

Task 1: Read the story below: 'The Great Escape.'

The Great Escape

Sammy was Emily's hamster. He lived in a very big cage on top of a chest of drawers in the dining room.

"Just look at him," said Emily's Dad one Friday morning as he was leaving for work. "He's doing star jumps! I'm sure he spends all day planning how to escape."

Sammy stopped jumping inside the cage and looked at them, his head leaning to one side. Emily opened the cage and gently lifted Sammy out. He was very warm and very wriggly.

"You wouldn't run away, would you Sammy?" She stroked him until he settled down and then gave him a slice of apple to nibble on but, although he sniffed at it, he wouldn't eat it.

A few minutes later Mum popped her head round the doorway. "Come on Emily, time to clean your teeth. We're leaving in five minutes. Put Sammy back in his cage."

"I wish he could come to school with me," sighed Emily as she placed him carefully on his straw bed. She gave him some clean water, some fresh food and placed the apple slice on top of his food bowl. "Bye Sammy," she said, "See you later. Hope you won't be lonely while I'm at school."

Sammy heard the front door close. He looked around and then realized that Emily hadn't put the food container back properly, making a tiny gap in the bars. Emily would have been very surprised to see how easily he squeezed through it. He was free! He sat up on his hind legs, nibbled at his whiskers and had a quick look round. "Now for a real adventure," he said to himself!



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Section A

Circle the best word to match the writing.

Emily had a pet

1 **cat** **dog** **rat** **hamster**

called Sammy. He was very warm and very

2 **jumpy.** **wiggly.** **cosy.** **cuddly.**

Sammy wouldn't eat the

3 **apple** **orange** **pear** **banana**

Emily gave him. "Time to clean your

4 **boots,"** **cage,"** **teeth,"** **hands,"**

said Mum. Emily gave Sammy some clean

5 **soup** **juice** **water** **milk**

and went to school.

Section B

1. Who was doing star jumps?

Emily

Mum

Sammy

Dad

2. Sammy heard the front door...

close

bang

shut

knock

3. What did Dad think Sammy did all day?

4. How did Sammy escape from his cage?

5. Why would Emily want to take Sammy to school?
