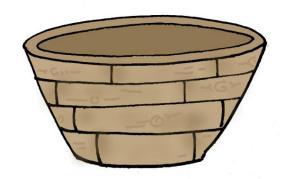
Amy opened the red door. A big gust of wind blew her off her feet into the air!

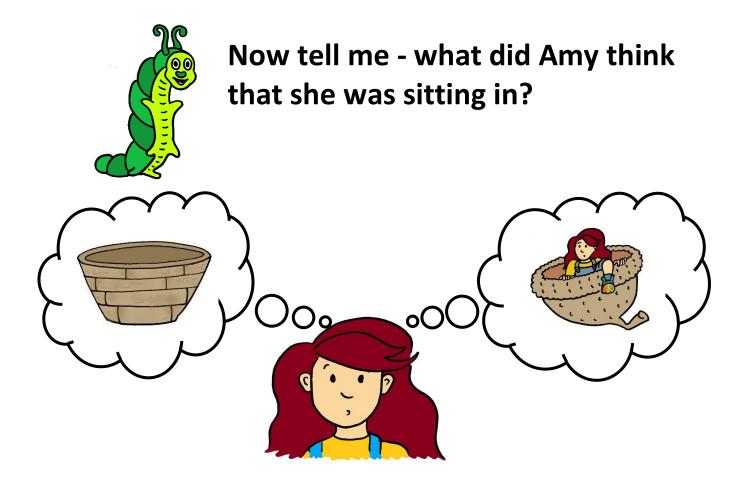
She landed in something big and wooden with high sides. It must be a wooden bowl!



She looked around – she was in a wood. There were tall trees all around and lots of brown, dry leaves.

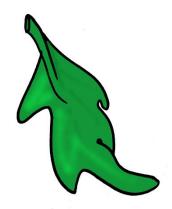


Then she touched the sides of the bowl. It wasn't a wooden bowl at all! It was a giant acorn cup!



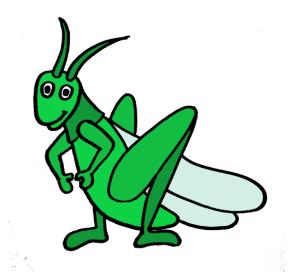
Great! You've been listening. Let's carry on...

Amy was scared. How would she get back home?



Suddenly she saw something move. It looked like a very big green leaf floating through the air.

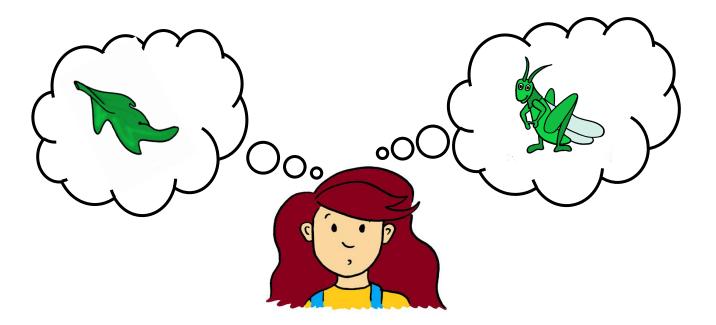
But as it came closer she saw that it was a giant grasshopper!





Oh, how silly I am, I forgot where we were.

Can you tell me, what did Amy believe that she saw?



Oh yes, right... So let's continue...

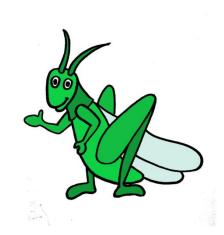
Amy wondered if the grasshopper could help her.

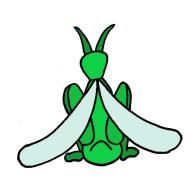
"Excuse me!" Amy said. The grasshopper kept jumping.

"Please?" Amy said, peeking over the edge of the acorn.

The grasshopper stopped. He looked at Amy, his head on one side. He looked friendly.

"It looks like he is coming to say hello," Amy said to herself. "



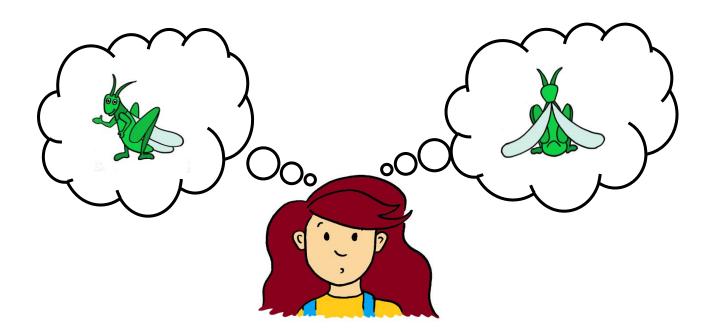


"He can't possibly leave me here alone."

She waited and waited. Then the grasshopper waved and hopped over to her acorn.



Now, let's see. What did Amy think that the grasshopper would do?



Brilliant! Let's go on!

Now he was close, Amy could see a big friendly smile on the grasshopper's face.

"Oh hello, hello!" said Grasshopper. "I didn't know anyone was there."

Amy smiled back. "I'm lost," she said. "Can you help me get home?"

"Where did you come from?" said the Grasshopper.

"I came through a red door, and the wind blew, and then I was here." Amy explained.





"I am looking for the red door again. But I only see that old tree with the crooked branches."



Right! Let's continue...

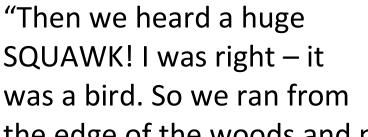
"I've never seen a door here," said the Grasshopper. "Your home must be past the edge of the woods."

"Have you ever been to the edge of the woods?" said Amy.



"Only once," he said. "My friends and I went to the edge of the wood. We heard some loud scratching. My friends said, "That must just be the wind in the trees."

I said, "No, that is a giant bird that will eat us!"

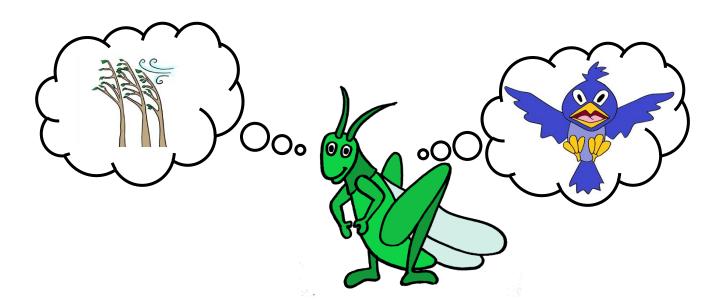


the edge of the woods and never went there again."





Do you remember? What did Grasshopper believe the scratching to be?



Lovely. Let's carry on...

"That must have been scary," Amy said. "But birds don't eat people, so I won't be scared. How do I get to the edge of the woods?"

"The Great Owl can help," said Grasshopper. "She is very wise. I'll take you to her!"

Amy climbed out of the acorn. She tried to walk through the thick leaves but it was hard to walk!



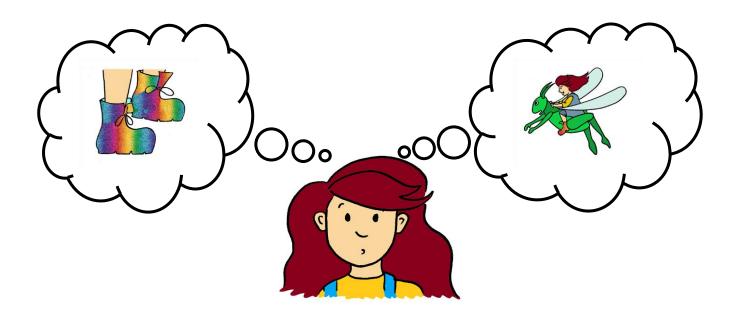


She said to herself, "If I could ride on Grasshopper's back, it will be much easier to get to the Great Owl."

Grasshopper looked down at Amy. "Ride on my back," he said. "It will be too hard to walk through the leaves."



Remind me please. How did Amy want to get to Great Owl?



Great! Thank you. Let's continue...

Grasshopper and Amy hopped through the woods. They hopped very high, almost as high as the tops of the trees.

Above them, it looked like the trees were covered in fluttering red butterflies.

"Can we look closer at the trees?" Amy asked Grasshopper.



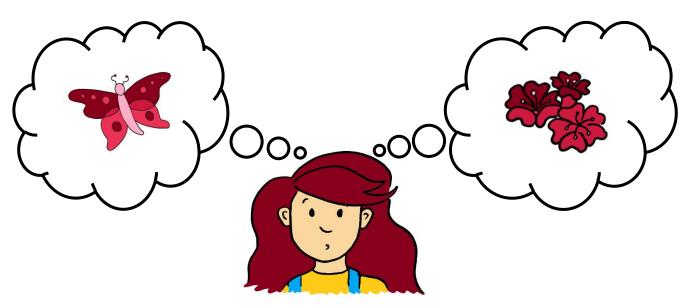
"Of course!" He said. They hopped even higher.



Amy stretched out her hand. The fluttering red things were not butterflies. They were beautiful velvety red flowers.



Now tell me. What did Amy believe the red things to be?



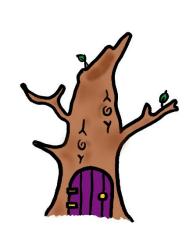
Good! Let's get on now, further in the woods!

They arrived in a very quiet part of the woods.

"My father told me that the Great Owl lives where the woods are quietest," said the Grasshopper.

There were two trees with two little doors.

"If the Great Owl likes quiet," Amy said, "She will live in the tree with no leaves, because leaves rustle in the wind."





"She will not live in the tree with all the leaves and the birds!"

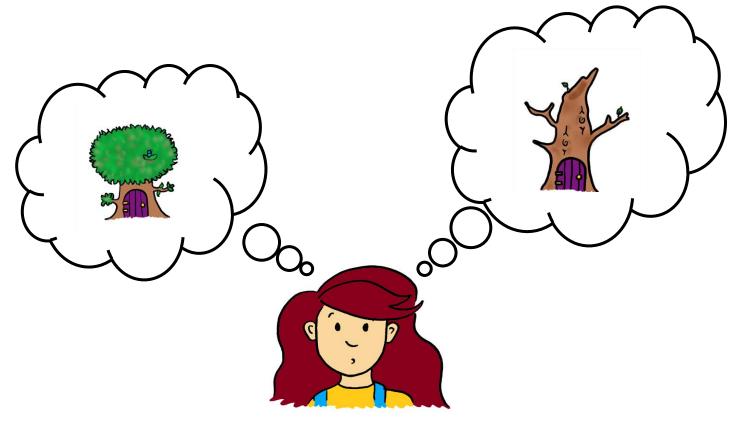
"Good idea!" said the Grasshopper.

He knocked on the door in the tree with no leaves.

It opened and two great Owly eyes appeared in the dark. It was the Great Owl!



Oh, I've forgotten! Where did Amy believe the Great Owl would live?



Thank you! What happens next...?



"Great Owl! Please will you help me?" Amy asked.

The two Owly eyes blinked in the darkness. "I cannot help ghosts!" a voice cried, and the door shut.

"Ghosts?" Amy said to Grasshopper. "I can't see any ghosts!"

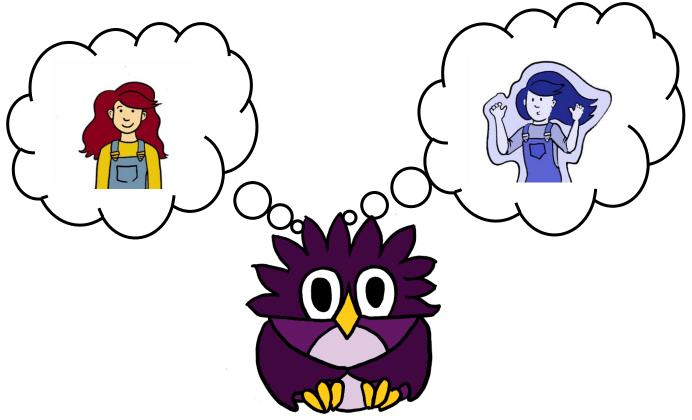
Grasshopper laughed. "Great Owl has not seen a human in many many years," he said.

"You walk on two feet and you are very pale – I think that Great Owl has made a mistake!"





Help me now. What did Great Owl believe Amy to be?



Great, let's carry on...

Grasshopper cried, "Great Owl, please help us!"

The door opened again. Two big Owly eyes blinked at Amy.

"You must prove that you are not a ghost!" she said.



"Ghosts can walk through solid things.

Ghosts cannot touch or push things."



Amy walked over to the stone.

She pushed and pushed, but she could not walk through it.



So, what did Great Owl believe that ghosts can do?



Oh, thank you! Let's carry on.

"Ah, you ARE a human," said the Great Owl. "There are no humans in these woods. I suppose you want to get back home."

"You're right!" said Amy. "You are very wise. But how do I get back home?"

"Your shoes, of course!" said Great Owl.

Amy sighed. "The shoes can take me to special, magical lands," she said.





Great Owl laughed. "No, Amy! The shoes don't take you to magical lands. They take you where you want to be. Right now, they will take you home, if you let them."

Great Owl smiled. "Just like you let them bring you to me. A very wise thing to do indeed."



Help me here please. What does Great Owl believe the shoes to do?



Perfect, thank you! Let's see what happened next.

"So, I just need to start walking?" Amy asked.

"Yes. Think of home and you will get there. Now, it's daytime, so I need to sleep."

The Great Owl closed the door. Amy and Grasshopper heard snoring!



"She was tired!" said Grasshopper. "But very helpful. So you just have to walk home, Amy."

"Yes," said Amy. "But the woods will be covered in

thick leaves, just like before!"

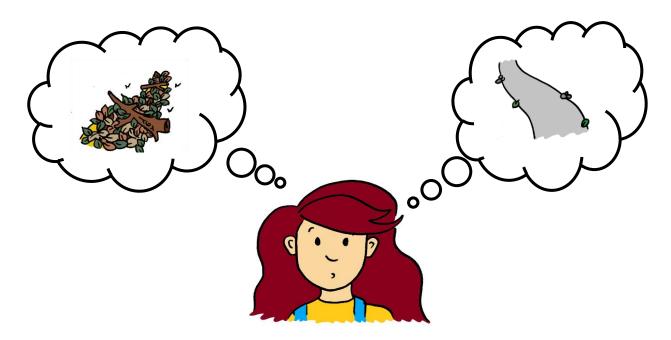
"Well," said Grasshopper, "You won't know until you try!"

Amy started to walk. She soon saw that the path was clear! It was a smooth flat path to walk on, with no leaves, stones or branches to get in her way.





So... What did Amy believe that there would be on the path?



That's great! We're nearly done now.

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Amy and the Grasshopper followed the yellow sandy path.

The trees cleared and they heard a great scratching noise and a loud SQUAWK!

"The giant birds!" said the Grasshopper. "I must leave you here. I'm sure I will see you on an adventure in the future, Amy!"

"Thank you, Grasshopper," said Amy. "You were so kind to me."

The Grasshopper smiled and waved and hopped back into the woods.

Amy took a big breath. "OK, shoes," she said. "Time to go home."

She felt her toes wiggle. "I didn't wiggle my toes," Amy thought to herself.

Her toes wiggled again. "Well, they know how to get me home!" Amy thought.

She stepped out of the woods. She started running – faster than she had ever run before!

She ran through rivers – whoosh!

She ran over mountains - wheee!

She ran through cities – beep, beep, honk!

And suddenly, there it was. A door she knew very well. Her own front door.

Amy wondered what she would find behind other doors!



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