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A Bear Called Paddington

Paddington Bear arrived in London, having travelled all the way from 'Darkest Peru' with only a jar of marmalade, a suitcase and his hat. The poor bear had nowhere to live and no one to look after him.

Mr and Mrs Brown first met Paddington on a railway **platform**. In fact, that was how he came to have such an unusual name for a bear, for Paddington was the name of the station.

The Browns were there to meet their **daughter** Judy, who was coming home from school for the holidays. It was a warm summer day and the station was crowded with people on their way to the seaside.

Trains were humming, **loudspeakers blaring**, porters rushing about shouting at one another, and altogether there was so much noise that Mr Brown, who saw him first, had to tell his wife several times before she understood. 'A bear? On Paddington station?' Mrs Brown looked at her husband in amazement.

'Don't be silly, Henry. There can't be!'

Mr Brown **adjusted** his glasses. 'But there is,' he **insisted**. 'I distinctly saw it. Over there – near the bicycle rack. It was wearing a funny kind of hat.'

Without waiting for a reply he caught hold of his wife's arm and pushed her through the crowd, round a trolley laden with chocolate and cups of tea, past a bookstall, and through a gap in a pile of suitcases towards the Lost Property Office.

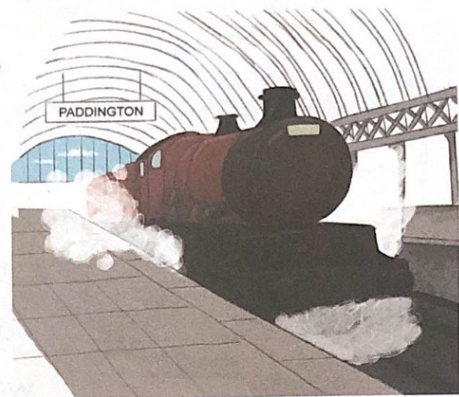
'There you are,' he **announced triumphantly**, pointing towards a dark corner, 'I told you so!'

In the end Paddington goes to live with the Brown family. Read the rest of the book, *The Adventures of Paddington*, to find out about the fun they all have together.



A Answer these questions in your copy.

1. Where did the Browns first meet Paddington?
2. Why were the Browns at the railway station?
3. What was the weather like that day?
4. Where were many of the people going?
5. What is Mr Brown's first name?
6. What was on the trolley?



B Choose the best word.

1. The railway station was a _____ place. (peaceful / noisy)
2. Mr Brown wore _____. (a hat / glasses)
3. Judy was coming home from _____ for the holidays.
(school / the seaside)
4. The bear was close to the _____. (bicycle rack / food trolley)
5. Paddington was the name of the _____. (train / station)
6. Mr Brown _____ that he had seen a bear. (adjusted / insisted)

C Write the correct word.

announced

platform

triumphantly

loudspeaker

daughter

1. The passengers stood on the _____ waiting for the train.
2. 'There will be no training on Friday evening,' _____ the football coach.
3. My cousin Mia is my aunt's _____.
4. The runner raised his hands _____ when he won the race.
5. Our school principal made an announcement on the _____.



Paddington only had a jar of marmalade, a suitcase and his hat with him. Which three things would you take with you if you were going to live in another country? Why did you select each item?

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The Magic Faraway Tree

Joe, Beth and Frannie discover the Faraway Tree in the **Enchanted** Wood. Read on to see what happens when they climb the magical tree...

One big broad branch **slanted** upwards at the top of the Faraway Tree. Joe climbed on to it and looked down – but he could see nothing, for a white **mist swirled** around and about. Above him the enormous thick white cloud **stretched**, with a purple hole in it through which the topmost branch of the Faraway Tree disappeared.

The children felt **tremendously** excited. At last they were at the very top. Joe carefully pulled himself up the final branch. He disappeared into the purple hole. Beth and Frannie followed him.

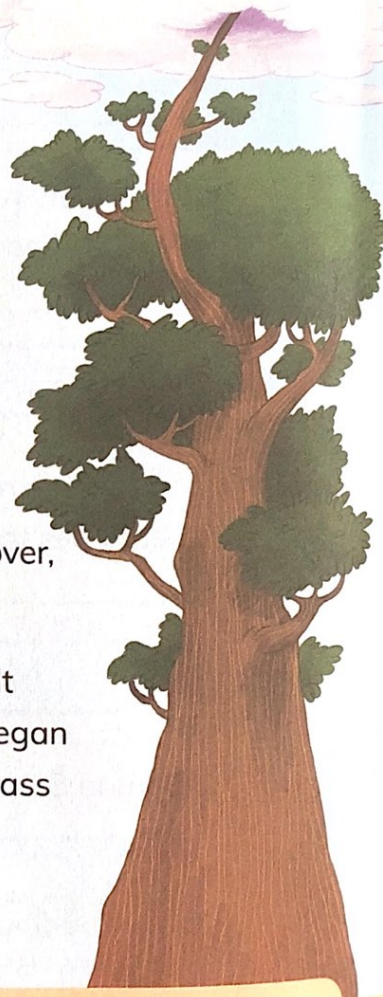
The branch came to an end and a little ladder ran through the cloud. Up the children went – and before they knew what had happened, they were out in the sunshine, in a new and very strange land.

They stood on green grass. Above them was a blue sky. A tune was playing somewhere, going on and on and on.

'It's the sort of tune a **carousel** or a roundabout plays, Joe,' said Beth. 'Isn't it?'

It was – and then, suddenly, without any warning at all, the whole land began to swing round! The children almost fell over, with the swing-round beginning so suddenly.

'What's happening?' said Beth, frightened. The children felt terribly dizzy, for trees, **distant** houses, hills, and bushes began to move round. They too felt themselves moving, for the grass was going round as well. They looked for the hole in the cloud – but it had disappeared.



A Answer these questions in your copy.

1. What colour was the hole in the thick white cloud?
2. How did the children feel when they were climbing the tree?
3. Who followed Joe through the hole?
4. What was at the end of the branch?
5. How did the children feel when the land began to swing around?



What do you predict will happen next in the story?

B Replace the underlined words. Write the new sentence.

enchanted

mist

distant

swirled

tremendously

1. I was extremely happy to win the match.

2. The fairy tale was about the magical forest.

3. It was difficult to see because of the fog.

4. The carousel spun round and round.

5. Liz lay staring at the faraway stars.

C Cross out the word that is not needed in each sentence.

1. The but footballer stretched before the game.
2. He could hear see distant objects with his telescope.
3. They believe stood on green grass.
4. The children almost branch fell over.



Have you ever been on a carousel?
Write about it. Draw a picture.

