

Half Yearly – Listening Comprehension 2021 Teachers’ Text

Livvy was always a good girl at bedtime. She splashed around in the bath, brushed her teeth and put on her pyjamas ready to snuggle up with Dad for a story.

Afterwards, she cuddled up with her favourite toy, whose name was Monkey, and Dad tucked her in with a goodnight kiss.

One night though, Livvy had a terrible dream. There was a big ugly monster, roaring and stomping. He wasn’t friendly and Livvy was very scared. Woken up by the nightmare, she shouted for her Dad.

“What’s wrong Livvy?”, asked Dad.

“I had a nightmare,” said Livvy. “It was awful! There was a big ugly monster and I was really scared. Now I don’t want to go back to sleep because I end up back in the same dream.”

“Well,” said Dad, “It doesn’t matter because it isn’t real, it’s just a dream.”

Livvy replied, “But I don’t like it, it’s too scary and feels like it is real so I just can’t go back to sleep.”

Luckily, Dad had an idea. He told Livvy that it was perfectly fine to go back to the dream now that she had woken up because that meant she could now be in charge of the dream. She could go back and defeat the dream monster!

“What do you mean?” asked Livvy.

“Well,” said Dad, “now that you have woken up, if you go back into the dream, you know it is not real so you can tell the dream monster that you’re not scared. Also, if you try thinking of nice things as you fall to sleep again, they might appear in your dream instead,” said Dad helpfully.

Livvy thought out loud. “If I think of fluttering fairies with sparkly wands and heart-shaped wings, maybe I can turn the dream monster into a fairy instead.”

“Great idea,” said Dad. So Livvy snuggled under her covers with Monkey and went back to sleep.

In her dream, she soon found herself facing the dream monster again, who was still roaring and stomping. This time, she wasn’t scared.

“I’m not scared of you,” said Livvy bravely to the monster, “I know you’re not real so I am in charge of this dream now – not you anymore – and I think we should turn you into a happy fluttering fairy.”

In a flash, Livvy used her imagination to turn the ugly monster into a beautiful fairy, complete with a sparkly wand and heart-shaped wings. Livvy and the fairy threw a big party with all their friends and it turned into one of the best dreams ever!