

# The Gingerbread Man

Once upon a time, there was a little old woman and a little old man. The old woman made a gingerbread man. She opened the oven and the Gingerbread Man ran away! They ran after him. "Stop! Stop!" they said.

He was too fast.

"Run, run, as fast you can! You can't catch me, I'm the Gingerbread Man!" said the Gingerbread Man.



**The Gingerbread Man saw a cat.**



"Stop! You look good to eat!" said the cat and it ran after him.

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**He saw a dog.**

"Stop! You look good to eat!" said the dog and it ran after him.

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**He saw a cockerel.**



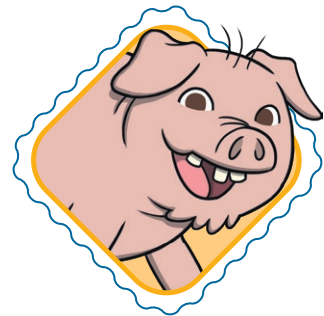
"Stop! You look good to eat!" said the cockerel and it ran after him.

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He saw a cow.

"Stop! You look good to eat!"

said the cow and it ran after him.

"Run, run, as fast you can! You can't catch me.

I'm the Gingerbread Man!" said the Gingerbread Man.

He saw a horse.

"Stop! You look good to eat!"

said the horse and it ran after him.

"Run, run, as fast you can! You can't catch me.

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He saw a boy and a girl.

"Stop! You look good to eat!"

they said and they ran after him.

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I'm the Gingerbread Man!" said the Gingerbread Man.

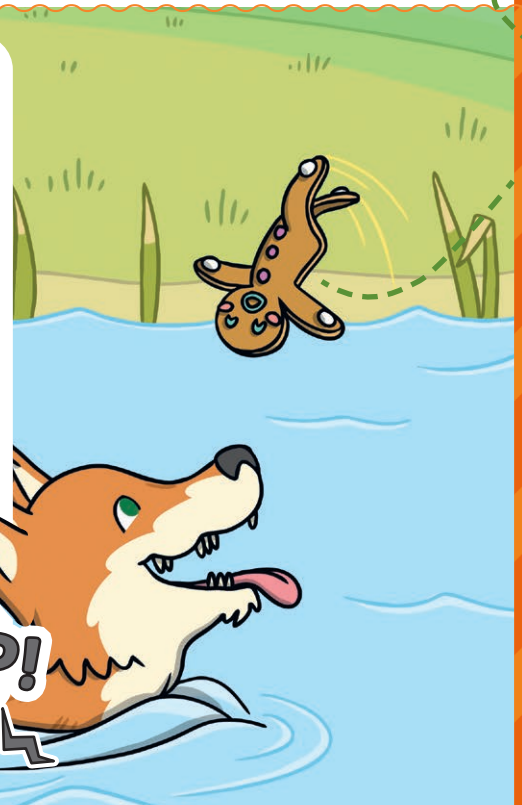
The Gingerbread Man saw a river. He stopped as he could not swim! A fox came past.

"I can help you to cross the river. Hop onto my tail," said the fox. So he did.

He began to get wet. "Get on my back," said the fox. So he did. The water got deeper.

"Jump onto my nose," said the fox. So he did.

The fox opened his mouth and **SNAP!**



# Questions

1. What did the Gingerbread Man do when the little woman opened the oven?  
Tick one.
  - ☐ He played a song.
  - ☐ He ran away.
  - ☐ He had a cup of tea.
2. Who ran after the Gingerbread Man first? Tick one.
  - ☐ the cat and the dog
  - ☐ the boy and the girl
  - ☐ the little old woman and the little old man
3. Who did the Gingerbread Man come to next? Tick one.
  - ☐ the cat
  - ☐ the fox
  - ☐ the cockerel
4. What did the characters say when they saw the Gingerbread Man?  
Tick one.
  - ☐ "Can I eat you?"
  - ☐ "Stop! You look good to eat!"
  - ☐ "What are you eating?"
5. Why did the Gingerbread Man run away? Tick one.
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  - ☐ to see his friends down the road
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They could not catch him.

"Run, run, as fast you can! You can't catch me, I'm the Gingerbread Man!" sang the Gingerbread Man.



**The Gingerbread Man came to a cat.**

"Stop! You look good enough to eat!" purred the cat and it chased him.

"Run, run, as fast you can! You can't catch me. I'm the Gingerbread Man!" sang the Gingerbread Man.



**The Gingerbread Man came to a dog.**

"Stop! You look good enough to eat!" barked the dog and it chased him.

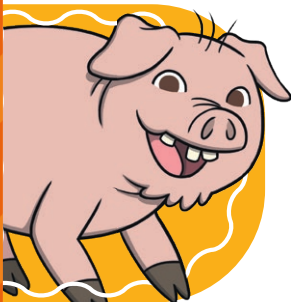
"Run, run, as fast you can! You can't catch me. I'm the Gingerbread Man!" sang the Gingerbread Man.



**The Gingerbread Man came to a cockerel.**

"Stop! You look good enough to eat!" crowed the cockerel and it chased him.

"Run, run, as fast you can! You can't catch me. I'm the Gingerbread Man!" sang the Gingerbread Man.



**The Gingerbread Man came to a pig.**

"Stop! You look good enough to eat!" snorted the pig and it chased him.

"Run, run, as fast you can! You can't catch me. I'm the Gingerbread Man!" sang the Gingerbread Man.







### The Gingerbread Man came to a cow.

"Stop! You look good enough to eat!"  
grunted the cow and it chased him.

"Run, run, as fast you can! You can't catch me.  
I'm the Gingerbread Man!" sang the Gingerbread Man.



### The Gingerbread Man came to a horse.

"Stop! You look good enough to eat!"  
whickered the horse and it chased him.

"Run, run, as fast you can! You can't catch me.  
I'm the Gingerbread Man!" sang the Gingerbread Man.



### The Gingerbread Man came to a boy and a girl.

"Stop! You look good enough to eat!"  
yelled the boy and the girl and they chased him.

So the little old woman, the little old man, the cat, the  
dog, the cockerel, the pig, the cow, the horse, the boy  
and the girl ran after the Gingerbread Man.

"Run, run, as fast you can! You can't catch me.  
I'm the Gingerbread Man!" sang the Gingerbread Man.



The Gingerbread Man ran on until he came to a river. He  
stopped as he could not swim! Just then, a fox came by.

"I can help you to cross the river if you hop onto my tail,"  
said the fox. The Gingerbread Man saw the others coming  
and he was worried that he would be eaten. He jumped on.

Soon, the Gingerbread Man began to get wet. "Climb on my back,"  
said the fox so he did. The water was getting even deeper.

"Jump onto my nose so that you don't get wet," said the fox so he  
did. Just then, the fox tipped his head back and the Gingerbread  
Man flew into the air. The fox opened his mouth and

**SNAP!**

# Questions

1. In the beginning, what did the Gingerbread Man jump off? Tick one.

- ☐ the plate
- ☐ the fox's nose
- ☐ the tray

2. Find and copy a word that means the same as **shouting**.

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3. What does the Gingerbread Man say over and over again? Tick one.

- ☐ "Stop! You look good enough to eat!"
- ☐ "Run, run, as fast as you can! You can't catch me. I'm the Gingerbread Man!"
- ☐ "I can help you to cross the river."

4. Fill in the missing word.

He knew that if he did not go with the fox that he \_\_\_\_\_ be eaten.

5. Number the events from 1-4 to show the order in which they happen in the story. The first one has been done for you.

- ☐ "Stop! You look good enough to eat!" crowed the cockerel and it chased him.
- ☐ The fox opened his mouth and SNAP!
- ☐ "Stop! You look good enough to eat!" grunted the cow and it chased him.
- ☒ 1 When she opened the oven the Gingerbread Man jumped off the tray and ran away!

# Answers

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He knew that if he did not go with the fox that he **would** be eaten.

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- 2** "Stop! You look good enough to eat!" crowed the cockerel and it chased him.
- 4** The fox opened his mouth and SNAP!
- 3** "Stop! You look good enough to eat!" grunted the cow and it chased him.
- 1** When she opened the oven the Gingerbread Man jumped off the tray and ran away!



# The Gingerbread Man

Once upon a time, there lived a little old woman and a little old man. One day, the little old woman was baking a delicious gingerbread man. When she opened the oven, the Gingerbread Man jumped off the baking tray and ran out of the house! They ran after the cheeky gingerbread man.

“Stop! Stop!” they yelled. Sadly, they could not catch him. The Gingerbread Man laughed. “Run, run, as fast you can! You can’t catch me. I’m the Gingerbread Man!” he sang.



The Gingerbread Man ran until he came to a cat. “Stop! You look good enough to eat!” purred the cat and it joined in the chase.

The Gingerbread Man laughed. “Run, run, as fast you can! You can’t catch me, I’m the Gingerbread Man!” he shouted.

The Gingerbread Man ran until he came to a dog. “Stop! You look good enough to eat!” barked the dog and it chased him too.

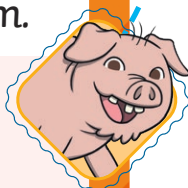
The Gingerbread Man laughed. “Run, run, as fast you can! You can’t catch me, I’m the Gingerbread Man!” he sang.

The Gingerbread Man ran on until he came to a cockerel. “Stop! You look good enough to eat!” crowed the cockerel and it ran after him as well.

The Gingerbread Man laughed. “Run, run, as fast you can! You can’t catch me, I’m the Gingerbread Man!” he bellowed.

The Gingerbread Man ran down the lane and came to a pig. “Stop! You look good enough to eat!” snorted the pig and it chased him.

The Gingerbread Man laughed. “Run, run, as fast you can! You can’t catch me, I’m the Gingerbread Man!” he called.





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A little further, the Gingerbread Man came to a cow.

"Stop! You look good enough to eat!" grunted the cow and it followed the Gingerbread Man.

The Gingerbread Man laughed. "Run, run, as fast you can! You can't catch me, I'm the Gingerbread Man!" he shouted.

The Gingerbread Man ran on until he came to a horse.

"Stop! You look good enough to eat!" whickered the horse and it joined in the chase.

The Gingerbread Man laughed. "Run, run, as fast you can! You can't catch me, I'm the Gingerbread Man!" he sang.

It wasn't long before the Gingerbread Man came to a boy.

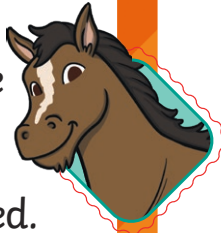
"Stop! You look good enough to eat!" yelled the boy and he sprinted after him.

The Gingerbread Man laughed. "Run, run, as fast you can! You can't catch me, I'm the Gingerbread Man!" he called.

Soon, the Gingerbread Man came to a girl.

"Stop! You look good enough to eat!" cried the girl and she joined in the chase.

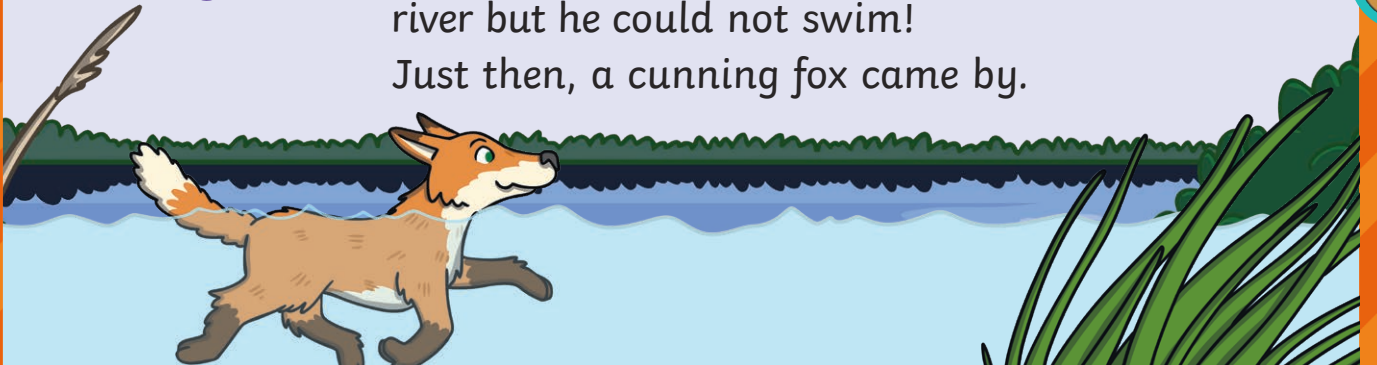
The little old woman, the little old man, the cat, the dog, the cockerel, the pig, the cow, the horse, the boy and the girl all ran after the Gingerbread Man.



The Gingerbread Man laughed. "Run, run, as fast you can! You can't catch me, I'm the Gingerbread Man!" he shouted.

The Gingerbread Man ran on until he came to a river but he could not swim!

Just then, a cunning fox came by.



*"I can help you to cross the river. Just hop onto my tail and I will swim across,"* offered the cunning fox. The Gingerbread Man saw that the others were coming.

He knew that if he did not go with the fox that he would be eaten. He jumped onto the fox's tail.

Soon, the Gingerbread Man began to get wet.

*"Climb onto my back,"* suggested the cunning fox. The Gingerbread Man clambered on but the water was getting even deeper.

*"Jump onto my nose so that you don't get wet,"* ordered the fox...  
...so the Gingerbread Man did. Then, the fox tipped his head back...

...and the Gingerbread Man flew into the air. The fox opened his mouth and

**SNAP!**

# Questions

1. Which character chased the Gingerbread Man after the cow? Tick one.

- ☐ a pig  
☐ a horse  
☐ a girl

2. What did the characters yell to the Gingerbread Man?

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3. Fill in the missing word.

The Gingerbread Man ran on \_\_\_\_\_ he came to a river  
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**Pupils' own responses, such as: The story did not have a happy ending for the ten characters chasing the Gingerbread Man because they didn't get to eat him. It definitely did not have a happy ending for the Gingerbread Man because the fox ate him. It did have a happy ending for the fox because he ate the Gingerbread Man.**