14. The Kneecap Word Hunt

Can you find all eight story words?

L	M	L	B	R	U	M	L	D	R	U	I	F
B	N	C	J	E	I	M	Z	D	T	H	V	Z
G	B	E	D	R	S	V	G	C	F	Q	H	C
X	A	O	H	U	L	S	E	M	Q	R	H	S
C	K	S	N	R	G	G	I	R	O	O	U	Q
U	R	E	Q	E	Z	S	C	E	S	B	N	U
W	K	G	H	O	S	T	E	O	B	I	B	I
B	W	N	T	A	R	T	A	N	C	Z	D	R
A	X	V	E	C	J	G	L	H	X	O	Q	R
L	V	Y	W	E	J	G	J	H	U	R	A	E
K	T	K	F	P	C	W	O	Q	B	B	A	L
J	R	Y	P	Y	R	A	S	I	C	E	S	H
R	T	Z	J	C	Y	R	P	I	N	I	O	G

None of the words go backwards.

Be a word detective!

Find these eight words. They go across, down or diagonally.

BESSIE
BONES
RIVER
GHOST
COCOA
SQUIRREL
KNEECAP
TARTAN

My name: _____

15. The Missing-Bone Mystery

Eight questions about the new story

Remember the adventure?

Circle one answer for each question.

Look back at the story if you need a clue.

Then tell someone how the mystery was solved.

My name: _____

1. What was missing when McSkellington got out of bed?

A. His hat
B. His left kneecap
C. An elbow

2. Who was his old friend in the river?

A. Bessie
B. The Little Ghost
C. The squirrel

3. What did he mistake for his kneecap?

A. An acorn
B. A teaspoon
C. A mushroom

4. Why did the Little Ghost come closer?

A. To steal a hat
B. To offer help
C. To hide the mug

5. What first made him tumble into the river?

A. Seeing the unexpected ghost
B. Diving for his hat
C. Chasing the squirrel

6. Where did he find his kneecap?

A. In a boot
B. In his hat
C. In his cocoa mug

7. Why did he become a pile of bones at the end?

A. His kneecap vanished again
B. He was playing a joke
C. The ghost broke his bones

8. What is the final reminder in the story?

A. Take care of your knees
B. Keep bones in cocoa
C. Hide all your mugs

16. Draw a Highland Adventure

Your turn to imagine!

Draw McSkellington and his new ghostly friend beside the Black Water.

- ☐ Both kneecaps in place
- ☐ Bessie in the river
- ☐ A cheeky red squirrel
- ☐ A tartan detail
- ☐ Your own funny surprise

My name: _____

Give your adventure a title: _____

17. Colour the Four Friends

Add your own colours to the new friends' adventure.



All four friends!

McSkellington has both kneecaps back in place.

Give the friends your favourite colours. Can you make their tartan bright and cheerful?

When you finish, point to both of McSkellington's knees!

My name: _____



18. Answers & a Rattling Goodbye

Story quiz answers

1. B

His left kneecap was missing.

2. A

Bessie was already his old friend.

3. C

The white object by the oak was a mushroom.

4. B

He wanted to help with the search.

5. A

The ghost's unexpected appearance gave him a fright.

6. C

It was in his cocoa mug, where he had put it after polishing it.

7. B

He was joking. He sprang back together straight afterwards.

8. A

Take care of your knees - and remember where you put them!

Word-search solution

L	M	L	B	R	U	M	L	D	R	U	I	F
B	N	C	J	E	I	M	Z	D	T	H	V	Z
G	B	E	D	R	S	V	G	C	F	Q	H	C
X	A	O	H	U	L	S	E	M	Q	R	H	S
C	K	S	N	R	G	G	I	R	O	O	U	Q
U	R	E	Q	E	Z	S	C	E	S	B	N	U
W	K	G	H	O	S	T	E	O	B	I	B	I
B	W	N	T	A	R	T	A	N	C	Z	D	R
A	X	V	E	C	J	G	L	H	X	O	Q	R
L	V	Y	W	E	J	G	J	H	U	R	A	E
K	T	K	F	P	C	W	O	Q	B	B	A	L
J	R	Y	P	Y	R	A	S	I	C	E	S	H
R	T	Z	J	C	Y	R	P	I	N	I	O	G

All eight words are highlighted.

Well done, Highland detective!

Always take care of your knees - and remember where you put them!



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