



Nutty gets into trouble!

I'm fed up with being in this stuffy old bag.
I've been stuck in here ever since we got back from Disneyland and I don't like it.
Where is Kev?
If he doesn't show up soon I'm off!
In fact I think I might go now. Yes that's it. I'm off!

Where on earth am I?
Where are all those people going?
They're in such a hurry.
This way and that, in and out, back and forth. Better get out of the way. I'm too small here!
What are those big red things on wheels?
Think I'll hop on one and see what I can find.
Whoops that was a near thing. That big shoe nearly got me!
Better find an old lady and a bag. At least I won't get squashed then and I might end up somewhere exciting!

No old ladies here, just big kids making loads of noise.
I hear one say 'great day for a school trip.' What's that I wonder.
This bag looks good though.
Will just pop in and see if there's anything to eat!
The big red thing has stopped and my bag is moving.
Wonder where I'm going to?
Smells better here and no noisy red things.
Wonder where I am?

Boy oh boy! That was scary!

I really thought he was going to find me when he pulled out his lunch box but luckily, no, he took the food and left the bag here.

So now is my chance to escape and see what I can find.

I seem to be in a wood with nice smells and no noises. Think I'll go and explore.

Well well well, that little creature looks like me. A squirrel!

'Hey you,' I call

'What's your name?

Are you my mum?'

'Buzz off silly. Course I'm not your mum. I'm red and you're just plain old grey.

Shouldn't hang around here though, Freddie Fox is on the prowl and he LOVES squirrels for his tea!' Ha ha good luck buddy!

Well he wasn't very nice was he? I think I'll go back and find the noisy kids and my bag.

Which way did I come?

This way? No, I don't think so.

Perhaps it's that way. Oh I don't remember.

I think I'm lost!

Questions

1 Why do you think Nutty was fed up?

2 Where do you think Nutty was when he said 'Where on earth am I?' at the beginning of the story?

A] in a supermarket?

B] on a street?

C] in a school?

Underline the one you think is correct.

3 'Those big red things on wheels' What do you think these were?

4 Can you explain what a school trip is?

5 What do you think the children are going to do in the woods on their school trip?

6 Can you describe some smells and sounds that Nutty would have experienced in the forest?

7 Do you think that the red squirrel was telling the truth when he said that foxes like squirrels for their tea?

8 Can you describe how Nutty must have felt when he discovered he was lost?

9 If you got lost in a forest what would you do?

10 Can you think of a suitable name for the **red** squirrel?
