



### **Uncle Toby's House**

On and on they rode in the car until, after a while, they reached the small city of Pocono. A little later, they pulled up in front of Uncle Toby's house. It was a rambling, old mansion that once had looked very nice but now it was rather shabby and needed painting.

"Here is where Uncle Toby lives," said Dad. "Do you children remember it?"

"A little," admitted Ted. Neither he nor Janet had been there in years and Tommy had never visited Uncle Toby. "Didn't he used to have an odd pet?"

"I wonder if he's at home," went on Dad as he got out of the car.

"There's someone on the porch," said Mum. "Oh, it's Mrs Watson, the housekeeper. But something seems to be the matter! I wonder what could have happened."

As Mum had been speaking, a strange, old lady came down off the broken porch and along the path, hurrying out to meet the family at the front gate.

"Wait! Don't go in! Don't go in!" cried the strange, old lady, holding up her hand like a police traffic officer stopping a fast car. "Don't go in! They're having a terrible time!"

As she spoke, odd sounds came out of the grim old house where Uncle Toby lived.... Very odd sounds.

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## Day 1 Activity

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| <b>LO: I can retrieve information from a text.</b> | <b>What I think</b>   | <b>My teacher thinks</b> |
| <i>I can remember to:</i>                          |                       |                          |
| read the questions carefully.                      | <input type="radio"/> |                          |
| use words found in the text in your answers.       | <input type="radio"/> |                          |

**1. Why was the old lady holding her hand up? Tick one.**

- ☐ To wave hello to the family.
- ☐ To stop them from going any further.
- ☐ To give someone a high-five.
- ☐ To show how tall someone was.

**2. Find two adjectives in the text that tell you that Uncle Toby's house was run down.**

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**3. How many children were in the car with Mum and Dad? What were their names?**

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### Day 2 Activity

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| <b>LO: I can infer what is happening from the text.</b>            | What I think          | My teacher thinks |
| <i>I can remember to:</i>                                          |                       |                   |
| reread the description.                                            | <input type="radio"/> |                   |
| think about other words that could have been used in the sentence. | <input type="radio"/> |                   |

#### 1. Put ticks in the table to show if the statements are true or false.

One has been done for you.

| The text implies that....                                 | True | False |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|------|-------|
| Uncle Toby's house used to look nicer.                    | ✓    |       |
| It had been a long journey to Uncle Toby's house.         |      |       |
| The family had arrived at the city of Pocono quickly.     |      |       |
| Ted and Janet didn't remember Uncle Toby's house clearly. |      |       |
| Something unusual was going on at Uncle Toby's house.     |      |       |

#### 2. What do you think is happening in Uncle Toby's house?

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### Day 3 Activity

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| <b>LO: I can predict based on what I already know.</b> | <b>What I think</b>   | <b>My teacher thinks</b> |
| <i>I can remember to:</i>                              |                       |                          |
| reread the text carefully.                             | <input type="radio"/> |                          |
| explain what you think will happen next.               | <input type="radio"/> |                          |
| explain why you think that.                            | <input type="radio"/> |                          |

### **Predict what you think the family might do next.**

**Use the sentence frame if it helps you.**

e.g. I think that Spider-man will stop the Green Goblin from robbing the bank because he just found a clue that the Goblin would rob the bank and he is a hero.

I think that \_\_\_\_\_  
because \_\_\_\_\_  
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