



Once upon a time there was a little girl whose name was Goldilocks.

In case you are wondering, the word *locks* is another name for hair.

Goldilocks loved going for walks in the early morning before the sun became too hot.

One Saturday morning, while the dew was still on the grass, she decided to explore a new path through the woods.

It wasn't very long before she came across a charming country cottage.

**'Mmmm! I can smell something, and I think it's my favourite breakfast - oatmeal porridge.'**

**'I'll knock on the door and ask politely if I can have a taste.'**

But when Goldilocks knocked on the front door, there was no answer.

She waited and listened, but all was quiet.

With the thought of delicious porridge on her mind, she gave the door a little push.

To her surprise, it opened as if it was meant to open.

**'I shouldn't go inside a house while the owners are away, but I'm very hungry!'**

**'If I can find where the porridge is, I'll just have a little taste and then go home.'**



As we all know, this cottage belonged to a family called The Three Bears.

## Ways to read this story

This story is suitable for school and home. Some 'how to read' ideas are below.

- With a partner or small group, take it in turns to read the rows.
- Don't rush! This helps you to say each word clearly.
- Think of yourselves as actors by adding lots of facial and vocal expression. Small gaps of silence also create dramatic energy. These techniques will bring the story to life.
- If you meet a new word, give it a go and then move on.
- Don't be scared of unusual words. They will become your new best friends. (New words strengthen your general knowledge and enable you to become vocabulary-rich in your day-to-day life.)

*Have fun!*