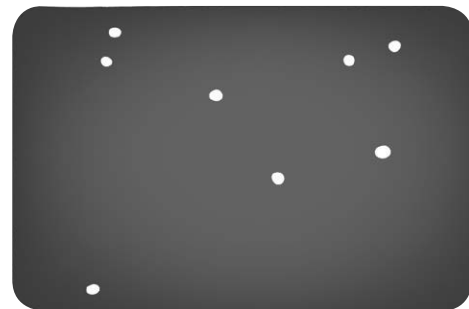


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The Seven Sisters

In the winter, you can see a group of seven stars in the southern part of the sky. Near them is another star. This is one of the stories about that constellation.



Long ago, when the world was young, a mother lived with her eight children – seven girls and one young boy. The little brother had no one to play with, so he always followed his sisters around to tease and annoy them.

1

What type of story do you think this is going to be? Tick **one** box.

Adventure story

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Myth

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Mystery story

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Family story

☐**2**

In paragraph 2, find and copy the words the author used to show when the story takes place. Do **not** write '*long ago*'.

3

What do you think is the main point of the second paragraph? Tick **one** box.

There were eight children.

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The boy was younger than his sisters.

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The children lived with their mother.

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The brother liked to tease and annoy his sisters.

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One day, the girls were playing a noisy game. They ran around the cooking fire, singing and shouting. Suddenly, one girl kicked over a pot full of rabbit stew. “Go and run around the big pine tree instead of my cooking fire,” shouted the mother.

The girls ran off to the pine tree to continue their game. They didn’t notice their little brother following them.

He decided to play a joke on his sisters. He crashed through the bushes, growling like an angry bear. His sisters stopped their game instantly. “Quick! Climb the pine tree!” screamed the oldest sister. The girls scrambled up into the thick branches of the tree.

The boy saw his sisters climbing out of sight. “Come back!” he yelled, “I’m not a bear! It was just a joke!” But his sisters couldn’t hear him. Up, up, up the tree they climbed. The boy followed, climbing and shouting out to them, but he couldn’t catch up with them.



At last, the sisters reached the top of the tree. “Jump!” yelled the oldest sister. “I can still hear the bear! He’s right behind us.” The sisters held hands and jumped, but the sky people caught them and pulled them safely up into the sky. Then they saw the brother was about to jump after his sisters, so they caught him and pulled him up, too.

Now, on any clear winter night, you can look up and see the group of stars called the Seven Sisters ... and close by is their little brother, still following them.

4

What happened just before the mother sent the children to play somewhere else?

5

Why did the girls start to climb the tree? Tick **one** box.

To play a trick
on their mother

☐

To play a trick
on their brother

☐

They were scared
because they thought
there was a bear.

☐

They were scared
because there was
a real bear.

☐

6

The girls scrambled up into the thick branches of the tree.
What does the word 'scrambled' tell us about how the girls climbed the tree?

7

a) Why did the boy follow his sisters up the tree?

b) Why didn't the sisters reply when their brother called them?

8

Up, up, up the tree they climbed. Why do you think the author used the word 'up' three times? Tick **one** box.

To show that they
kept on going up

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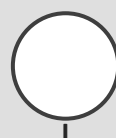
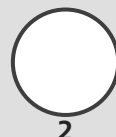
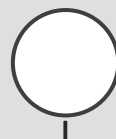
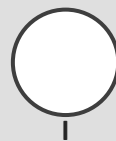
So you know that
the boy can't catch up

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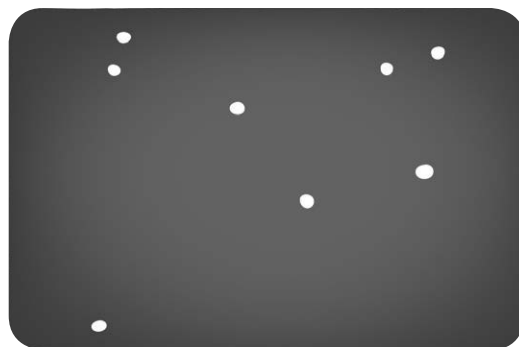
Because they had
to climb three trees

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Because she couldn't
think of a different word

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- 9 On this picture of the Seven Sisters, draw a label to show which star is the brother.



- 10 Number the sentences below from 1 to 5 to show the order in which they happened. The first one is done for you.

The sisters climbed the tree.

A sister kicked over the pot of stew.

The sky people caught the sisters.

The brother pretended to be a bear.

The sisters jumped from the tree.

For teacher use

Your mark	_____ out of 12
What went well	
How to improve	

