

Making Inferences

When things aren't explained literally in a text, you can use clues to reach a logical conclusion. This is called inference.

Read the short story extract then answer the questions in full sentences.

Cross Hot Bunny

An Original Story

Cross Hot bunny was about to deliver invitations for the annual Easter Bunny Parade. He had been given ten envelopes to post to the families living at Easter Woods. Mother bunny had been very exact about whom the envelopes should be delivered to and she put them in a special order for her youngest but most energetic and distracted bunny to give to their neighbours.



“Please give the invitations to our friends Cross Hot,” she instructed the little bunny. “It’s important that everyone gets the correct letter because I want them all to bring their favourite food to the Easter Bunny Parade and you must promise to try a little of everything.”

Cross Hot threw the invitations into his bunny pack and hopped out of the door. His heart sank at the thought of having to eat worms, fish and oak leaves, not to mention flies and sugar mice! But Cross Hot came up with a plan. If he changed all of the invitations to ask the animals to bring carrot cookies instead of their favourite food he would be in for a Bunny Parade feast!

Letters changed, Cross Hot hopped gleefully into the woods. “How can I do this job as fast as possible so that I can get back for cookies?” he said to himself as he raced to hare’s form¹. Without looking, he put his paw into his pack and pulled out the first envelope he could find. Tossing it into the form he raced off down the woodland path.

Hare scratched his head as he opened the invitation.

“Hmmm, mother bunny has asked me to bring carrot cookies to the Easter Bunny Parade and she knows that I don’t eat cookies. I’ll bring lettuce instead.”

Cross Hot arrived at badger's sett² next. He scabbled in his bag and pulled out another envelope. Quickly slipping it down the entrance tunnel, he hopped off to the next house.

Badger stroked his whiskers as he opened the invitation.

"Hmmm, mother bunny has asked me to bring carrot cookies to the Easter Bunny Parade and she knows that I don't eat cookies. I'll bring slugs instead."

At otter's holt³, Cross Hot was even more careless and tipped all of the invitations out onto the grass before picking one up and pushing it roughly through the door before scampering away to the next house.

Otter scratched her ear with her back foot, puzzled.

"Hmmm, mother bunny has asked me to bring carrot cookies to the Bunny Parade and she knows that I don't eat cookies. I'll bring fish instead."



Glossary

1. Form: a shallow nest or scrape where hares rest.
2. Sett: underground tunnels and chambers that form the homes of badgers.
3. Holt: the name for otter dens.

Cross Hot Bunny - Questions

1. Why does mother bunny have to be 'very exact' in her instructions to Cross Hot bunny?

2. How did Cross Hot feel about the delivery job mother bunny asked him to do?

Tick one answer.

Cross

Hot

Happy

Sad

3. How careful was Cross Hot with the invitations? Find evidence in the text to support your opinion.

4. How did the animals feel about bringing food they did not eat?

5. Why should the animals go to the party?