



What's That Noise?

Part 1

Teacher Reads This story contains a mystery, a problem to be solved. The characters and we, the readers, have to figure out what happened.

During a big storm last week, strong winds smashed the
10 roof of Yash and Dad's home. As a result, they could not stay
23 there until the roof was fixed. So, they planned on staying
34 with Aunt Brin for a short time.

41 After packing things in the car, Dad and Yash drove to
52 Aunt Brin's home. When they got there, Aunt Brin rushed
62 out and gave Yash and Dad each a big hug. "You can stay as
76 long as you like. I enjoy having you visit," she exclaimed.

87 After eating dinner and visiting, Yash went to bed. When
97 the wind started to blow, he sat up fast. Was another big
109 storm about to smash Aunt Brin's home? Then there was
119 an odd noise: *skreek, skreek, skreek*. Yash could not pinpoint
129 where the noise was, but it seemed to be coming from up
141 high. Maybe it was in the attic. *Skreek, skreek, skreek*. Yash
152 wanted to sleep, but the noise kept him up all night.

Part 2

Teacher Reads Dad and Yash are going to look for the source of the unusual noise. Will they solve the mystery? Let's find out.

163 The next morning, Dad said, "Yash, it looks as if you did
175 not get much sleep last night. Are you OK?"

184 Yash did not want to admit that the noise had frightened
195 him. But he had to explain his sleepless night. So, he told
207 Aunt Brin and Dad about the noise. Dad said, "Yash, let's go
219 check the attic. Maybe an animal got in. Animals can destroy
230 a home if they get inside."



Part 2 continued

236 Yash said, “Dad, if we find animals, we will not
246 poison them.”
248 Dad said, “You are right. Animals in a home can
258 be annoying. But there are better ways than poison to
268 keep animals out of a home.”
274 Dad and Yash checked the attic. There were no
283 animals there at all. In a way, Yash was disappointed.
293 Animals would have explained the noise.
299 “Then what made that noise?” asked Yash.
306 “We will see,” Dad said.

Part 3

Teacher Reads Do you know what is making the *skreek* noise?
Let’s read on and see how the mystery is solved.

311 That night, Dad and Yash sat in Yash’s room,
320 waiting. As the wind started to blow, there was the
330 noise. *Skreek, skreek, skreek*. Dad said, “Come with
338 me.” He and Yash went into the yard. Dad pointed
348 to a tree right next to Aunt Brin’s home. Its branches
359 were dipping close to the roof. When the wind started
369 blowing, the branches scraped the roof. *Skreek,*
376 *skreek, skreek*.
378 The next day, Dad got a ladder and cut back the
389 tree branches. And that was the end of the *skreek,*
399 *skreek, skreek*.
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