

The Mystical Light



Look at the picture and write the suitable title in your language.





Let's Start

Ella, the pigeon, first noticed the light when she was swimming along by the river bank. It moved slowly for a while, then suddenly picked up speed and disappeared. What on earth could it be? It was quite unlike anything she had ever seen before.

The next night around the same time, it appeared again. Ella watched it for a while, then unable to contain her **curiosity** and longer, got out of the water to get a closer look.



curiosity : a strong desire to know about something

But by the time she waddled across the road, it had gone. "It was probably just the headlights from a car," said her friend, Aggie, the goose. But Ella shook her head quite **vigorously**. "Headlights are big lights," she replied. "The light I saw was very small."

"Then may be it was a bicycle?" suggested Aggie.

But Ella shook her head again. "It was much smaller than a bicycle lamp," she said.

Aggie thought about this for a while as she **groomed** her feathers. "Well then, it must have been someone carrying a torch. It's dark over there by the tress."

"No, it wasn't a torch either," answered Ella. "It was smaller even than a torch beam."

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"Oh, nonsense," retorted Aggie. "There is no such thing. At least, I don't think there is."

The following night, Ella hid herself in the bushes close to where she had seen the odd light. She had to find out what it was. But although she waited patiently for a very long time, it didn't appear.

vigorously : actively, in a determined way
groomed : cared her/himself
nodded : agreed



"Where have you been?" asked Aggie. "I've been looking all over for you."

"Waiting to catch the light," replied Ella.

"I think I have the answer to what it is," said Aggie, and she **honked** in excitement. "It's a glow-worm."


"A glow-worm," repeated Ella. "No, it's not." Because she knew that glow-worms were very tiny and white. The light she had seen was bigger than that and red.

"Well, why didn't you tell me this before," scolded Aggie. "So we're talking here about a small red light that's tinier than a torch beam."

Ella nodded. "Sometimes it moves slowly, and other times it just flies along." In fact, once it had actually stopped and she had almost caught it.

"Look, are you sure, you're not just imagining the whole thing?" asked Aggie. Because she was unable to think what a light like that could be.

"Of course not," quacked Ella. She was very miffed about being accused of "imagining thing." She would have to prove to Aggie that the mysterious light was real. And the only way to that was to wait over by the trees, until it showed up again. She had to find out what it was.



honked : noise made by a goose
miffed : slightly angry or upset
waddled : walking with short steps, swinging from side to side
apology : saying sorry

Ella lay in wait for the light every night for a week, with no luck. And she was just about to give up, when it suddenly reappeared.

Ella's heart thumped in excitement, and she **waddled** after it as fast as she could.

"Hello, Ella! What are you doing out there so late?"

It was Horace, the bulldog, going for his nightly walk. And the light, the little red light that Ella had been pursuing for so long was shining for his collar.











"Oh, it helps me see in the dark," Horace explained. "My eyesight is not as good as it once was, and it saves me from getting hit by a car or bicycle."

"Good idea," agreed Ella. She was delighted that the mystery of the little odd light had been solved at last. And she could hardly wait to get home and tell Aggie about it. Imagining things! She would certainly expect an **apology**.

Test Your Mind



A. Tick (✓) the correct option.

- The next night around the same time, it _____ again.
(a) seen  (b) appeared
(c) show  (d) find
- But Ella shook her _____ again.
(a) hair  (b) leg
(c) head  (d) hand
- It was smaller even than a _____ beam.
(a) torch  (b) light
(c) look  (d) hair
- "Well, why didn't you tell me this before," _____ Aggie.
(a) said  (b) tell
(c) scolded  (d) told
- Imagining things! She would certainly expect an _____.
(a) apology  (b) mistake
(c) going  (d) imagine

B. Fill in the blanks with the help of words given in the Clue Box.

- Aggie was _____ to think what a light like that could be.
- It was probably the _____ from a car.
- It was much _____ than a bicycle lamp.
- She knew what _____ were very tiny and white.

Clue Box

glow-worms
unable
smaller
headlights

C. Write True or False.

- Ella had seen magical light.
- The light was not from a car's headlights.
- Ella was a pigeon.
- Ella and Aggie were not friends.
- The light actually was of Horace's collar.
- Horace was a horse.

7. The light was much smaller than a bicycle lamp.

8. The light was red.



D. Answer the following questions.

1. Why was it not a light of glow-worm?
2. Why did Aggie think that Ella might be imagining things?
3. What was the actual source of Ella's light?
4. Who was Horace? What did he explain to Ella about his collar's light?
5. When did Ella first notice the light?
6. Why was the light not of a car's headlight according to Ella?
7. Why did Ella deny to accept that it was torch's light?

Grammar Part

Study the following sentences.

Statements	Questions
She can sleep here.	Can she sleep here?
The watchman was on duty.	Was the watchman on duty?
You always speak the truth.	Do you always speak the truth?
They crossed the river.	Did they cross the river?
You have left for Delhi.	Have you left for Delhi?

A. Now change the following statements into questions.

1. I may come in.
2. We can go now.
3. He turns to look at me.
4. The doctor attended the patients.
5. They hear a strange noise.
6. He agreed to go with me.
7. The sun rises in the east.
8. The birds build their nests.

Read the following sentences.

Whose photograph is this?

Which is my shirt?

Whose and Which are pronouns that are used to ask questions. They are called interrogative pronouns.

Which is used to ask somebody to be exact about one or more people or things from a number of people or things.

Whose is used to identify to whom something belongs.

B. Now correct the following sentences. First one has been done for you.

1. Who shirt is this?
2. What trees have been cut down?
3. What is my class?
4. What road goes to Mumbai?
5. Who house is this?

Whose shirt is this?



Vocabulary Part

A. Complete the following words using 'ie' or 'ei'.

bel ___ ve

rec ___ ve

bel ___ f

dec ___ ve

rel ___ ve

c ___ ling

rel ___ f

perc ___ re

B. Study the following words.

1. buy = to purchase
by = a preposition

2. story = a tale
storey = a level/floor in a building

3. sight = a view
site = a place

4. quiet = silent, calm
quite = an adverb, obvious

Words in each group above have same pronunciation but different spellings and meanings. Such words are called **Homophones**.

• Now write six pairs of homophones other than these.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

C. Synonyms are the words have almost the same meanings. Add one more synonym to each of the following group.

- (i) handsome beautiful
- (ii) cry shout
- (iii) look scan
- (iv) film picture
- (v) piece bit
- (vi) okay right
- (vii) fault defect
- (viii) spot venue

Speaking Part

• Listen and repeat the following words as you hear them. (Ask someone to read them for you). Read and say these words as quickly as you can.

seal
type
butter
room
birth
gate

sale
tape
bitter
roam
berth
gait

shoal
tap
batter
ream
birch
grate

sole
tope
better
rim
burp
great

Writing Part

• Write the story of Ella and the magical light in your own words briefly.
