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Don't Look Under the Bed

Every night, Max heard scratching underneath his bed. Scratch. Scratch. Scratch. The first night, he blamed the family cat. Then he remembered the cat was sleeping downstairs. The second night, Max grabbed a torch and looked under the bed.

Nothing was there. On the third night, the scratching returned. This time, it was louder. Scratch. Scratch. SCRATCH.

Max pulled the blanket over his head and waited. Suddenly, the scratching stopped. Then he heard a quiet rustling sound.

Something slid across the floor. Max slowly looked over the edge of his bed. A folded piece of paper was lying on the carpet.

His hands shook as he picked it up.

There were only six words written on it:

I am not under here anymore.

Max stared at the note.

Then his bedroom door slowly clicked shut behind him.



1. What sound did Max hear each night?

2. What did Max find on the floor?

3. Have you ever heard a strange noise at night?

4. Does this remind you of another scary story?

5. What would you do if you were Max?



Answers

1. A scratching sound from underneath his bed.
2. A folded piece of paper with a message on it.
3. Answers will vary.
4. Answers will vary. Students may connect it to another scary book, movie or story.
5. Answers will vary.