

DVD - Level 3

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

Name _____

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Before you watch...

- 1** The animal featured in this scene of *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* and in the photos below is a beaver. Read the text about beavers and answer the questions.



Are you familiar with the expression 'a busy beaver'? Beavers are famous for their ability to manipulate and change the landscape. They burrow in the banks of rivers and lakes and they build dams by felling and gnawing trees with their strong teeth and jaws. They are found in North America, Europe and Asia. Beavers' homes, or *lodges* as they are called, are situated in the centre of ponds and are made out of branches and mud and have underwater entrances. Beavers live on leaves, bark, twigs, roots and aquatic plants. They are very good swimmers; they can swim up to 8 km an hour and can stay underwater for 15 minutes. They use their webbed rear feet as fins and their tails as paddles. Their eyelids are transparent like goggles and their fur is waterproof.

- 1 What are beavers famous for?
- 2 How do they build dams?
- 3 Which continents are they found in?
- 4 What are beavers' homes called?
- 5 Where do beavers build their homes?
- 6 What are they made out of?
- 7 What does their diet consist of?
- 8 How long can they stay underwater?
- 9 What do they use their rear feet and tails as?
- 10 What are their eyelids like and why?

While you watch...

0:00 - 00:31

- 2** How do the children react when they hear the beaver speak? Tick the boxes which describe their reactions. In pairs, talk about each character.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> surprised | <input type="checkbox"/> interested |
| <input type="checkbox"/> shocked | <input type="checkbox"/> frightened |
| <input type="checkbox"/> excited | <input type="checkbox"/> suspicious |
| <input type="checkbox"/> confused | <input type="checkbox"/> curious |
| <input type="checkbox"/> worried | <input type="checkbox"/> bored |

I think Lucy is curious.

- 3** What does the beaver think Peter wants him to do?
- 4** Describe the scenes in pairs. Say what you can see, what each character is wearing and what they look like.

00:32 - 01:00

- 5** In pairs, answer the questions.

- 1 Which of the four children does Mr Beaver know?
- 2 What does Mr Beaver hand Lucy?
- 3 Who did she give the hanky to?

01:00 - 01:28

- 6** Read the sentences and tick (✓) T (True) or F (False).

- | | T | F |
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| 1 Susan wants to follow Mr Beaver. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 Mr Beaver knows Mr Tumnus. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 Mr Beaver thinks it isn't safe to talk near the trees. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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7 Read the plot summary of *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* and complete the text with the correct form of the words.

return catch pretend lead hide meet sacrifice give free win put come

Peter, Susan, Edmund, and Lucy Pevensie are sent to the countryside to stay with Professor Kirke during the second World War. One rainy day, the children are playing hide-and-seek when Lucy (1) _____ in a large wardrobe in one of the rooms upstairs and finds herself transported into a magical world called Narnia. Here she (2) _____ a faun, Mr. Tumnus, who invites her home for tea and explains that it's always winter and never Christmas in Narnia because of the White Witch. Lucy (3) _____ to her world but her brothers and sister don't believe her so she decides to go back later that night.

Edmund decides to follow Lucy but the White Witch (4) _____ him and persuades him to bring his brother and sisters to her castle. Lucy sees Edmund on her way home, but when she tells Peter and Susan he (5) _____ that Narnia doesn't exist. A few days later the children hide in the wardrobe after breaking a window and all four enter Narnia. They are on their way to Mr Tumnus, when they meet two beavers who tell them that Mr Tumnus is the White Witch's prisoner. Edmund sneaks away to the White Witch's castle to tell her his brother and sisters are in Narnia but she (6) _____ him in prison with Mr Tumnus.

The Beavers tell the children that Aslan the lion, is the real ruler of Narnia and that only he can help them (7) _____ their brother. During their journey to see Aslan, they meet Father Christmas who (8) _____ them some presents to protect them against the White Witch. They tell Aslan about Edmund and he asks the White Witch to free him, but she refuses saying she has the right to kill him because he is a traitor. Aslan (9) _____ his life for Edmund but then (10) _____ back to life to fight a huge battle against the witch. Aslan (11) _____ and the children become kings and queens of Narnia.

Many years later, when the children are adults, they're out hunting when they see a white stag which (12) _____ them to the place where they first came into Narnia. They walk into the wardrobe and find themselves back at Professor Kirke's house. Time has stood still because they're the same age they were when they entered Narnia at the beginning of the story.

8 Answer the questions in pairs.

- 1 Have you seen the film or read the book? Did you enjoy it? Who was your favourite character? Why?
- 2 Have you read any of the other books in the *Chronicles of Narnia*? Which ones?
- 3 What is your favourite film? What is it about? Is it based on a book?

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Risposte

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While you watch...

- 2 Lucy is interested and curious. Peter is confused and curious. Susan is surprised and suspicious. Edmund is shocked, worried and frightened.
- 3 The Beaver thinks Peter wants him to smell his hand.
- 4 All four children are wearing long fur coats over their clothes to keep them warm. Lucy and Susan both have dark hair. Susan's hair is longer than Lucy's and she is taller. Peter is the tallest and he's got brown hair. Edmund is younger than Peter. He's got black hair and he is shorter than Peter, but taller than Lucy. He isn't as tall as Susan.
- 5 1 Mr Beaver knows Lucy.
2 He hands her a hanky.
3 She gave it to Mr Tumnus.
- 6 1 F 2 T 3 T

After you watch...

- 7 1 hides 7 free
2 meets 8 gives
3 returns 9 sacrifices
4 catches 10 comes
5 pretends 11 wins
6 puts 12 leads
- 8 Risposte personali