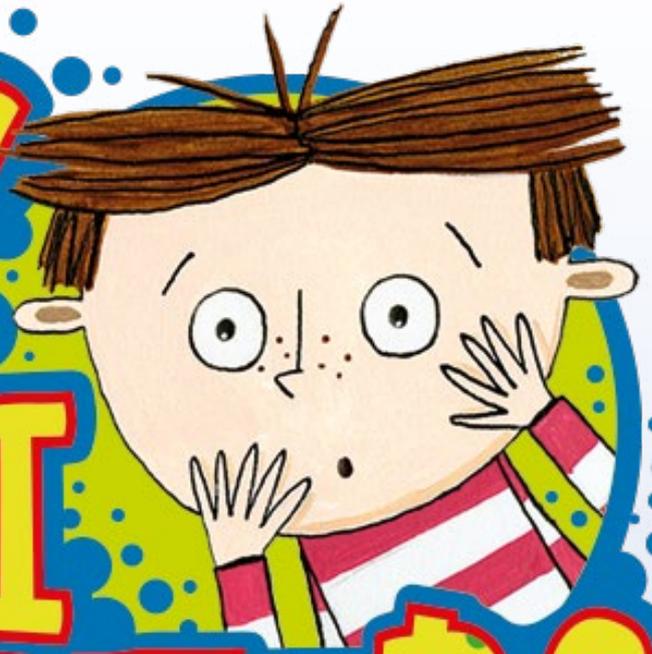


# BILLY AND THE MINI MONSTERS

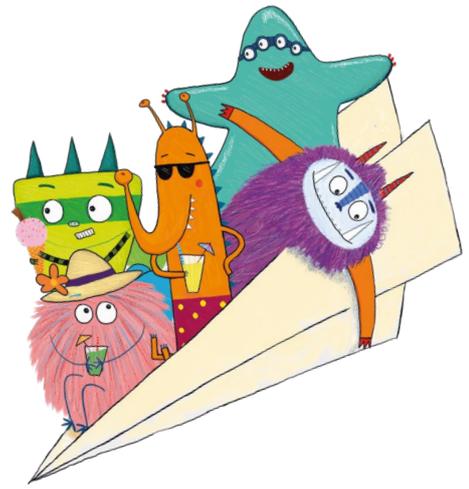


## Key Stage 1 Literacy Activities

Chapters One and Two are available to download.

<https://bit.ly/3g3WmBw>

# Chapter One



## Comprehension/discussion questions

- Why is Billy trying to stay awake all night?
- Name five things that Billy is afraid of
- What wakes Billy up?
- What does Billy see on his bookcase?
- Where has Trumpet been?

## Creative writing

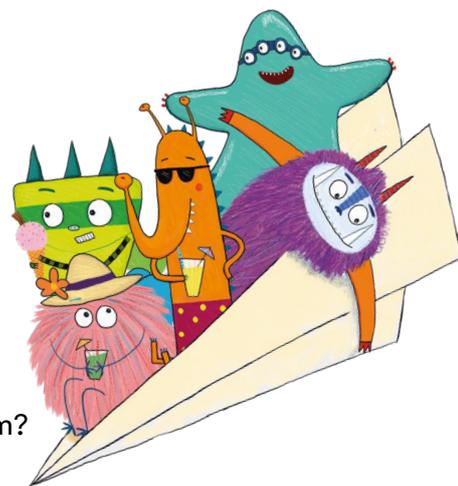
- Billy imagines lots of scary things that might happen in the dark. Write a list for Billy to help show him all of the good things about night time.
- Look around your own bedroom and describe what you can see.
- Billy thinks that maybe he is dreaming. Write a short description of the last dream you had. This could be your favourite daydream, if you can't remember!

## Other activities

- Create your own footprint. You could draw one for a creature you have imagined, or you could draw round your own foot.
- Design a poster for your bedroom wall.
- Draw your favourite pair of socks. Why are they your favourite?



# Chapter Two



## Comprehension/discussion questions

- What is Billy's little sister called?
- Why is Billy surprised when his parents look around his bedroom?
- Where is the bad smell in Billy's room coming from?
- What's wrong with Billy's tie?
- What does Billy see in the corner of the mirror?

## Creative writing

- Choose a member of Billy's family and describe them. What colour is their hair? What clothes are they wearing?
- Imagine that you are a Mini Monster living in a sock draw. Write a short story, including what you can see, hear and smell, and a description of the other Mini Monsters you share the sock draw with.
- Chapter Three is called 'Billy Makes a Plan'. Write what you think this plan might be.

## Other activities

- Draw your favourite Mini Monster.
- Create a menu listing all the things you think a Mini Monster might like to eat.
- Have a look around your home. Can you find any places that would make good homes for the Mini Monsters?



# Comprehension/discussion questions

We hope you enjoyed the first two chapters of *Billy and the Mini Monsters: Monsters in the Dark*. If you have the book at home, here are some comprehension and discussion questions for each of the remaining chapters, and some more creative activities. The creative activities follow the events of the book in chronological order.

## Chapter Three

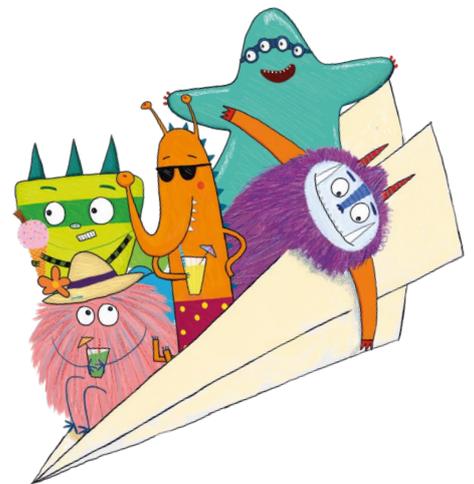
- Why doesn't Billy tell his mum about the purple, furry thing?
- How many points are there on Billy's list?
- What does Billy decide he is going to do that night?
- Which Mini Monster goes on an adventure to find more cheese?
- Which Mini Monster follows him?

## Chapter Four

- What does Billy put in his trap?
- What two things does Billy have with him under his duvet?
- How do you think Billy is feeling?
- What colour is the monster?
- How big is the monster?

## Chapter Five

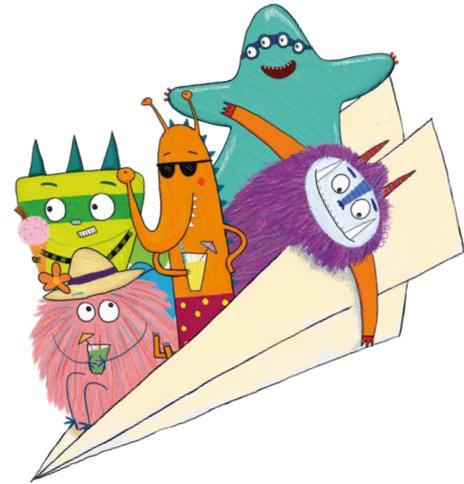
- What sound does the monster make?
- What do you think the slime feels like?
- Who are the Mini Monsters? What are their names?
- Which Mini Monster is the smelliest?
- Where does Billy's mum take the socks?



# Comprehension/discussion questions

## Chapter Six

- How would you describe Billy's decision to go downstairs, even though he is scared?
- What do the Mini Monsters offer Billy in return for saving them?
- What does this mean?
- What does Billy realise when he turns his light off?



## Discussion questions about the whole book

- Who was your favourite character and why?
- What was your favourite moment in the book?
- How is Billy different at the end of the book compared to the beginning?
- Is Billy like you or anyone you know?

## Creative writing for the whole book

- Imagine that you have your very own Mini Monsters living in your sock draw. Write a story about the adventures they get up to while you're asleep.
- Imagine that you are a Mini Monster. Write a poem or a story about yourself.
- Write a short review of the book.



## Other activities for the whole book

- Create your own Mini Monster! What is his or her name?
- Draw the Mini Monsters' Secret-Hairy-Snot-Tooth.
- Create your own book cover for *Billy and the Mini Monsters: Monsters in the Dark*.
- Write a short letter to one of your friends telling them why you liked the book and why you think they would enjoy it too.
- Create a “wanted” poster for the Mini Monsters.
- Make a “thank you” card from the Mini Monsters to Billy, thanking him for saving them from the washing machine.
- Plan the next adventure for Billy and his Mini Monsters. Where would this take place? What would happen?
- Have a go at turning this next adventure into a comic strip, like those at the end of each chapter in the book.

