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Quick Questions



1. Where did Simpkin live?



2. What does the word **sneakiest** mean?



3. How do you think that the mayor and the people of the town feel about Simpkin?

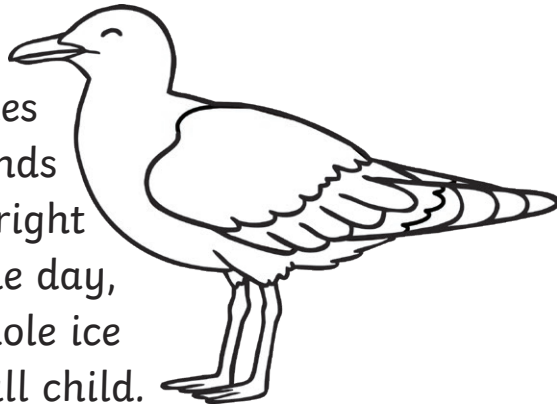


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Answers



1. Where did Simpkin live?
Simpkin lived on a cliff near the beach.



2. What does the word **sneakiest** mean?
The word sneakiest means that you are the best at doing something without being noticed or caught.



3. How do you think that the mayor and the people of the town feel about Simpkin?
Accept any sensible answer, such as: I think that the mayor and people of the town are annoyed with Simpkin because he keeps stealing things.



4. What do think will happen to Simpkin next in the story?
Accept any sensible prediction, such as: I think that Simpkin will steal the chips and fly away without getting caught in the net because he is so sneaky.