# Owls in the Garden

and

# The Secret Hideaway



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## Owls in the Garden Level 21

### Purpose

To consolidate the development of speaking and listening skills through role play.

### Student Outcomes

- Speaks confidently to a wider audience.
- Uses intonation patterns appropriately to convey meaning.

### Key Teaching Points PM Story Book

- Share ***PM Plus*** *Owls in the Garden* (Level 21) with students in a guided reading lesson.
- Retell the story.
- Discuss the characters and setting.

### Key Teaching Points PM Reader's Theatre

- Compare the cover illustrations of the ***PM*** Story Book and the ***PM*** Reader's Theatre book.
- Inform students that some characters have additional dialogue in the Reader's Theatre book.
- Encourage independent role-play practice followed by presentations to a wider audience.

### Links with Other Level 21 PM Reader's Theatre Books

*The Secret Hideaway*
*Rosie Moves In*

## The Secret Hideaway Level 21

### Purpose

To consolidate the development of speaking and listening skills through role play.

### Student Outcomes

- Speaks confidently to a wider audience.
- Uses intonation patterns appropriately to convey meaning.

### Key Teaching Points PM Story Book

- Share ***PM Library*** *The Secret Hideaway* (Level 21) with students in a guided reading lesson.
- Retell the story.
- Discuss the characters and setting.

### Key Teaching Points PM Reader's Theatre

- Talk about the cover design and how it resembles the stage in a large theatre.
- Inform students that some characters have additional dialogue in the Reader's Theatre book.
- Encourage independent role-play practice followed by presentations to a wider audience.

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A Play

# Owls in the Garden

Story by Andrew Kelly

## People in the Play


Narrator


Katie


Tring


Grace


Martin


Mum


Dad

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**Narrator**

Katie and her two best friends, Tring and Grace, put their sleeping bags inside Katie's new tent.

**Tring**

Imagine! We're going to sleep outside
for a whole night on our own.
It'll be the best thing we've done all year.

**Katie**

I can hardly wait for it to get dark.





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**Narrator**

Katie's big brother, Martin, and his dog, Rover, came out the back door.

**Martin**

You girls won't last five minutes in that tent.
You'll be running inside crying,
"Mummy, Mummy! Something scared me!"

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**Narrator**

At dinner that night …

**Katie** *(nervously)*

I'm not scared of anything.

**Grace** *(nervously)*

I'm not even afraid of the dark.

**Tring** *(not sounding very sure)*

Nor am I.

**Martin** *(laughing loudly)*

Do you know about the ghost owl
that swoops down at night and grabs …

**Mum**

Stop that, Martin!

**Martin**

It grabs little girls and eats …

**Dad** *(crossly)*

Martin! You heard your mother.
Stop it at once.





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**Narrator**

When it was dark,
the girls changed into their tracksuits
and went out to the tent.
Katie shone her torch all around.

**Grace**

I've got some chocolate.
Let's eat it now.
If we eat it slowly, we'll make it last.

**Narrator**

Tring showed the girls how to make shadow animals with their hands in the beam of Katie's torch.

**Grace**

The wolf's head is really scary.

**Katie**

I'm going to go inside and clean my teeth.

**Tring and Grace**

We'll come, too.



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**Narrator**

The girls ran across the lawn
and went into the house.

**Martin** *(laughing)*

I knew you wouldn't last five minutes.

**Katie**

We're just cleaning our teeth,
and then we're going straight back.

