

Improving Your Reading with Inference Iggy: Genevieve's Discovery



Genevieve was a little girl who lived in a large house with lots of beautiful gardens. She had no brothers or sisters but she had a large playroom which was filled with nice toys. Everyone thought that Genevieve must be perfectly happy. However, Genevieve wanted to give up the room and all of her toys for a little brother of her own. She wanted someone she could take out in the garden for a walk and look after.

One day, Genevieve was walking in the garden. Suddenly, she heard a strange sound. She could hear the sound of crying just beyond the garden fence. Genevieve ran towards the fence. She tried to climb over it but it was much too tall. Desperate and curious, she made her way to the garden gate. She snuck through it and walked along the other side of the fence.



"Dear me!" she exclaimed, "where have you come from?"

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Answers

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Accept any two reasonable answers from the text, such as: the text says that she is a 'little girl'; she has a playroom full of toys; she does not have any older brothers or sisters but nor does she have any younger ones; the garden fence towered over her, implying that she is small.

3. Explain why Genevieve's mother may have been cross.

Pupils' own responses, such as: Genevieve's mother may have been cross because Genevieve left the garden on her own without telling her mother or anyone else where she was going.

4. What impression do you get about the character Genevieve? Discuss **two** things you think about her, using evidence to support your answer.

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think that Genevieve is very privileged because she lives in a large house and has her own playroom. I also think that she is a bit of a rebel because she goes out of the house without telling her mother.