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Nanny McPhee
& THE BIG BANG



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Meet ... the people in

Nanny McPhee & THE BIG BANG

Nanny McPhee loves children. Some children need her but don't want her. She must stay with those children and help them. Then she has to go.

Nanny
McPhee

Megsie

Norman, Megsie and
Vincent Green live
on a farm. Their
father is fighting
in the war.

Norman

Vincent

Celia

Cyril

Cyril and Celia live in London.
They are very rich. Their
mother is Mrs Green's sister.

Mrs Green is Norman, Megsie and Vincent's mother. Before the war she loved living on a farm. Now everything is different. She needs more time and more money.



**Mrs
Green**



Phil

Phil doesn't like farms and he doesn't like working. His brother is the father of Norman, Megsie and Vincent.



The pigs

The **pigs** live on the farm. They are the Greens' favourite animals.

Before you read ...

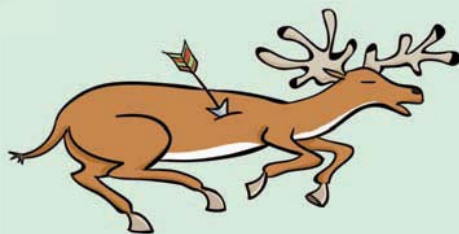
Cyril and Celia are going to live on the Greens' farm. Are they going to be happy there? What do you think?

New Words



What do these new words mean? Ask your teacher or use your dictionary.

dead



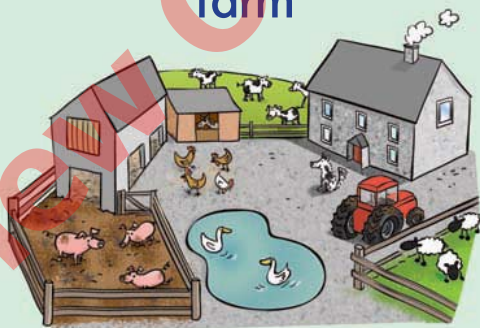
The animal didn't move.
It was **dead**.

army



People in the **army** have to wear green and brown.

farm



A lot of animals live on the **farm**.

bomb



The **bombs** were very dangerous.

fight



Sometimes, the children **fight**.

jam



I love eating **jam** with my bread.

stick



He likes walking with a **stick** in his hand.

letter

My mum's got lots of old **letters**.



war



There was a big **war** from 1939 to 1945.

mud



He walked in the **mud**.

'Watch out!'



Verbs

Present	Past
break	broke
eat	ate
fall	fell

What does the title *Nanny McPhee and the Big Bang* mean? Ask your teacher.



CHAPTER ONE

Cyril and Celia

'Wash everything on the farm this afternoon, please,' said Mrs Green to her children. 'My sister's children from London are going to be here tomorrow.'

Norman, Megsie and Vincent didn't know the children from London. They didn't want them at their farm.

'Why do they have to come here?' asked Vincent. He was the youngest.

'Because there are a lot of bombs in London,' answered Mrs Green. 'It's too dangerous there.'



Mrs Green went to work. The children started washing everything. Suddenly they saw a big car.



'Oh no! They're here today, not tomorrow!' said Megsie angrily.

The children in the car were angry too. They didn't want to live on the farm. Their names were Cyril and Celia.

'Look at all the mud! This farm is horrible!' Cyril said to Celia.

He got out of the car. 'Hello, farm children,' he said. 'Do you like washing in mud?'

Cyril's sister didn't want to get out of the car.
'I'm wearing my new shoes,' she said. 'I can't walk in that mud!'

Blenkinsop worked for Cyril and Celia's mother.
He had to take the car home to London.

'You have to get out, Celia,' he said.

'No!' shouted Celia. She started fighting with Blenkinsop.



'Please, Blenkinsop, take us home!' she shouted.

'Yes, take them home, Blenkinsop,' said Norman. 'They're horrible.'

Cyril and Norman started fighting in the mud.





The children went into the house.

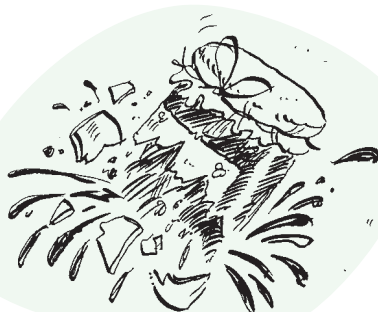
'Oh good! Jam!' said Cyril.

'We made it for our father,' said Megsie. 'His name's Rory Green and he's fighting in the war. He's going to eat it when he comes home.'

'No. I'm going to eat it now,' said Cyril.

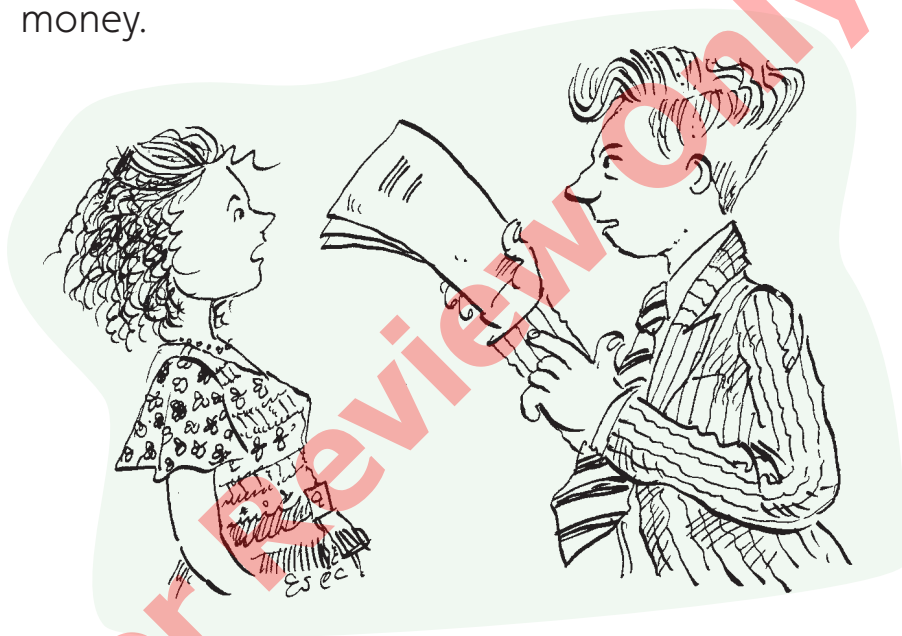
Norman wanted to take the jam from Cyril. Cyril wanted to eat the jam. Soon it fell on the floor and broke.

Norman, Megsie and Vincent were very angry. They started fighting with Cyril and Celia.



Mrs Green walked home after work. She was very tired. She didn't like the war. She wanted Rory at home with her and the children.

She saw Phil. Phil was Rory's brother. The farm was Phil's and Rory's, but Phil didn't do any work there. He didn't want the farm. He only wanted money.



'A farmer wants to buy our farm,' said Phil. 'We have to talk to him ...'

'No! The farm is my children's home, Phil!' said Mrs Green.

'But you need money!'

'Yes, I do. But it's OK. Farmer MacCreadie is going to buy our baby pigs.'