his eye seeing a huge black dog. The dog stared at him with large glowing red eyes before disappearing.

Turning around, the man's heart nearly took flight when a large Irish rabbit jumped in front of him, an expression of malevolence equal to the dog's glared out of its evil red eyes. Fear now coursed through the man's veins as a cat leapt into view, fangs bared it hissed, as its red eyes brimming with malice stared straight at the man, before it retreated silently into the shadows.

- 10 Terrified beyond reason, the man would have fled back the way he had come but the ground seemed to move under his feet, so he ran forward to the trees.

Stopping abruptly, he realised he was in a clearing and with the coming dusk, it appeared darker than the forest had been, but he could see two figures. One a black ram¹ with evil red eyes and enormous razor-sharp horns, the other an ordinary deer². They appeared to be caught in a struggle, a battle for life and death.

- 15 Wounded and battle weary the deer fell to its knees, it looked towards the man and cried for help.

The man, suddenly, felt courage replace the fear in his heart, so screaming and brandishing his stick he rushed towards the ram in an attempt to beat it away. His blows met with nothing but air and he too fell to the ground in pain. He momentarily blacked out.

- 20 Walking back home, he retold the whole story as though it was a dream, until an old uncle confirmed that others too had stumbled into the beasts of Tuamgraney forest making it a place to avoid, certainly, around Halloween.

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↑ www.yourirish.com/folklore/beasts-of-tuamgraney (2017)

- a. The story takes place around Christmas time.

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- b. A young man decided to go and fish by a lake because it was a beautiful day.

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- c. On his way he met four familiar animals.

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- d. These familiar animals seemed benevolent.

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- e. The man had no reason to feel terrified.

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2. Find a title for this story. Justify your choice. (Bonus)

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