Boo Gets a Fish Tail

Boo was inside the monster's castle. The monster had a magic rod that was made of gold. The monster was saying that she could cast spells on people as long as she had the magic rod.

Boo said to himself, "I must get that rod from the monster."

Boo said, "I will try to scare the monster." So Boo made himself as big and as mean as he could. But he was still pretty small and he didn't really look mean.

He floated down at the monster. "Oooooow," he said.

The monster laughed. "What's this?" she said. "A little ghost thinks he can fill me with fear. I'll show him some fear."

The monster held up the magic rod. "Bode bode, bed bead," she said. All at once, Boo felt funny. He looked down and saw
that he had the tail of a fish. He had a big fin growing from his back.

"That should hold you for a while," the monster said, and she began to laugh. "Now get out of here before I turn you into a leaf."

Boo really got out of there, because he was really scared. When he was far from the castle, he stopped and looked at himself. He was part fish and part ghost. He wanted to cry. But he didn't cry.

He said to himself, "I must think of some way to get that gold rod from the monster. If I get the rod, I could turn myself back into a real ghost. But that gold rod is my only hope."

Boo sat and began to think. He needed a plan. He sat for a long time. Then all at once, he said, "I have a plan now. And I think it will work."

Stop
1. Boo wanted to get the magic ______________ from the monster.
2. Who tried to scare the monster? ____________
3. Was the monster scared? ________
4. Did the monster laugh? ________
5. What did Boo have growing from his back? a big ____________
   fan       fun       fat       fin
6. Who was really scared? _______________
7. Boo was part ____________ and part ghost.
   frog       fig       fish       fear
8. Did Boo think of a plan? ________

The kitten didn’t like the
   mailbox because it was too ____________.
   big       light       dark       wet
2. The kitten didn’t like the
   fish bowl because it was too ____________.
   big       light       dark       wet
3. Where did the girl take the kitten? to a ____________

The rock feels hard in my hand.

1. Circle the words that tell what feels hard.
2. Circle the word that tells how the rock feels.
3. Make a line over the words that tell where the rock is.
One day a car stopped near Spot. A dog and a cow were in that car. Spot said, "Who are you?"

The dog said, "Bark."

Spot said, "So your name is Mark. Where are you going, Mark?"

The cow said, "Mooooo."

Spot said, "So you are going to the zoo. I hope you have fun."

1. What stopped near Spot? ____________

2. Who was in that car? a ______________ and a ______________

3. What did Spot think the dog said? ____________

4. What did Spot think the cow said? ____________

Sandy counted all of the little balls.

Circle every ball that Sandy counted.
I have a good plan now.
Boo's Plan Works

Boo had a plan for getting the gold rod from the monster. Boo floated back to the old house where the other ghosts stayed. He floated inside the house. The other five ghosts were eating their big meal. They always ate a big meal before they went out to do mean things.

When the ghosts saw Boo, they stopped eating and said, "What are you doing here? We made you leave this house. So get out."

Boo said, "I am here because I have found somebody you can't scare."

The five ghosts jumped up from the table. The biggest ghost made himself as big as a horse. Then he made himself look meaner than the monster. "I can scare anybody," he shouted.

The other ghosts made themselves look big and mean, too. "We can scare anybody," they said.
"No, you can’t," Boo said. "There is a monster near here who is so mean that you can’t scare her. And she can do magic things. Look at what she did to me."

The five ghosts looked at Boo’s fish tail and his fin. They started to laugh.

"That monster can play magic tricks on you," the biggest ghost said. "But you are not much of a ghost. Her magic won’t work on us. We are real ghosts."

"No," Boo said. "She will turn you into a log or into a frog.

"Come on," one of the ghosts said. "Let’s go get that monster. Let’s see her try to play tricks on us."

The other ghosts said, "Yes, let’s go. Lead us to her."

Had Boo’s plan worked?

Stop
1. What is the title of this story? 

2. Boo had a plan for getting the gold __________ from the monster.

3. Who said, "I found somebody you can't scare"? ________________

4. How many ghosts jumped up from the table? ______________

5. Which ghost made himself as big as a horse?
   the ______________
   gold house   biggest ghost
   oldest ghost smallest ghost

6. What did the five ghosts do when they saw Boo's fin and tail?
   They started to ______________.
   laugh     cry     think     get scared

7. Were the five ghosts afraid to go to the monster's castle? __________

The monster held a gold rod over the toad.

1. Make a b over the word held.
2. Make a box around the words that tell who held a gold rod.
3. Circle the words that tell where he held the gold rod.
Every day a mean bird would scare people in town. That bird said, "It is fun to scare people. So I’ll scare them at night." So the bird began to play tricks on people at night. Then one night a man shouted at the bird. The bird got scared. Now the bird does not scare people any more.

1. This story is about a mean ____________.

2. What did that bird like to do? ______________ people

3. Who shouted at the bird? ______________

Sam made all of the little dresses.

Circle every dress that Sam made.
Do you hope this plan works?
The Ghosts Meet the Monster

Boo was leading the way to the monster's castle. The biggest ghost said, "I'll scare her so much she'll turn into a mouse." Another ghost said, "I'll scare her so much she'll turn into a bug."

Soon, Boo and the other ghosts came to the castle. The hounds began to howl. One of the ghosts floated down near the hounds. He made himself as big as a horse. Then he said, "Eeeeeeeeee." The hounds ran away like a flash.

Then the ghosts floated into the castle. The monster was sitting at one end of a long table. The gold rod was at the other end. One of the ghosts rammed into the table and broke the table into a thousand bits. Another ghost picked up the monster's plate and heaved it at the monster. "Plop." It hit her in the nose.
Another ghost got behind the monster and made a loud sound. “Rrrrr.” When the monster turned around, the biggest ghost flew at the monster and knocked her down. All of the ghosts were howling and making themselves look as mean as they could.

The monster got up. “What’s going on here?” she shouted.

Then all five ghosts flew at her.

“I’m leaving,” the monster said. And she ran away from the castle as fast as she could go.

The biggest ghost flew over and grabbed the gold rod.

“This must be a magic rod,” he said. “We can have a lot of fun with this rod. We can turn Boo into a leaf.”

“That’s a fine plan,” the other ghosts said.

Stop
1. What is the title of this story?

2. Who began to howl when the ghosts got near the castle? the ____________
   mouse    house    hounds    horse

3. Did one of the ghosts scare the hounds? ______

4. Who was sitting at the table when the ghosts floated in? _______________________

5. What broke into a thousand pieces? ________________

6. Who said, “I’m leaving”? _______________________

7. Did Boo pick up the magic rod? ______

8. Who grabbed the magic rod? the ______________________
   old hound    monster    Boo    biggest ghost

1. The woman told Don to do ________________ things.

2. The woman handed Don a ________________.

3. Don ________________ the dime to his ________________.

The castle was on the hill.

1. Make a line under the words that tell what was on the hill.
2. Circle the word was.
3. Make a line over the words that tell where the castle was.
One day the con fox said, "I will get some cash from a store. I will get a fish pole. I will drop a line down to the cash box and steal some cash."

So the con fox got on top of the store. He dropped his line down into the store. Then he lifted it as hard as he could. But he didn’t have a cash box on the end of his line. He had a big cop on the end of his line. Now the con fox is in jail. He is a con.

1. Who said, "I will get cash from a store"?
2. What did he get? a 
3. Was a fish on his line? 
4. What was on his line? 
5. Where is the con fox now?

Every elephant is in the zoo.

Circle every animal that is in the zoo.
We can have a lot of fun.
The Ghosts Turn on Boo

The biggest ghost had the magic rod. He was going to turn Boo into a leaf. He held the rod and said, "Turn Boo into a leaf." But nothing happened.

"This thing doesn't work," the biggest ghost said.

Another ghost looked at the rod and said, "You're not saying the right words. You have to say funny words if you want to cast a spell. Say something funny."

The biggest ghost said, "Bine bin, fine fin." Nothing happened to Boo. But the biggest ghost turned into a big red flower. The other ghosts laughed. "That was a good trick," they said.

One of the other ghosts grabbed the rod. He said, "I never did like that big ghost anyhow. Now I'm the biggest ghost and I will make this magic rod work for me."
He held the rod and said, "Tim time, cop cope." Nothing happened to Boo, but the ghost who was holding the rod turned into a leaf.

The other mean ghosts laughed and laughed. Then one of them picked up the rod and said, "Now I am the biggest ghost. And I will find a way to make that rod work."

He held the rod and looked at it for a long time. Then he said, "I see words on the side of this rod. Those words tell how to cast spells."

The other mean ghosts said, "Well, read the words."

The ghost who was holding the rod said, "I can't read."

Stop
1. What is the title of this story? ________________

2. Did the biggest ghost try to turn Boo into a leaf? ______

3. Did the biggest ghost turn Boo into a leaf? ______

4. Who said, “This thing doesn’t work”? __________________

5. The biggest ghost said, “Bine bin, f________ f________ .”

6. Did the biggest ghost turn into a big yellow flower? ______

7. Were the other ghosts sad when one ghost turned into a leaf? __________________

8. Were there words on the side of the rod? ______

9. Did the ghost read these words? ______

10. The ghost holding the rod said, “I can’t ____________ .”

That red truck was outside.

1. Make a box around the words that tell what was outside.
2. Make a line under the word that tells where the red truck was.
3. Make a ç over the word was.

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A monster named Ib had the biggest teeth you have seen. He would show his teeth to people and they would scream. Then they would run away. One day Ib showed his teeth to a little girl. But she didn’t scream and run away. She said, “Your teeth are yellow. They need a good brushing.” She took out her tooth brush and brushed the monster’s teeth. Now the monster is happy. He has white teeth.

1. What was the monster’s name? _________

2. Ib had big _______________.

3. Did the little girl run away? _________

4. What did she do to the monster’s teeth? ____________________________
   hit them    sat on them    brushed them

5. Why is the monster happy now? ____________________________

Linda picked every big flower.

Circle all the flowers that Linda picked.
One of them could not read.
Boo Casts Some Spells

The ghosts had found words on the side of the rod. The ghost who was holding the rod said, "I can’t read." Then he looked at the other mean ghosts. "Who can read these words?" he asked.

"Not me," they all said. Then the three ghosts looked at Boo.

"You can read," one ghost said. "So read these words and tell us how to turn you into a leaf."

Boo said, "Hand me the rod and I will do the best I can."

So the ghost handed the rod to Boo, and Boo looked at the words on the rod. Then Boo held the rod and said, "Bit bite, ben bean."

Nothing happened to Boo, but the other ghosts began to smile. One ghost said, "I don’t feel mean anymore."
Another ghost said, "I feel ★ like playing games with the boys and girls in town." ⑤

Another ghost said, "Not me. I feel like going out and helping a farmer milk cows."
Before they left, they turned to Boo and said, "Thank you for making us feel so good."

After they left, Boo held up the rod and said, "Sip dim, dime dup." The flower turned back into a smiling ghost. And the leaf turned back into a smiling ghost. They both gave Boo a kiss and they left for school.

"We want to read books," they said.

Boo said some magic words to make his fins and tail go away. Then he said, "Now I will go find the frog and turn him back into a king."

More to come
1. How many ghosts could read the words? __________

2. Which ghost could read the words? __________

3. Boo said, “Bit bite, ben __________.”

4. Did the ghosts feel mean then? ______

5. Did a ghost feel like helping a farmer? ______

6. Did Boo turn the flower into a monster or a ghost? __________________

7. Who said magic words to make Boo’s tail go away? __________

A green frog scared the ghosts.

1. Circle the words that tell who scared the ghosts.

2. Make a line under the word ghosts.

3. Make a line over the word green.
Once there was a very sad snake. That snake could not kick a ball. All the other animals kicked the ball. But snakes do not have legs.

Then one day the snake said, "I will use my head." And she did. Now she can make the ball go as far as the other animals can. But the snake doesn't kick the ball. She hits the ball with her head.

The other animals all say, "That snake can really use her head."

1. Why was the snake sad? She couldn't _______________________.

2. Snakes do not have l_________.

3. Who said, "I will use my head"? _______________________

4. Can the snake make the ball go far? _______

If a horse is running, she is old.

Circle every horse that is old.
We want to read good books.