*Junie B. Jones Has a Monster Under Her Bed*

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Plot Summary

The book *Junie B. Jones Has a Monster Under Her Bed* is about a young girl dealing with the fear that she has a monster under her own bed. As the story begins with Junie B. Jones having a normal day at school, it turns around quickly due to the fact that one of her classmates tells her that everyone has a creature living under their bed. Junie B. Jones goes through the rest of the book learning how to overcome her fears, with her family supporting her every step of the way. I believe this particular story is great for young children to read because they can relate with having fears they need to overcome as well. By the end, Junie B. Jones realizes that there are no such things as monsters that live under her bed and continues on having a fearless and carefree life.

About the Author

Although Barbara Park is most known for her Junie B. Jones series, she is also famous for writing other books in her career such as *The Kid in the Red Jacket,* and *The Graduation of Jake Moon*. The *Junie B. Jones* series was a consistent #1 bestseller in the *New York Times* for over 180 weeks in a row and still continues to be considered an all-time favorite for many young readers. Barbara Park’s passion was so beautiful and has made kids across the globe learn different life lessons throughout every *Junie B. Jones* book they read. Even though she passed away in November of 2013, Barbara Park’s soul still lives on inside of each one of her books that was written and still makes millions of children happy every year.

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Activity

The book we read for this activity covers many different fears. Just as Junie B. Jones had a fear of monsters under her bed, we may all have our own fears. Use this exercise to express those feelings.

1. Junie B. Jones was scared of the thought that there was a monster under her bed. What do you think a monster would look like? Draw it.
2. Do you remember a time where you were scared? Write about it.
3. If you have any fears, how do you deal with them?

Junie B. Jones

Nouns Activity

1. What is a noun?
2. Action word
3. Describing word
4. Person, place, or thing

2.) Circle the nouns in the sentence below:

Junie B. Jones thought there was a monster under her bed.

3.) The word “Monster” is a:

1. Person
2. Place
3. Thing

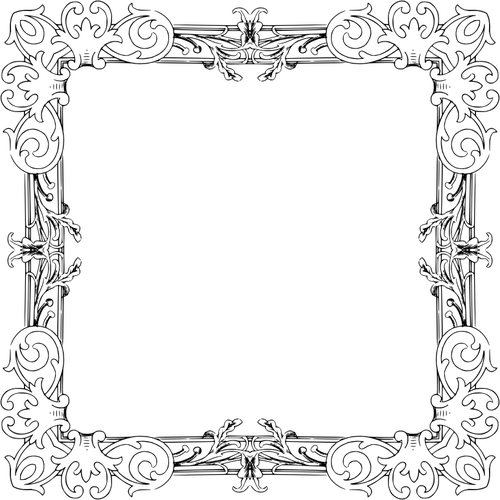
4.) Write three nouns that name a place:

5.) Write three nouns that name a person:

6.) Write three nouns that name a thing:

MY FAVORITE CHARACTER

My favorite character in   
*Junie B. Jones Has a Monster  
 Under Her Bed* is:



Draw your favorite character:

List 4 details about your   
favorite character:

I liked this character because:

MY *JUNIE B. JONES*

STORY NOTES

I laughed at:

My Favorite Part about the book was:

What made me sad:

I was surprised about:

Trapping a Monster

How would you trap a monster living under your bed? What tools, traps, and other items might you use trying to trap your monster?

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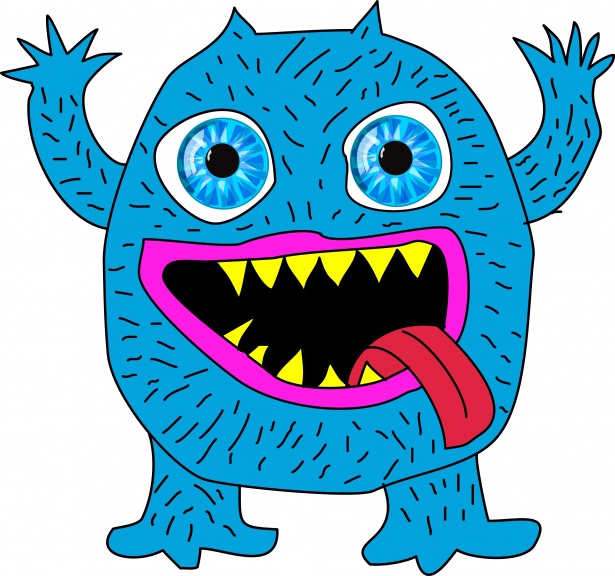
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Story Setting

Setting: where and when a story takes place.

Where is *Junie B. Jones Has a Monster Under Her Bed* set?

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Imagine that you are Junie B. Jones and you are in the story setting right now…

What can you see?

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What can you hear?

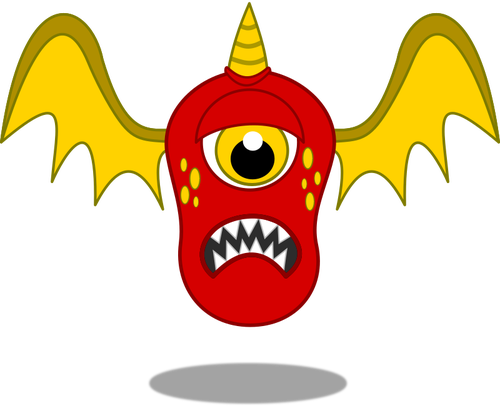
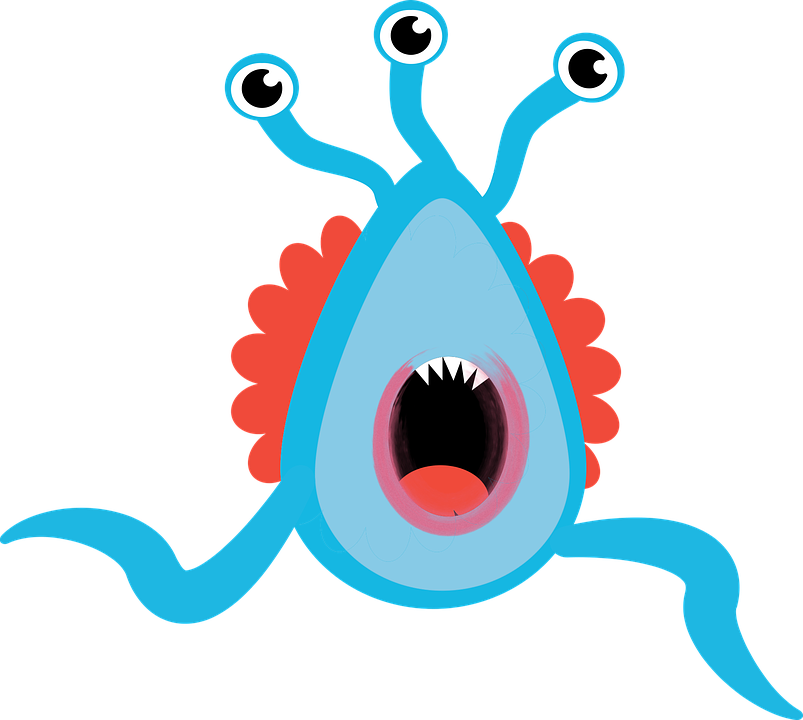
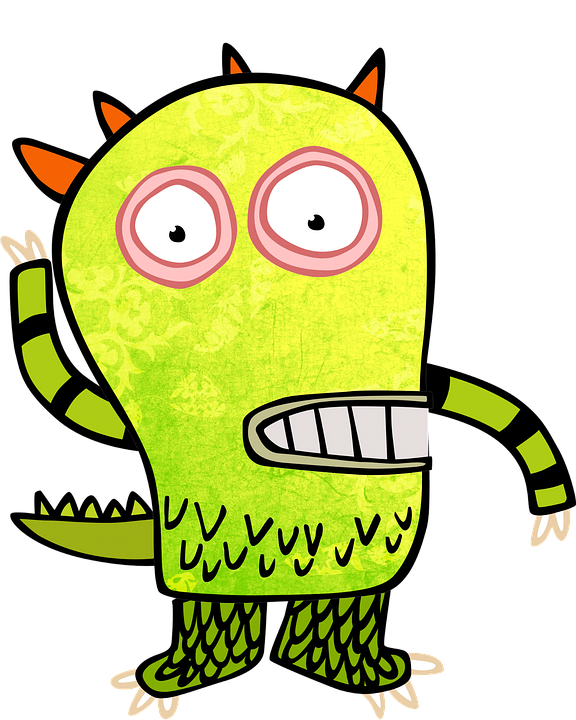
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What can you touch?

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What can you smell?

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Dear Parents and/or Guardians,

My name is Abigail Taylor, and I am a senior at Averett University studying Biological Psychology. As I plan on continuing my education after Averett to get my Masters in nutrition, I am also working towards my English minor. I am excited to have the chance to expand the minds of young children through this reading and help them learn the many different lessons that lie in literature.

Throughout these exercises, I have used my psychology background to take a look into the minds of your child and use critical thinking with activities based on the series. There will also be a chance for your child to experience a show called *Junie B. Jones: The Musical,* which will be held at The Prizery in South Boston early next year. This show can also introduce young kids to the beauty of theatre and assist them with a better understanding of the *Junie B. Jones Series*. I hope that experience and these exercises are valuable to you!

Sincerely,

Abby Taylor

Thank you

