

NEWSPAPER REPORTS ALTERNATIVE TEXTS

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- On the next two pages you will find two example newspaper reports which are at age expected level for year 2 and age expected for year 1.
- Please use the one your child can read independently.

THE GORILLA GARDENER WITH GREEN FINGERS

People in Twinkleton have been surprised by a new gardener in town. The new gardener is a huge gorilla!

The gorilla escaped from a local zoo in January. Since then, he has been living in the local area and growing his own food. This is when he realised he had a talent for gardening!

On Tuesday, the gorilla put up a poster to let people know about his gardening business.

On Friday, Ali Smith asked the gorilla to weed his yard and plant some carrots. Mr Smith said that the gorilla did a fantastic job.

Yesterday, Kareem was playing in his garden when he spotted the gorilla gardener. "I was scared at first," he said, "but the gorilla was very kind and professional."

The gorilla's customers say he is very good at growing plants. He can work with flowers, trees and vegetables. He plans to open his own garden centre next year.



The Gorilla Gardener has started a business in Twinkleton.

Strange Creature Spotted!

A strange creature was spotted in the woods early on Sunday morning.

It was seen by four confused woodland animals who live in the woods.

A worried snake told us, "It has terrible tusks and terrible claws. It stomped through the forest with its tail thumping on the ground!"

A frightened fox reported, "It had a poisonous wart at the end of its nose. I heard its favourite food is roasted fox! It was incredible frightening".

The third witness - an owl - did not want to comment. He was too worried that he was going to get turned into 'owl ice cream.'



Have you seen this creature?

The final witness was a mouse, who said, "I'm not scared. Everyone knows I'm the scariest creature in the wood."

It is not known where the creature has come from. Visitors to the woods should take care.

The creature is about the size of a bear. He is brown with purple prickles on his back, long tusks and a wart on the end of his nose. If you see him, phone 999.