Who Goes There?

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"OOF!"

The slime poured on top of him.

"YUCK!" said the boy.

SPLURGE!

Ned looked around. He was inside the biggest room he'd ever been in in his life. It was a picture of opulence. Oil paintings, priceless antiques, crystal chandeliers hanging from the ceiling. It was a world away from the humble cottage where he lived.

"WHO GOES THERE?" demanded a voice.

It was Ned's aunt, Greta Greed. The lady was standing right over them, dripping with jewels, and holding a particularly fearsome cat in her arms.

"HISS!"

Quick Questions

SLIME

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○ paintings ○ antiques ○ chandeliers ○ jewels

2. Fill in the missing words.

The lady was standing right over them, dripping with _____, and holding a particularly _____ cat in her arms.

3. How do you think Ned's life compares to that of his aunt?

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4. What do you think is likely to happen next?

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Pupils' own responses, such as: Ned's life appears to be less extravagant and more modest than that of his aunt because she lives in an opulent castle whereas his home is a humble cottage.

4. What do you think is likely to happen next?

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think Greta Greed will find out who Ned is before threatening to set her fearsome cat on him.

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