

The Country House.

Aural comprehension.

Teacher notes:

Provide pupils with an outline of a detached house, with very little detail.

Read the account through once, while pupils listen and look at the house. They should not attempt to add details until you begin to read it [slowly, with appropriate pauses] for a second time.

Pupils draw in the details from the description as it is read out for the second time.

The house was at the end of a country lane.

It had a chimney, with clouds of smoke billowing out of it.

The front of the house had a door in the centre. On each side of the door was a narrow, tall window.

Upstairs, there was just one room at the front of the house. This room had a wide window with spotty curtains. A cat could be seen, sitting inside on the window sill.

Behind the house stood a large tree. In the autumn, it grew many apples.

The old lady who lived in the house liked to look out from behind the gate, and watch the traffic go by.

The lady had lived in the house for many years, and had planted a rose bush which now grew up and over the front door.

Three daisies grew on the right hand side of the front door.

The lady's grandson liked to play with his dog at the side of the house.

It was a lovely house, and the old lady loved it.

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