

WHAT I DID IN MY HOLIDAYS BY HOWARD AGED 8  
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IN MY HOLIDAY I STAYED AT NORTHMOOR HOUSE IN DEVON WHERE MY UNCLE GODFREY LIVES. IT IS BIG AND HAS A BIG GARDEN WHERE THERE IS A SUN DIAL WHICH YOU CAN'T TELL THE TIME WITH. WE GOT LOTS OF YUMMY FOOD TO EAT, TOO.

AT THE BOTTOM OF THE LAKE THERE IS A RIVER. IN THIS RIVER THERE ARE LITTLE FISH, WHICH WE CATCHED USING A JAM JAR. THERE IS A FORD WHERE YOU CAN WALK ACROSS THE RIVER WHEN IT IS SHALLOW. THIS IS WHERE MR BUNNEY'S VAN GOT STUCK AND HE DROWNED IN THE RIVER. THAT IS WHY THERE IS A BRIDGE THERE NOW AND YOU CAN PLAY POOL AND TICKETS TOO. I WAS CLIMBING ALONG THE EDGE OF THE BRIDGE AND FELL IN THE WATER, BUT I WASN'T HURT. I WAS IN TROUBLE BECAUSE HE WAS ALL WET THOUGH.

I ALSO PLAYED WITH BILLY AND CHARLES. THEY ARE BOYS WHO LIVE IN THE VILLAGE. CHARLES LIVES IN A BIG HOUSE, BUT IT DOESN'T HAVE AS MANY ROOMS AS NORTHMOOR. HIS HOUSE IS GOOD BECAUSE HIS FATHER IS IN THE ARMY AND HAS LOTS OF UNIFORMS AND PICTURES OF WARS AND INTERESTING MEMENTOS OF FOREIGN PLACES, WHERE I WILL GO WHEN I AM A SOLDIER. CHARLES SAYS THAT I CAN'T BE A SOLDIER BECAUSE I AM A GIRL, BUT I SAID WHAT ABOUT THE AMAZONS. THEY WERE ALL GIRLS AND THEY WERE VERY GOOD FIGHTERS. I READ ABOUT THEM IN A BOOK IN THE LIBRARY.

*Howard, I think you've been copying Theresa's homework again haven't you? You must think for yourself and do your own work. I want at least another page of your own work.*

TERRY LIKES BILLY BETTER THAN CHARLES BECAUSE BILLY IS MORE EXCITING AND DOES SILLY THINGS. HE SWUNG ON A ROPE FROM THE BIG TREE ALL ACROSS VALLEY AND

CHARLES WOULDN'T BECAUSE HE WAS SCARED. BILLY'S MUM IS POOR AND HAS TO WORK VERY HARD TO MAKE SURE HE IS LOOKED AFTER. I LIKE PLAYING WITH CHARLES BETTER AS HE HAS BETTER TOYS.

SOMETIMES AMELIA PLAYS DOLLS, AND I LIKE TO PLAY DOLLS AND GAMES WITH HER TOO. TERRY DOESN'T WANT TO JOIN IN THOUGH; SHE SAYS DOLLS ARE STUPID. AMELIA LIKES TO PLAY WITH ELEANOR AND ROBERT, BUT THEY ARE NEVER THERE WHEN I WANT TO PLAY. MOSTLY THOUGH AMELIA SAYS SHE IS TOO GROWN UP TO PLAY WITH ME VERY MUCH AND SHE MOSTLY RIDES HORSES AND WRITES LETTERS TO HER FRIENDS. HER FRIENDS HAVE GONE TO PLACES LIKE THE SOUTH OF FRANCE AND SWITZERLAND AND SHE IS JEALOUS.

AMELIA LIKES TO LOOK AFTER MARION, CHARLES'S SISTER WHO IS YOUNGER THAN US. SHE WILL DO DRAWINGS AND COLOUR IN AND DULL THINGS LIKE THAT.

I HAVE A BROTHER TOO, A BIG BROTHER EDWARD. I DON'T SEE HIM VERY MUCH BECAUSE HE DOESN'T COME HOME IN THE HOLIDAYS. HE HAS WRITTEN TO SAY THAT HE WANTS TO JOIN THE ARMY AND THAT HAS MADE FATHER VERY ANGRY. MUMMY SAYS IT IS BEST TO LET HIM DO THAT IS THAT IS WHAT HE WANTS. I HOPE I GET TO SEE HIM IN HIS UNIFORM AS I AM SURE HE WILL BE VERY HANDSOME.

TERRY LOST A TOOTH AND THE TOOTH FAIRIES GAVE HER A WHOLE SHILLING FOR IT. SHE BOUGHT ANISEED BALLS AND WE HAD A COMPETITION TO SEE HOW MANY YOU COULD FIT IN YOUR MOUTH AT ONCE. BILLY WON WITH 9 OF THEM. I TRIED TO SEE HOW MUCH SERRBERT I COULD FIT IN MY MOUTH AFTERWARDS AND TERRY SAYS I LOOKED LIKE A RABID DOG AS I FAUMED AT THE MOUTH.

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