



Story 1: The Haunted Treehouse

Deep in the woods behind Jenna's house stood an old, forgotten treehouse. It was weathered and covered in moss, with creaky wooden steps leading up to a small platform. For years, no one had dared to go near it because of the rumors. People said the treehouse was haunted by the ghost of a boy who had disappeared many years ago.

Jenna, a brave and curious 11-year-old, didn't believe in ghosts. She had always wanted to explore the treehouse, and one crisp autumn afternoon, she decided it was finally time. She grabbed a flashlight, just in case, and made her way into the woods. The trees were tall and twisted, their branches creating eerie shadows on the ground. But Jenna wasn't scared. She was too excited about her adventure.

When she reached the treehouse, she hesitated for a moment before climbing up the steps. They groaned under her weight, but they held firm. At the top, Jenna pushed open the creaky door and stepped inside. The treehouse was dusty and dark, with only a little light filtering through the cracks in the walls. But what caught Jenna's eye was a small, old-fashioned toy box in the corner.

Curious, she opened the box. Inside were marbles, toy soldiers, and a faded photograph of a young boy. As she examined the toys, she heard a soft rustling sound behind her. Jenna spun around, shining her flashlight into the shadows. At first, she saw nothing, but then she noticed something strange. The toys she had taken out were now neatly arranged back in the box, as if someone—or something—had put them away.

Jenna's heart raced, but she refused to be frightened. She called out, "Hello? Is anyone there?" There was no reply, just the sound of the wind rustling the leaves outside. Determined to find out what was happening, Jenna stayed in the treehouse, watching the toys carefully. After a few minutes, the toys began to move again, sliding gently back into place.

Suddenly, Jenna heard a whisper. It was soft, almost like a sigh, saying, "Thank you for playing with me." Jenna felt a chill run down her spine, but she wasn't scared anymore. Instead, she felt a deep sadness. The ghost of the boy wasn't trying to scare anyone; he just wanted a friend.

Jenna left the treehouse, but she returned often. She would bring new toys and spend time there, knowing that she was keeping the lonely spirit company. The rumors about the haunted treehouse faded, and it became known as a place where a little ghost had finally found a friend.



Story 2: The Secret of the Underwater Cave

In the coastal town of Clearwater, a group of friends discovered something amazing. Leo, Mia, and Jack were inseparable. They loved exploring, and their favorite spot was the beach, where they often searched for seashells and interesting rocks. One day, while swimming near the shore, Leo noticed something unusual—a dark shadow beneath the water. When he dove down to investigate, he found the entrance to an underwater cave!

Excitedly, Leo called Mia and Jack over. They all agreed to explore the cave, even though it was risky. They gathered their snorkeling gear and, the next morning, set out on their adventure. The water was clear and calm as they swam toward the cave. The entrance was narrow, but they squeezed through and found themselves in a large, hidden cavern. The walls of the cave sparkled with tiny crystals, and the water inside was a deep, glowing blue.

As they swam deeper into the cave, they discovered something even more incredible—a series of ancient carvings on the walls. The carvings showed strange symbols and pictures of people with fish-like tails. Mia, who loved reading about ancient civilizations, realized what they had found. "This must be a hidden treasure of an ancient underwater civilization!" she exclaimed.

The friends were thrilled. They spent hours exploring the cave, finding more carvings and even some old, rusted artifacts on the cave floor. Jack found a rusty old trident, while Leo uncovered a small chest filled with shiny coins and jewels. They couldn't believe their luck!

As they prepared to leave the cave, they realized the tide was coming in. The water level was rising quickly, and the entrance they had used was now completely submerged. Panic set in, but Mia stayed calm. She remembered reading that some underwater caves had hidden exits. They just needed to find it.

Working together, the friends searched the cave for another way out. Finally, they found a narrow tunnel that led them to an open area closer to the shore. They emerged from the water, gasping for breath but thrilled by their adventure.

The trio returned to Clearwater with their amazing discovery. They decided to keep the cave a secret, knowing that it was a special place that belonged to them alone. They often returned to the underwater cave, where they would explore and imagine the lives of the people who once lived there. The secret of the underwater cave became the greatest adventure of their lives.

Multiple Choice Questions

1. What do the main characters in both stories discover?

- a) A hidden treasure
- b) A mysterious friend
- c) A dangerous secret
- d) An old, abandoned place

2. How does Jenna's experience in the treehouse differ from the friends' experience in the underwater cave?

- a) Jenna is scared, while the friends are not.
- b) Jenna meets a ghost, while the friends find treasure.
- c) Jenna explores alone, while the friends explore together.
- d) Jenna finds something old, while the friends find something new.

3. Which story involves a supernatural element?

- a) The Haunted Treehouse
- b) The Secret of the Underwater Cave
- c) Both stories
- d) Neither story

4. What motivates the characters to explore in each story?

- a) Curiosity and a desire for adventure
- b) A need to escape from danger
- c) A search for lost treasure
- d) A mission to help others

5. How do the endings of the two stories compare?

- a) Both end with the characters finding treasure.
- b) One ends with a new friendship, while the other ends with a secret.
- c) Both end with the characters escaping danger.
- d) One ends with a mystery solved, while the other ends with a loss.