

KS3 English Language Reading - Ghosts

The House of Terror

Family forced out of home by pesky poltergeist

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A Midlands family has been forced to flee their new home after ornaments, pictures and even furniture went flying through the air **in front of their eyes!**

The Carpenters moved into 26, Cherry Blossom Lane in Birmingham on 23rd March this year. The family of four had moved to the area from Sussex, as father Frank, 39, had a new job in the city as a firefighter.

"Everything was fine at first," explained 32-year-old Sue, mum to twins Leah and Leonie. "We had arranged our

furniture and redecorated most of the rooms. It had started to feel like home."

But events took a startling turn when the girls came home from school on 28th April. "We were upstairs alone, doing our homework" said Leah, "And suddenly we heard a massive thump from downstairs. We were so scared."

"We crept down to see what it was," continues Leonie, "and the living room was in a right state. The sofas had both been moved and pictures were hanging off the walls. It was like a whirlwind had happened."

The two terrified girls called their mum, who came home to inspect the damage. At first, she admits, Sue was sceptical about what had happened: "I thought it was the girls playing pranks, until I saw it happen with my own eyes."

Two nights later, the family were together in the kitchen when the toaster went spinning off the side. Then, the fridge door swung open on its own. "It was petrifying," said Frank.

But this was only the beginning. The incidents increased until they were happening



every day. At their wits' end, the family consulted a local exorcist, who visited the home on 10th May.

"He said we had a poltergeist, which is basically an evil spirit," explained Sue. "The ghost was angry with what we had done to the house – all the changes we had made. The exorcist

tried to get rid of it, but he said it was a very powerful spirit and it wouldn't budge."

Left with no other choice, the family put the home on the market. So far, there have been over thirty viewings of the property, but no-one has made an offer. "I think they can sense the evil here," said

Frank, "people know it is a bad place. But what can we do? We can't afford to move until we sell, so we're stuck living in a house of terror."