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The Mill Lane Family

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Mr and Mrs Kibble lived in Mill

Lane near the Village of Kempford.

**They had three children called Daniel, Tina
and Thomas. Daniel was eleven and had just
started his new school. Tina was nine
and Thomas was eight. They both went to the**

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**village school which was ten minutes walk
away. Mr Kibble worked at the local
garage and Mrs Kibble worked Monday and
Tuesday mornings at the play group.**

**The family had some pets. A cat called
Tilly, and two puppies called**

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**Jack and Jess. As well as the family
pets, the children had a pet each.**

Daniel owned a rabbit named Silk,

Tina owned a hamster named Mr Brown,

and Thomas had two white mice.

He called them Bubble and Squeak.

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Tilly was a large tabby cat with black paws and a black nose. She liked to sleep in the sunshine and try to catch the birds as they flew on to the lawn.

Jack and Jess were brother and sister.

They were lovable black and white

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**collie puppies who enjoyed playing
and scampering about. The children loved going
for walks with the puppies where they
were able to run and play.**

Daniel's rabbit had a silky coat.

He had lovely ears and a pink nose.

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Daniel loved to let Silk out of his hutch to run and jump in the garden. He made sure that Silk was safe and did not let him nibble the flowers or plants in case they harmed him. He also made sure he did not get into the

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**garden next door. But Silk loved to
wander on to the vegetable patch and eat
cabbage and lettuce leaves. Often
Daniel pulled up a carrot for a treat.
Silk's nose quivered as he ate it.
Tina's hamster lived in a cage which**

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had tube runs and soft bedding.

Tina cleaned Mr Brown's cage and

gave him fresh water and plenty of

hamster food. He liked to nibble

sunflower seeds and every night Tina

gave him a treat of apple, carrot

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**or cucumber. Mr Brown was very small
and Tina was able to hold him gently
in her hands.**

**Bubble and Squeak lived in a special
cage as well. It was Thomas' job
to take care of them. Bubble and Squeak**

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liked to curl up by each other to keep warm. The children visited the pet shop to buy food and bedding.

Tilly often sat by Thomas' bedroom door and tried to push it open with her paws. She had a good sense of smell

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**and knew the mice were there. She loved
to push the door open and creep
in to watch the mice. When Thomas came up
the stairs she slithered under the bed
and pretended to sleep. When Thomas
sat on the carpet to read a book**

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Tilly crept out to have her ears tickled.

Sometimes Tilly sat by the cage in the lounge where Tina kept Mr Brown.

Mr Brown slept all day and woke up in the evening. So Tilly got used to looking out for Mr Brown when the

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**family sat down at night time
to watch the television.**

**It was at night time that Tina took
Mr Brown from his cage and let him run
up and down her arms. He was very friendly
and enjoyed his time out of the cage.**

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**Tina took great care that Mr Brown
didn't fall as he was so small.**

**Tilly watched as she lay on the
fireside rug. She stretched a paw
as the hamster ran up Tina's arms.**

In the evening Jack and Jess got up

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**to mischief. They chased each other,
jumped on the chairs, ran under the
table and had a friendly fight. They
nibbled each other's ears and rolled
over. Sometimes the games were rather noisy
but the puppies soon got tired and**

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curled up to go to sleep.

**When the family had gone to bed,
Tilly crept to her warm, cosy bean
bag. She slept for a while then the
cat flap went click as she went
for a night time stroll. She passed**

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Silk's hutch, but he was sleeping inside. At this time Mr Brown was wide awake and was busy collecting food to eat and take inside his little house to store.

Bubble and Squeak were curled up

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**fast asleep. But for the night time
noises, the house was quiet and still.**

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Can you remember?

1. Tilly is a ----.

2. Jack is a ----.

3. Mr Brown is a ----.

4. Bubble is a ----.

5. Silk is a ----.