

Nutty goes on an aeroplane

chapter 1

Hello. I'm Nutty the Squirrel! Just in case you had forgotten! I *must* tell you about my friend who I met on my last adventure. He's called Kev. He's not a squirrel like me, but a boy. He says he likes me and wants to take me with him on an aeroplane. I don't know what an aeroplane is but Kev says it's like a bus and it flies! Sounds FUN to me! I like having someone to look after me. It's like having my mum back again.

I loved my mum. Why did she leave me? Oh well, one day she might come and find me and I will ask her all these questions. She was a marvelous mum!

Mustn't be sad and glum though. I have a new friend and I'm going on another adventure! No need to sneak into a shopping bag this time!

'Quick!' says Kev, 'Jump in this bag. Go right to the bottom so my dad doesn't see you. There's some hazelnuts in a little container and some salt and vinegar crisps. Do you like those?

There's also some water in case you get thirsty. OK?'

I wanted to tell him that, no, I actually hated crisps but it didn't matter because he could eat them instead of me, but I didn't have time. Suddenly I felt a jolt and we were off!

'When we get to the airport, Nuts,' Kev whispered to me, 'You'll have to go through a 'cool' machine that checks for illegal stuff. Don't be scared. I'll be at the other end waiting for you when you come out!'

I had no idea what an airport was and what he meant by illegal stuff but I didn't care. I was on an adventure! I was going on a flying bus!

Chapter 2

A bell was sounding, my bag was swaying backwards and forwards, then I felt a hand on my head!

I let out an enormously loud squeak!
Where was Kev?

It all happened so quickly. They grabbed hold of my water bottle and threw it away, looked inside my hazelnut box and then grabbed hold of my tail. They shook me really hard from side to side until my head hurt and then ----- I fainted!

The next thing I remember is Kev's voice in my ear saying 'Wake up sleepy head. We're 3 miles up and we're on our way to Disneyland!'

I put my paws on the top of the bag and carefully pulled myself up. What I saw was amazing! Bright blue sky with white fluffy clouds floating by.

This must be heaven, I thought, and curled up at the bottom of my cosy bag and waited for the rest of my adventure to happen!

Questions

1. What was the name of Nutty's new friend?
2. Where did he meet him?
3. How did Kev describe to Nutty what an aeroplane was?
4. How would you describe 'an aeroplane' to someone who didn't know?
5. Why does Nutty describe Kev as being like his mum?
6. What was the 'cool machine' or 'scanner' checking for?
7. Why do you think they threw away the water bottle in Nutty's bag?
8. Nutty described the view from the window of the plane as 'heaven'. Can you explain why?
9. Can you describe a time in your life when you were so happy you thought you were in heaven?
10. Can you explain in your own words what the word 'glum' means?