

# The Friendly Monster Under the Bed



*A Story for A1 Readers*

**Fleydo English School**

This little story is for beginner readers. Read it slowly, look at the **bold words** and find them in the Word List at the end. After the story, try the activities: a Word List, a Matching game, Fill in the Blanks, and a Quiz. Have fun!

**Chapter 1****A Noise at Night**

*Ben hears something under his bed*

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Ben is nine years old. Every night, he goes to bed at eight o'clock. But tonight, Ben hears a strange **noise**.

It comes from under his bed. "What is that?" Ben says. He is a little **scared**. The noise is small and sad. It goes, "Boo-hoo. Boo-hoo."

"Is someone crying?" Ben thinks. Slowly, he looks under his bed. And there, in the dark, he sees two big **eyes**. Green eyes! Ben jumps back.

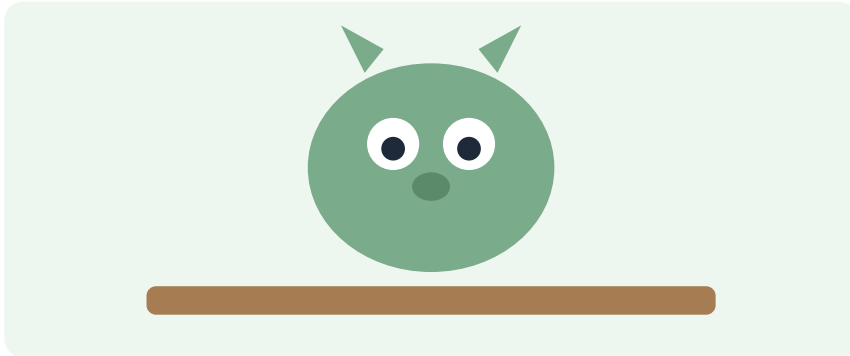
"A **monster!**" he says. "There is a monster under my bed!"

But the monster does not roar. It does not jump. It just looks at Ben with sad eyes.

"Please do not be **afraid**," the monster says in a soft voice. "I am not a bad monster."

**Chapter 2****A Shy Monster**

*The monster is not scary at all*



*Mo is a friendly, shy monster.*

Ben looks at the monster. It is green and **furry**. It has two small horns and a big round nose.

The monster comes out, slowly. It is not big and scary. It is small. It is about the same size as Ben.

“My name is Mo,” the monster says. “I live under your bed. I am sorry for the noise.” “Why are you crying?” Ben asks.

Mo looks down. “I am **lonely**,” he says. “I have no friends. All the children are afraid of me. But I do not want to scare anybody. I just want a friend.”

Ben feels sad for Mo. The monster is not scary. He is just **shy** and sad. “You do not scare me,” Ben says. “Now I see you are kind.”

“Really?” Mo says. His eyes are bright now. “You are not afraid of me?” “No,” Ben says. “Let's be friends.” Mo is so happy. For the first time, he has a friend!

### Chapter 3

## New Friends

*Ben and Mo play together*

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Now Ben and Mo are good friends. Every night, after Ben's family is asleep, they play together.

Mo is very funny. He can make his **ears** wiggle. He can make his **nose** change colour. Red, blue, green! Ben laughs and laughs.

Mo can do more tricks. He can hide behind his big **hands**. He can stand on one **foot**. He can hop all around the room.

They play hide-and-seek. Mo is good at hiding. He can make himself very small. He hides in a shoe! Ben and Mo are very **happy** together.

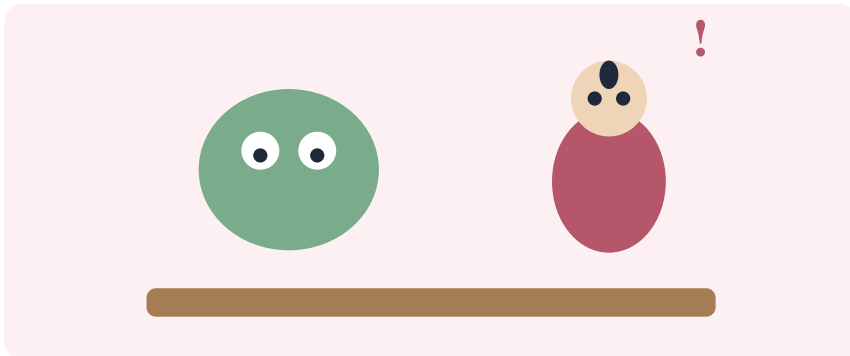
Every night is fun now. Ben is not afraid of the dark any more. But Mo has a secret wish.

“You are my only friend,” Mo says. “When you are at school, I am alone. I want more friends. But all the other children are afraid of me.” “I can help you!” Ben says.

## Chapter 4

## A Scary Problem

*Other children are afraid of Mo*



*The children are afraid of Mo.*

The next day, Ben tells his friends about Mo. “There is a monster under my bed. But he is nice and friendly!”

His friends are not sure. “A monster? Monsters are scary!” says Lily. “They have big **teeth** and sharp claws!”

“No, no,” Ben says. “Mo is not like that. He is kind. He just wants friends.” “We do not believe you,” says Tom. “Monsters are always bad.”

Ben is sad. His friends do not believe him. They are too afraid to meet Mo. That night, Ben tells Mo.

Mo's **face** is sad. “I understand. Everybody is afraid of monsters. Maybe I will always be alone.”

“No!” Ben says. “Do not give up. I have a plan. We show my friends that you are kind.” Mo trusts Ben. “Okay,” he says. “I try.”

**Chapter 5****Ben's Big Plan**

*Ben helps Mo show he is kind*

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Ben has a birthday party next week. “Come to my party, Mo. But do not jump out and scare people. Just be your kind self.”

On the day of the party, all Ben's friends come. They play games and eat cake. Then, slowly, Mo comes out. “A monster!” they shout. Some children are afraid.

But Mo does not roar. He does not jump. He smiles a kind smile. Then he makes his nose change colour. Red, blue, green!

The children stop. They watch. Mo makes his ears wiggle. He stands on one foot. He does a funny dance.

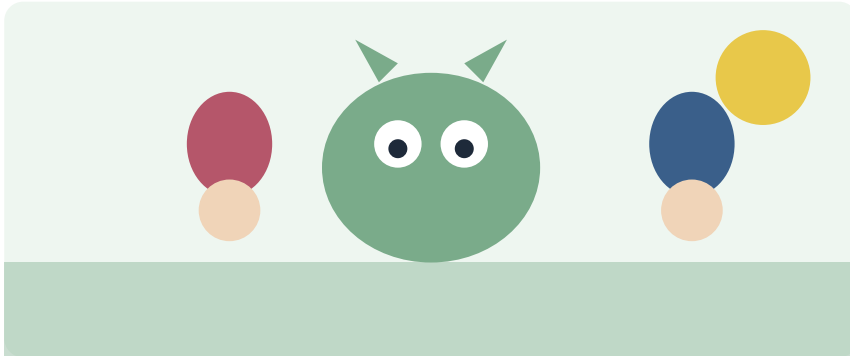
The children start to **laugh**. “He is funny!” says Lily. “He is not scary at all!” says Tom.

“See?” Ben says. “Mo is a friendly monster. He just wants to play.” Now all the children want to play with Mo. “This is the best day,” Mo says. “Now I have many friends!”

## Chapter 6

# The Monster's Friends

*Mo is not lonely any more*



*Mo has many friends now!*

After the party, Mo has many friends. Every night, the children come to play with him.

They are not afraid of the dark now. They know there is a kind monster under the bed.

Mo teaches the children his tricks. He shows them how to make funny faces. He plays games with them. “Mo, you are the best monster!” the children say.

Mo's **heart** is full of joy. He is not lonely any more. He has a friend named Ben, and many other friends too.

“Thank you, Ben,” Mo says one night. “You are my first friend. You see the real me. You are not afraid.”

“You are welcome, Mo,” Ben says. “That is what friends are for.” From that day, Mo is the happiest monster in the world.

**Chapter 7****Don't Judge by Looks**

*Ben and Mo learn an important lesson*

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Now everybody loves Mo. The children are not afraid of monsters any more.

“We think monsters are bad,” says Lily. “But Mo is kind and funny. We are wrong.”

“Yes,” says Ben. “You cannot know a person from the outside. You must look inside, at the heart.”

Mo looks scary on the outside. He is green and furry, with horns and big eyes. But on the inside, he is kind, **gentle**, and friendly.

“I am happy you are my friends,” Mo says. “You see the real me.” Now, every child in the town knows the truth. Some monsters just want a friend.

And Ben? He is the boy with the kindest friend of all — a friendly monster under the bed.

*“Do not judge by looks. Look at the heart.”*

## Word List

*Learn these words from the story*

<b>Monster</b>	a big, strange creature, often in scary stories
<b>Noise</b>	a sound, often one you do not want to hear
<b>Scared</b>	afraid; full of fear
<b>Afraid</b>	feeling fear; scared
<b>Shy</b>	quiet and nervous with other people
<b>Lonely</b>	sad because you have no friends near you
<b>Furry</b>	covered with soft hair
<b>Eyes</b>	you use these to see
<b>Ears</b>	you use these to hear, on your head
<b>Nose</b>	the part of your face you use to smell
<b>Teeth</b>	the white parts in your mouth for eating
<b>Hands</b>	the parts at the end of your arms
<b>Face</b>	the front of your head
<b>Heart</b>	the part inside you that feels love
<b>Gentle</b>	soft and kind; not rough
<b>Happy</b>	the feeling when good things make you smile

## Matching

Draw a line from each word to its meaning

1. Monster	a. You use these to hear
2. Noise	b. Soft and kind; not rough
3. Scared	c. Quiet and nervous with people
4. Shy	d. Inside you; it feels love
5. Lonely	e. You use this to smell
6. Furry	f. Sad with no friends near you
7. Eyes	g. White parts in your mouth for eating
8. Ears	h. A sound you may not want to hear
9. Nose	i. A big, strange creature in stories
10. Teeth	j. You use these to see
11. Heart	k. Afraid; full of fear
12. Gentle	l. Covered with soft hair

## Fill in the Blanks

Write the correct word from the box in each gap

ears · furry · gentle · heart · lonely · monster · noise · nose · scared · shy

1. At night, Ben hears a strange \_\_\_\_\_ under his bed.
2. Under the bed, there is a green \_\_\_\_\_ named Mo.
3. At first, Ben is a little \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Mo has no friends. He is very \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Mo is not big and scary. He is just \_\_\_\_\_ and sad.
6. Mo is green and \_\_\_\_\_, with two small horns.
7. Mo can make his \_\_\_\_\_ change colour: red, blue, green.
8. Mo can make his \_\_\_\_\_ wiggle and stand on one foot.
9. Mo looks scary, but his \_\_\_\_\_ is kind and gentle.
10. The lesson: do not judge by looks; Mo is kind and \_\_\_\_\_.

## Comprehension Quiz

Circle the correct answer for each question

### 1. What does Ben hear under his bed at night?

- A) A cat
- B) A strange noise
- C) Music
- D) Nothing

### 2. What is under Ben's bed?

- A) A toy
- B) A dog
- C) A green monster named Mo
- D) A box

### 3. Why is Mo crying?

- A) He is hungry
- B) He is lonely and has no friends
- C) He is hurt
- D) He is lost

### 4. What does Mo look like?

- A) Big and scary with sharp claws
- B) Green and furry with two small horns
- C) Tall and thin
- D) Red with big teeth

### 5. How does Ben feel about Mo after they talk?

- A) Still very afraid
- B) He sees Mo is kind and they become friends
- C) Angry
- D) Bored

**6. What funny tricks can Mo do?**

- A) Fly and run fast
- B) Make his nose change colour and his ears wiggle
- C) Cook food
- D) Sing songs

**7. Why are Ben's friends afraid at first?**

- A) They think all monsters are bad and scary
- B) Mo is too big
- C) Mo is loud
- D) They do not like Ben

**8. How does Ben help Mo make friends?**

- A) He hides Mo
- B) He invites Mo to his birthday party to show he is kind
- C) He sends Mo away
- D) He does nothing

**9. How do the children feel about Mo at the end?**

- A) They are still afraid
- B) They love him and want to play with him
- C) They ignore him
- D) They are sad

**10. What is the main idea of the story?**

- A) Monsters are dangerous
- B) Do not judge by looks; look at the heart
- C) Never look under your bed
- D) Birthday parties are scary

## Answer Key

*For teachers and parents*

**Matching:** 1-i 2-h 3-k 4-c 5-f 6-l 7-j 8-a 9-e 10-g 11-d 12-b

**Fill in the Blanks:** 1. noise 2. monster 3. scared 4. lonely 5. shy 6. furry 7. nose 8. ears 9. heart 10. gentle

**Quiz:** 1. B 2. C 3. B 4. B 5. B 6. B 7. A 8. B 9. B 10. B



**Thank you for reading with Fleydo English School!**

*Key Ideas: Do not judge people by their looks · Everybody wants a friend · Be kind to others · Look at the heart, not the outside*