A WHISKER FROM HOME

Chapter 1 — A House Full of Secrets

Reading check 1 of 20 • Hidden-world detective

Name: _____ Date: _____

Read Chapter 1 before completing this sheet. Answer using details from the story, not guesses.

1. Where is the Nook hidden?

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2. Name two everyday objects the cats repurpose in their home.

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3. What detail suggests the house has spaces humans overlook?

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4. Evidence challenge

Draw a labelled cross-section of the Nook using three details from Chapter 1.

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5. Show your evidence

Write a short quotation or precise story detail that supports one of your answers. Add a page number if available.

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Teacher check: ☐ Events understood ☐ Detail used ☐ Follow-up needed

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Chapter 2 — The Great Button Hunt

Reading check 2 of 20 • The missing button

Name: _____ Date: _____

Read Chapter 2 before completing this sheet. Answer using details from the story, not guesses.

1. What important object is missing?

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2. Where does Tansy check first?

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3. Why do the cats think the button may not simply have fallen from the bag?

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4. Evidence challenge

Write a three-step evidence trail explaining what the search uncovers.

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5. Show your evidence

Write a short quotation or precise story detail that supports one of your answers. Add a page number if available.

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Chapter 3 — The Seam in the Pantry Wall

Reading check 3 of 20 • Investigating the seam

Name: _____ Date: _____

Read Chapter 3 before completing this sheet. Answer using details from the story, not guesses.

1. What is unusual about the pantry wall?

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2. Why is the flowered button especially important to Tansy?

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3. What prevents the cats from immediately exploring beyond the seam?

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4. Evidence challenge

Write two safe investigation questions the cats could answer next.

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5. Show your evidence

Write a short quotation or precise story detail that supports one of your answers. Add a page number if available.

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Teacher check: ☐ Events understood ☐ Detail used ☐ Follow-up needed

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Chapter 4 — The House Begins to Shake

Reading check 4 of 20 • When the house moves

Name: _____ Date: _____

Read Chapter 4 before completing this sheet. Answer using details from the story, not guesses.

1. What wakes Minnie?

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2. What happens to the blue bead on her shelf?

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3. How does the disturbance change the cats’ sense of safety?

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4. Evidence challenge

Create a three-box cause-and-effect diagram of the first disturbance.

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5. Show your evidence

Write a short quotation or precise story detail that supports one of your answers. Add a page number if available.

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Teacher check: ☐ Events understood ☐ Detail used ☐ Follow-up needed

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Chapter 5 — A Map in the Dust

Reading check 5 of 20 • Mapping the unknown

Name: _____ Date: _____

Read Chapter 5 before completing this sheet. Answer using details from the story, not guesses.

1. What is Minnie listening for near the doorway?

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2. Which sounds can she usually recognise in the house?

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3. Why are the new sounds difficult to interpret?

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4. Evidence challenge

Draw a map key for three sounds or landmarks described in the chapter.

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5. Show your evidence

Write a short quotation or precise story detail that supports one of your answers. Add a page number if available.

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Teacher check: ☐ Events understood ☐ Detail used ☐ Follow-up needed

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Chapter 6 — The Knocking Beneath the Stairs

Reading check 6 of 20 • A reply beneath the stairs

Name: _____ Date: _____

Read Chapter 6 before completing this sheet. Answer using details from the story, not guesses.

1. Where is the cross on Tansy’s map?

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2. What two directions branch from the junction?

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3. What changes when a knock seems to answer them?

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4. Evidence challenge

Explain in four sentences why the cats cannot assume who is behind the wall.

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5. Show your evidence

Write a short quotation or precise story detail that supports one of your answers. Add a page number if available.

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Teacher check: ☐ Events understood ☐ Detail used ☐ Follow-up needed

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Chapter 7 — A Way Through

Reading check 7 of 20 • Finding a route

Name: _____ Date: _____

Read Chapter 7 before completing this sheet. Answer using details from the story, not guesses.

1. What does the question mark beside the cross mean?

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2. Where did Minnie report seeing Marmalade?

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3. Why do the cats decide to return rather than force their way through immediately?

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4. Evidence challenge

Make a plan listing two known facts and two unknowns.

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5. Show your evidence

Write a short quotation or precise story detail that supports one of your answers. Add a page number if available.

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Teacher check: ☐ Events understood ☐ Detail used ☐ Follow-up needed

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Chapter 8 — The Route Behind the Boxes

Reading check 8 of 20 • Behind the boxes

Name: _____ Date: _____

Read Chapter 8 before completing this sheet. Answer using details from the story, not guesses.

1. What ordinary sounds does Tansy hear in the morning?

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2. What is marked on the map?

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3. What clue suggests the space behind the pale board may connect to Marmalade?

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4. Evidence challenge

Sketch the boxes and mark the air movement with arrows.

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5. Show your evidence

Write a short quotation or precise story detail that supports one of your answers. Add a page number if available.

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Teacher check: ☐ Events understood ☐ Detail used ☐ Follow-up needed

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Chapter 9 — The Box That Would Not Move

Reading check 9 of 20 • The heavy obstacle

Name: _____ Date: _____

Read Chapter 9 before completing this sheet. Answer using details from the story, not guesses.

1. What is wedged beside the heavy box?

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2. What tool does Soot suggest using first?

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3. Why do the cats avoid putting their paws under the board?

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4. Evidence challenge

Draw a safety-first sequence of three actions from their plan.

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5. Show your evidence

Write a short quotation or precise story detail that supports one of your answers. Add a page number if available.

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Teacher check: ☐ Events understood ☐ Detail used ☐ Follow-up needed

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Chapter 10 — The Way Home

Reading check 10 of 20 • Working together to return

Name: _____ Date: _____

Read Chapter 10 before completing this sheet. Answer using details from the story, not guesses.

1. Which materials does Soot spread out in the Nook?

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2. What must the support do while the board is lifted?

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3. What does the end of the chapter show has changed for the group?

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4. Evidence challenge

Match three cats to specific helpful actions using quotations.

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5. Show your evidence

Write a short quotation or precise story detail that supports one of your answers. Add a page number if available.

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Teacher check: ☐ Events understood ☐ Detail used ☐ Follow-up needed

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Chapter 11 — A Glint in the Passage

Reading check 11 of 20 • The unexpected glint

Name: _____ Date: _____

Read Chapter 11 before completing this sheet. Answer using details from the story, not guesses.

1. How is Marmalade cared for after returning?

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2. What object or sight prompts the next investigation?

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3. Why do the cats mark the map but leave the new route unfinished?

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4. Evidence challenge

Write a short prediction with one detail that supports it.

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5. Show your evidence

Write a short quotation or precise story detail that supports one of your answers. Add a page number if available.

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Teacher check: ☐ Events understood ☐ Detail used ☐ Follow-up needed

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Chapter 12 — The Flower in the Dust

Reading check 12 of 20 • The flower in the dust

Name: _____ Date: _____

Read Chapter 12 before completing this sheet. Answer using details from the story, not guesses.

1. Where does Marmalade think she saw the glint?

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2. How do the cats organise their search?

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3. Why do they avoid squeezing through the pantry seam?

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4. Evidence challenge

Explain how a small object can carry a large emotional meaning.

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5. Show your evidence

Write a short quotation or precise story detail that supports one of your answers. Add a page number if available.

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Teacher check: ☐ Events understood ☐ Detail used ☐ Follow-up needed

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Chapter 13 — The Nook Begins to Shake

Reading check 13 of 20 • The Nook in danger

Name: _____ Date: _____

Read Chapter 13 before completing this sheet. Answer using details from the story, not guesses.

1. What new sound wakes Tansy?

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2. What falls from the shelf?

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3. Why is the recovered button no longer the group’s main concern?

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4. Evidence challenge

Write a diary entry from one cat about preparing to leave home.

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5. Show your evidence

Write a short quotation or precise story detail that supports one of your answers. Add a page number if available.

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Teacher check: ☐ Events understood ☐ Detail used ☐ Follow-up needed

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Chapter 14 — A Home Between the Boxes

Reading check 14 of 20 • A temporary shelter

Name: _____ Date: _____

Read Chapter 14 before completing this sheet. Answer using details from the story, not guesses.

1. What causes the Nook to tremble?

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2. Who catches the swinging seed-shell lamp?

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3. Where do the cats settle at the end of the chapter?

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4. Evidence challenge

Compare two features of the Nook with two features of their new shelter.

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5. Show your evidence

Write a short quotation or precise story detail that supports one of your answers. Add a page number if available.

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Teacher check: ☐ Events understood ☐ Detail used ☐ Follow-up needed

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Chapter 15 — The Passage That Closed

Reading check 15 of 20 • The blocked passage

Name: _____ Date: _____

Read Chapter 15 before completing this sheet. Answer using details from the story, not guesses.

1. What unfamiliar noises keep Pip awake?

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2. Which important belongings remain beyond reach?

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3. Why can the cats not simply return to the Nook?

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4. Evidence challenge

Write a four-step problem statement separating what is lost from what is still possible.

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5. Show your evidence

Write a short quotation or precise story detail that supports one of your answers. Add a page number if available.

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Teacher check: ☐ Events understood ☐ Detail used ☐ Follow-up needed

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Chapter 16 — The Hollow Place

Reading check 16 of 20 • A hollow space

Name: _____ Date: _____

Read Chapter 16 before completing this sheet. Answer using details from the story, not guesses.

1. What does Tansy draw across the map?

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2. What does Minnie remember about Marmalade’s observation?

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3. Why do they investigate from the safe side of the wall?

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4. Evidence challenge

Draw a two-column chart: evidence of a route / remaining uncertainties.

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5. Show your evidence

Write a short quotation or precise story detail that supports one of your answers. Add a page number if available.

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Teacher check: ☐ Events understood ☐ Detail used ☐ Follow-up needed

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Chapter 17 — The Narrow Door

Reading check 17 of 20 • The narrow door

Name: _____ Date: _____

Read Chapter 17 before completing this sheet. Answer using details from the story, not guesses.

1. What small comforts does Minnie miss about the Nook?

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2. How do the cats reach it from another direction?

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3. Does finding the old Nook mean they have moved back permanently?

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4. Evidence challenge

Write a paragraph comparing familiarity with safety, citing the chapter.

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5. Show your evidence

Write a short quotation or precise story detail that supports one of your answers. Add a page number if available.

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Teacher check: ☐ Events understood ☐ Detail used ☐ Follow-up needed

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Chapter 18 — Rain on the Glass

Reading check 18 of 20 • Rain on the glass

Name: _____ Date: _____

Read Chapter 18 before completing this sheet. Answer using details from the story, not guesses.

1. Why will the matchbox shelf not fit beneath the brace?

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2. How do Minnie and Soot change their approach?

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3. What problem does rain create, and how is water diverted?

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4. Evidence challenge

Draw the cloth-thread-saucer arrangement and explain where the water goes.

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5. Show your evidence

Write a short quotation or precise story detail that supports one of your answers. Add a page number if available.

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Teacher check: ☐ Events understood ☐ Detail used ☐ Follow-up needed

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Chapter 19 — Room for Five

Reading check 19 of 20 • Room for five

Name: _____ Date: _____

Read Chapter 19 before completing this sheet. Answer using details from the story, not guesses.

1. What happens to the corner of Pip’s mat?

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2. What small adjustment solves that problem?

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3. What new concern interrupts an otherwise ordinary morning?

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4. Evidence challenge

Write an evidence-based paragraph: what makes their shared space feel like home?

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5. Show your evidence

Write a short quotation or precise story detail that supports one of your answers. Add a page number if available.

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Teacher check: ☐ Events understood ☐ Detail used ☐ Follow-up needed

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Chapter 20 — The Biscuit Beneath the Chair

Reading check 20 of 20 • The biscuit beneath the chair

Name: _____ Date: _____

Read Chapter 20 before completing this sheet. Answer using details from the story, not guesses.

1. What is Pip trying to count beneath the stairs?

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2. Where do the cats find the large biscuit?

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3. Why do they leave some biscuit behind rather than take everything?

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4. Evidence challenge

Sequence the journey to the biscuit and back, then explain what the new food means to them.

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5. Show your evidence

Write a short quotation or precise story detail that supports one of your answers. Add a page number if available.

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Teacher check: ☐ Events understood ☐ Detail used ☐ Follow-up needed