



## Settings

In the story, Sammy enters a Tree Goblin birthday party. Highlight all of the things that Sammy can see.

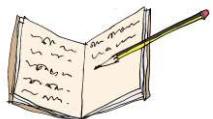
In the blink of an eye, Sammy found himself inside the trunk of a large tree. Colourful balloons, bunting and banners decorated the room and loud music, that made you want to dance, filled the warm air.

All around the room small, strange-looking people, wearing brown tweed dungarees covered in toadstools, leaves and roses, danced and sang with great gusto and joy. Their large pointy ears were hidden slightly by their bushy multi-coloured hair and curly-toed velvet shoes hid their enormous, hairy feet. Around their necks each one wore a necklace covered in the most interesting of charms and trinkets.

In the middle of the room, a magnificent feast was laid out on a large woven willow table. There were pinecone truffles, sweet sap sorbets, nettle fritters and the finest pollen-puddings. In the centre was an enormous cake covered in long-grass icing and on the top over a hundred candles burned brightly.

Can you draw a picture of the goblin birthday party below and label it with all of the things that Sammy can see?

## Word work - prepositions



When writing about settings, you often want to tell the reader where things are and this is where prepositions are really useful. Look at these prepositions and prepositional phrases: *in the middle, next to, under, above, below and inside.*

- \* Here are some sentences from the story. Circle all of the prepositions you can find. (Watch out! Some sentences have more than one preposition.) The answers are at the back of the booklet.

- 1) Sammy began to explore and it wasn't long before a book, perched precariously on a high shelf, caught his eye.
- 2) Sammy found himself inside the trunk of a large tree.
- 3) In the middle of the room, a magnificent feast was laid out on a large woven willow table.
- 4) In the centre was an enormous cake covered in rainbow icing and on the top over a hundred candles burned brightly.

Now you have a go... can you write 3 sentences that includes a preposition?



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Try and use prepositions in your own story to tell the reader where things are in the setting.