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Quick Questions



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Answers



1. Where is the narrator of this story?
Accept: (trapped) inside a (glass) bottle.



2. Did the narrator mean for this to happen? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.
Accept 'no' as the answer, provided that evidence from the text has been given in support, such as 'no because they said it was a 'spell gone wrong'.



3. What story do you know that has a similar theme?
Accept answers which discuss other texts which are based on magic, spells gone wrong, becoming trapped or no-one knowing where you are, e.g. Rapunzel is trapped in a tower / Matilda uses her powers to move items.



4. Sum up the story in 20 words or less.
Accept any reasonable summary of the key points of the story in 20 words or less, such as 'a child does a spell which goes wrong and ends up trapped inside a bottle in their bedroom.'