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Then, all the food landed on their Heads!!

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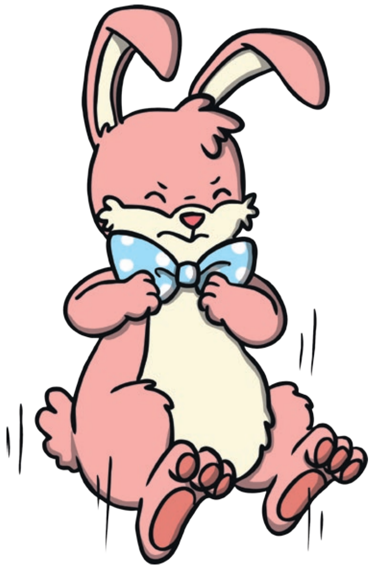

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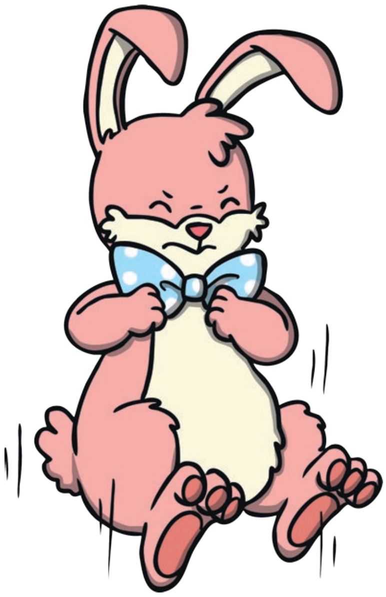

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   ○ Rosa Rabbit
   ○ no-one, he lived by himself

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3. Match the sound to the correct food when it lands on the animals' heads.

   clump
   flush
   smash

   flour
   eggs
   carrots

4. 'Niall looked down. Instead of the cake, it was a plate full of...'
   Find and copy one thing on the plate instead of the cake:

5. Number the events below to show the order in which they happen in the story.

   ☐ Niall speaks sadly.
   ☐ Barry Badger comes trotting by.
   ☐ Niall makes himself invisible for the first time.
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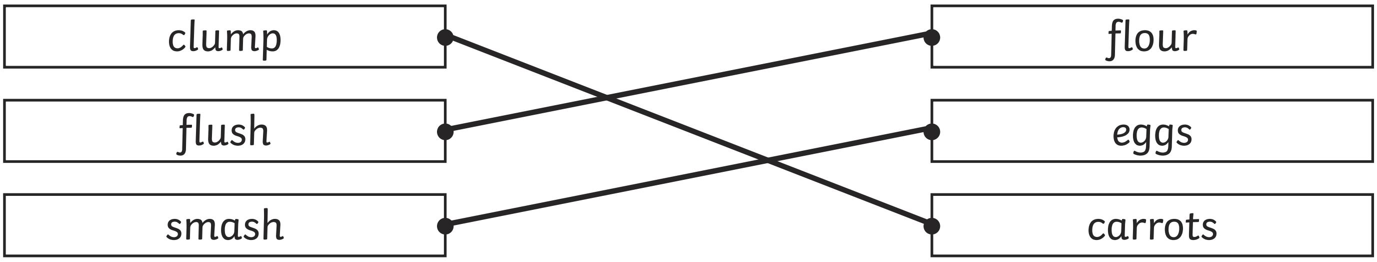

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   Any of: bashed carrots, smashed egg shells, or powdery flour.

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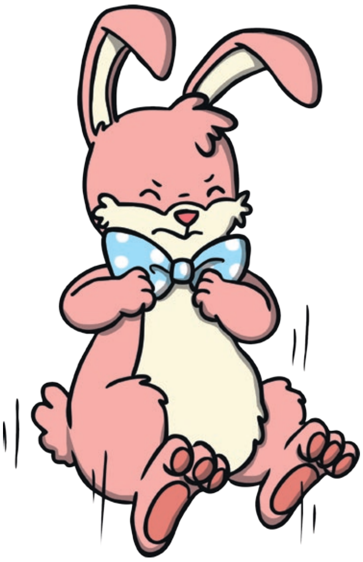

Niall looked down at what was supposed to be a freshly baked birthday cake, but instead of the cake, it was a plate full of bashed carrots, smashed egg shells and powdery flour.

“Someone ruined all of our ingredients,” Rosa said. “Happy birthday.”

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1. What did Niall do after he became invisible? Tick **one**.

   ○ lived by himself
   ○ laughed
   ○ waited in the bushes
   ○ shouted

2. Why do you think Rosa screamed and threw her carrots in the air?

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3. Find and copy what the animals shouted at Niall after they threw their food in the air:

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4. “Someone ruined all our ingredients,” Rosa said. “Happy birthday.”
   Who is the ‘someone’ Rosa is talking about?

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5. Number the events below to show the order in which they happen in the story.

   ☐ The animals give Niall a plateful of raw ingredients.
   ☐ Niall meets the animals by the old oak tree.
   ☐ Niall thinks it’s going to be the best birthday ever.
   ☐ Flump! Flour lands on Barry’s head.
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6. “Oh,” Niall said, sadly.
   Why do you think Niall was sad at this point in the story?

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Answers

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   Accept answers, such as; Because Niall made Rosa jump; Niall frightened/ shocked Rosa.

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   Rosa is talking about Niall. The 'someone' is Niall.

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   Why do you think Niall was sad at this point in the story?

   Answers which cover the following; Niall was sad because he realised it was his fault his birthday (or birthday cake) was ruined. He should have been kinder to the animals as they wanted to celebrate his birthday by baking him a cake.