Did You Hear About

TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS: Pass out questions to the students. Question sheets should remain face-down on their desks while you read the text aloud to students. When you are finished, ask students to turn their questions sheets over and answer the questions.

Who Said That?

Jenny and her little brother Peter were talking a walk in the woods near their house, and Jenny was not being very nice. She was angry because her parents were busy, and they were making her watch Peter. So she was being very bossy. She was also walking so fast that Peter was having a hard time keeping up. "This way Peter!" Jenny said in her bossiest voice when they reached a fork in the trail. She turned around to make sure Peter was listening, but Peter was gone! "Peter!" Jenny called. "You get back here right this instant!" But there was no Peter. So she started to backtrack, looking right and left into the thick stands of trees.

After awhile, tired and worried, she stopped to rest. She knew her parents would be very angry with her for losing Peter. "Oh, what am I going to do!" she wailed. When a high, squeaky voice behind her answered, "You could try being nice for once!" she was startled. "What? Who are you?"

"Down here," the voice said. "I'm the tree stump you were just leaning against. I've been listening to you. The whole forest has been listening to you. You are a mean, bossy little girl."

"Have you seen my little brother?" Jenny asked, trying not to cry. "He ran off into the woods," the tree stump replied, "To get away from you!" Jenny cried out, "Oh no!" and ran off into the woods calling, "Peter! Peter, I'm sorry, come back!"

As her footsteps faded away, Peter crawled out of the old hollow tree stump and ran towards home, giggling all the way.



QUESTIONS: Who Said That?

Circle the correct answer.

- 1. Jenny and Peter are walking in the ______.
 - A. park
 - B. woods
 - C. field
 - D. playground
- 2. Jenny is _____ because she has to watch Peter.
 - A. happy
 - B. angry
 - C. upset
 - D. bored
- 3. Peter thinks Jenny is being too:
 - A. mean
 - B. bossy
 - C. mean and bossy
 - D. boring
- 4. Who does Jenny think speaks to her in the woods?
 - A. her parents
 - B. Peter
 - C. her conscience
 - D. a tree stump
- 5. What does Peter do in this story?
 - A. pitches a fit
 - B. plays a practical joke
 - C. behaves
 - D. pleases his sister



