

Improving Your Reading with Vocabulary Victor: Bunny Brown



“Bunny! Bunny! Wake up! It’s time!”

“Wha—what’s matter?” sleepily mumbled little Bunny Brown, making his words all run together, like stringy, sticky toffee that has been out in the hot sun. “What’s the matter, Sue?” Bunny asked, now that he had his eyes open. He looked over the side of his small bed to see his sister standing beside it. She had left her own little room and had run into her brother’s.

“Why, it’s time to get up, Bunny,” and Sue opened her shiny, brown eyes more widely, as she tried to get the ‘sleepy feeling’ out of them. “It’s time to get up!”

“Time to get up—so early? Oh, Sue! It isn’t Christmas morning, is it, Sue?” and with that thought, Bunny sat up suddenly in his bed.

“Christmas? No, of course not!” said Sue, who, though only five years of age (a year younger than Bunny), sometimes acted as though she was older than him.

“Well, if it isn’t Christmas, and we don’t have to go to school, because it’s closed, why do I have to get up so early?” Bunny wanted to know.



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- muttered
- yelled
- walked

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- were nice to eat.
- were shouted loudly.
- followed one after the other.
- could be heard from outside.

3. **Find** and **copy two** words which the author uses to describe Sue's eyes.

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Find and **copy one** word which means the same as *quickly*.

Answers

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suddenly