The Gingerbread Man

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The Gingerbread Man came to a cat.
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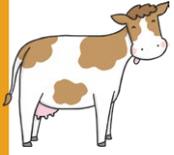
He came to a dog.
"Stop! You look good enough to eat!" said the dog and ran after him.
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He came to a cockerel.
"Stop! You look good enough to eat!" said the cockerel and ran after him.
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He came to a pig.
"Stop! You look good enough to eat!" said the pig and ran after him.
The Gingerbread Man said, "Run, run, as fast as you can! You can't catch me, I'm the Gingerbread Man!"

He came to a cow.
"Stop! You look good enough to eat!" said the cow and ran after him.
The Gingerbread Man said, "Run, run, as fast as you can! You can't catch me, I'm the Gingerbread Man!"

The Gingerbread Man ran on until he came to a horse.
"Stop! You look good enough to eat!" said the horse and chased him.
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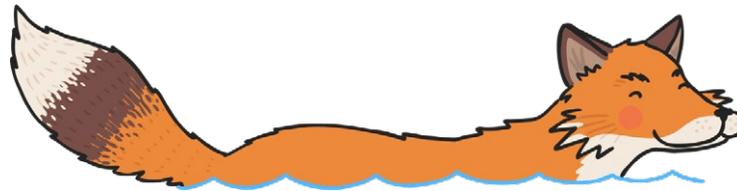
He came to a boy and girl.
"Stop! You look good enough to eat!" said the boy and girl and ran after him.
The Gingerbread Man just laughed and said, "Run, run, as fast as you can! You can't catch me, I'm the Gingerbread Man!"

The Gingerbread Man ran until he came to a river. He stopped as he could not swim! Just then, a fox came past.
"I can help you cross the river," said the fox. "Hop onto my tail."
The Gingerbread Man saw the others coming and did not want to be eaten so he jumped on.

When he began to get wet the fox said, "Get on my back." So he did but the water got deeper.

The fox said, "Jump onto my nose." So he did but just then, the fox tipped his head back and the Gingerbread Man flew into the air. The fox opened his mouth and SNAP! That was the end of the Gingerbread Man.

The end.

The Gingerbread Man

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   ○ he played a song
   ○ he ran away
   ○ he had a cup of tea

2. Which characters chased the Gingerbread Man first? Tick one.

   ○ the cat and the dog
   ○ the boy and the girl
   ○ the little old woman and the little old man

3. Who did the Gingerbread Man come to next? Tick one.

   ○ the cat
   ○ the fox
   ○ the cockerel

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   ○ "Stop! You look good enough to eat!"
   ○ "What are you eating?"

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   ○ to see his friends down the road
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The Gingerbread Man **Answers**

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The Gingerbread Man just laughed and said, "Run, run, as fast you can! You can't catch me, I'm the Gingerbread Man!"

The Gingerbread Man ran until he came to a cat. "Stop! You look good enough to eat!" said the cat and chased him.

The Gingerbread Man just laughed and said, "Run, run, as fast as you can! You can't catch me, I'm the Gingerbread Man!"

The Gingerbread Man ran until he came to a dog. "Stop! You look good enough to eat!" said the dog and chased him.

The Gingerbread Man just laughed and said, "Run, run, as fast as you can! You can't catch me, I'm the Gingerbread Man!"

The Gingerbread Man ran on until he came to a cockerel.

"Stop! You look good enough to eat!" said the cockerel and chased him.

The Gingerbread Man just laughed and said, "Run, run, as fast as you can! You can't catch me, I'm the Gingerbread Man!"

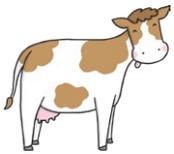The Gingerbread Man ran down the lane and came to a pig.

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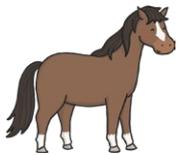
A little further, the Gingerbread Man came to a cow.

"Stop! You look good enough to eat!" said the cow and chased him.

The Gingerbread Man just laughed and said, "Run, run, as fast as you can! You can't catch me, I'm the Gingerbread Man!"

The Gingerbread Man ran on until he came to a horse.

"Stop! You look good enough to eat!" said the horse and chased him.

The Gingerbread Man just laughed and said, "Run, run, as fast as you can! You can't catch me, I'm the Gingerbread Man!"

It was not long before the Gingerbread Man came to a boy and girl.

"Stop! You look good enough to eat!" said the boy and girl. So the little old woman, the little old man, the cat, the dog, the cockerel, the pig, the cow, the horse, the boy and the girl ran after the Gingerbread Man.

The Gingerbread Man just laughed and said, "Run, run, as fast as you can! You can't catch me, I'm the Gingerbread Man!"

The Gingerbread Man ran on until he came to a river. He stopped as he could not swim! Just then, a fox came by.

"I can help you cross the river," said the fox. "Just hop onto my tail and I will swim across." The Gingerbread Man saw the others coming and was worried he would be eaten so he jumped on.

Soon the Gingerbread Man began to get wet.

"Climb on my back," suggested the fox as the water was getting even deeper.

The fox said, "Jump onto my nose so that you don't get wet." So he did. Just then, the fox tipped his head back and the Gingerbread Man flew into the air. The fox opened his mouth and SNAP! That was the end of the Gingerbread Man.

The end.

The Gingerbread Man

1. In the beginning, what did the Gingerbread Man jump off? Tick one.

   ◯ the plate
   ◯ the fox's nose
   ◯ the baking tray

2. Find and copy a word that means 'shouting'.

   _____

3. What does the Gingerbread Man say over and over again? Tick one.

   ◯ "Stop! You look good enough to eat!"
   ◯ "Run, run, as fast as you can! You can't catch me, I'm the Gingerbread Man!"
   ◯ "Just hop onto my tail and I will swim across."

4. Fill in the missing words.

   The fox said, "Jump onto my _____ so that you don't get wet." So he did. Just then, the fox tipped his _____ back and the Gingerbread Man _____ into the air. The fox _____ his _____ and SNAP! That was the end of the Gingerbread Man.

5. Number the events below to show the order in which they happen in the story. One has been done for you.

	The little old woman, the little old man, the cat, the dog, the cockerel, the pig, the cow, the horse, the boy and the girl ran after the Gingerbread Man.
	"Stop! You look good enough to eat!" said the cockerel and chased him.
	The fox opened his mouth and SNAP!
	"Stop! You look good enough to eat!" said the cow and chased him.
1	When she opened the oven the Gingerbread Man jumped off the baking tray and ran away!

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4. Fill in the missing words.

    The fox said, "Jump onto my ___**nose**___ so that you don't get wet." So he did. Just then, the fox tipped his ___**head**___ back and the Gingerbread Man ___**flew**___ into the air. The fox ___**opened**___ his ___**mouth**___ and SNAP! That was the end of the Gingerbread Man.

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4	The little old woman, the little old man, the cat, the dog, the cockerel, the pig, the cow, the horse, the boy and the girl ran after the Gingerbread Man.
2	"Stop! You look good enough to eat!" said the cockerel and chased him.
5	The fox opened his mouth and SNAP!
3	"Stop! You look good enough to eat!" said the cow and chased him.
1	When she opened the oven the Gingerbread Man jumped off the baking tray and ran away!

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Once upon a time, there lived a little old woman and a little old man. One day, the little old woman was baking a delicious gingerbread man. When she opened the oven the Gingerbread Man jumped off the baking tray and ran out of the house! The little old woman and the little old man ran after the cheeky gingerbread man, yelling, "Stop! Stop!" Sadly, they could not catch him. The Gingerbread Man just laughed and called, "Run, run, as fast you can! You can't catch me, I'm the Gingerbread Man!"

The Gingerbread Man ran until he came to a cat. "Stop! You look good enough to eat!" yelled the cat and joined in the chase with the little old woman and the little old man.
The Gingerbread Man just laughed and shouted, "Run, run, as fast as you can! You can't catch me, I'm the Gingerbread Man!"

The Gingerbread Man ran until he came to a dog. "Stop! You look good enough to eat!" yelled the dog and chased him.
The Gingerbread Man just laughed and yelled, "Run, run, as fast as you can! You can't catch me, I'm the Gingerbread Man!"

The Gingerbread Man ran on until he came to a cockerel. "Stop! You look good enough to eat!" yelled the cockerel and ran after him.
The Gingerbread Man just laughed and bellowed, "Run, run, as fast as you can! You can't catch me, I'm the Gingerbread Man!"

The Gingerbread Man ran down the lane and came to a pig.

"Stop! You look good enough to eat!" yelled the pig and chased him.

The Gingerbread Man just laughed and called, "Run, run, as fast as you can! You can't catch me, I'm the Gingerbread Man!"

A little further, the Gingerbread Man came to a cow.

"Stop! You look good enough to eat!" yelled the cow and followed the Gingerbread Man.

The Gingerbread Man just laughed and shouted, "Run, run, as fast as you can! You can't catch me, I'm the Gingerbread Man!"

The Gingerbread Man ran on until he came to a horse.

"Stop! You look good enough to eat!" yelled the horse and joined in the chase.

The Gingerbread Man just laughed and bellowed, "Run, run, as fast as you can! You can't catch me, I'm the Gingerbread Man!"

It was not long before the Gingerbread Man came to a boy.

"Stop! You look good enough to eat!" yelled the boy and sprinted after him.

The Gingerbread Man just laughed and called out, "Run, run, as fast as you can! You can't catch me, I'm the Gingerbread Man!"
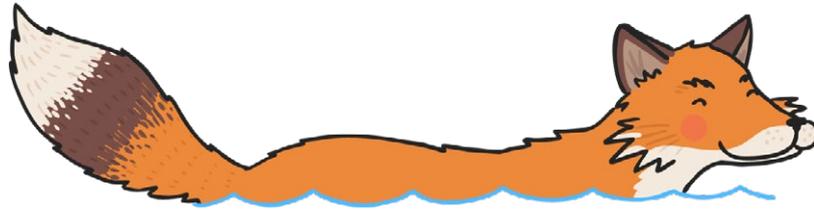
Soon, the Gingerbread Man came to a girl.

"Stop! You look good enough to eat!" yelled the girl. The little old woman, the little old man, the cat, the dog, the cockerel, the pig, the cow, the horse, the boy and the girl

ran after the Gingerbread Man.

The Gingerbread Man just laughed and yelled, "Run, run, as fast as you can! You can't catch me, I'm the Gingerbread Man!"

The Gingerbread Man ran on until he came to a river. He stopped as he could not swim! Just then, a cunning fox came by.
"I can help you cross the river," said the cunning fox. "Just hop onto my tail and I will swim across." The Gingerbread Man saw the others coming. He knew that if he did not go with the fox he would be eaten so he jumped onto his tail.

Soon the Gingerbread Man began to get wet.
"Climb on my back," suggested the cunning fox. So the Gingerbread Man did but the water was getting even deeper.
This time the fox said, "Jump onto my nose so that you don't get wet." The Gingerbread Man did but just then, the fox tipped his head back and the Gingerbread Man flew into the air.
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The end.

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1. Which character chased the Gingerbread Man after the cow? Tick one.

   ◯ a pig

   ◯ a horse

   ◯ a girl

2. What did the characters yell to the Gingerbread Man?

   _____

3. Fill in the missing words.

   The Gingerbread Man ran on, until he came to a river. He _____ as he could not swim! Just then, a _____ fox came by.

   "I can help you cross the river," said the cunning fox. "Just hop onto my tail and I will swim across." The _____ Man saw the others coming. He knew that if he did not go with the fox he would be _____, so he _____ onto his tail.

4. Find and copy the phrase that the Gingerbread Man repeats in the story.

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5. Number the events below to show the order in which they happen in the story. One has been done for you.

1	The Gingerbread Man escapes out of the house.
	A girl joins the chase.
	The Gingerbread Man is eaten.
	The Gingerbread Man is chased by a dog.
	The Gingerbread Man laughs at the pig.

6. Do you think the story has a happy ending for all the characters? Explain why.

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1. Which character chased the Gingerbread Man after the cow? Tick one.

   ◯ a pig

   ✓ **a horse**

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2. What did the characters yell to the Gingerbread Man?
   "Stop! You look good enough to eat!"

3. Fill in the missing words.

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   "I can help you cross the river," said the cunning fox. "Just hop onto my tail and I will swim across." The ____**Gingerbread**____ Man saw the others coming. He knew that if he did not go with the fox he would be _____**eaten**_____, so he _____**jumped**_____ onto his tail.

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Pupils' own response, such as: The story did not have a happy ending for the ten characters chasing the Gingerbread Man because they didn't get to eat him. It definitely did not have a happy ending for the Gingerbread Man because the fox ate him. It did have a happy ending for the fox because he ate the Gingerbread Man.