

MAGICAL EYEGLASSES

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This is Barney. He is ten-years old. He has brown hair and his hair is always messy. He has dark green eyes and large eyeglasses. He hates his eyeglasses. He can't see without them. He reads a lot of books, he likes travelling, history and nature. He is a curious and imaginative boy. He wants to live something different and exciting. He doesn't like computer games; "Computer games are very boring. They are not real! I want real excitement!" he says. He reads nature magazines all the time but he always says; "I want to be there! I want to be in that photo! It is boring to look at them."

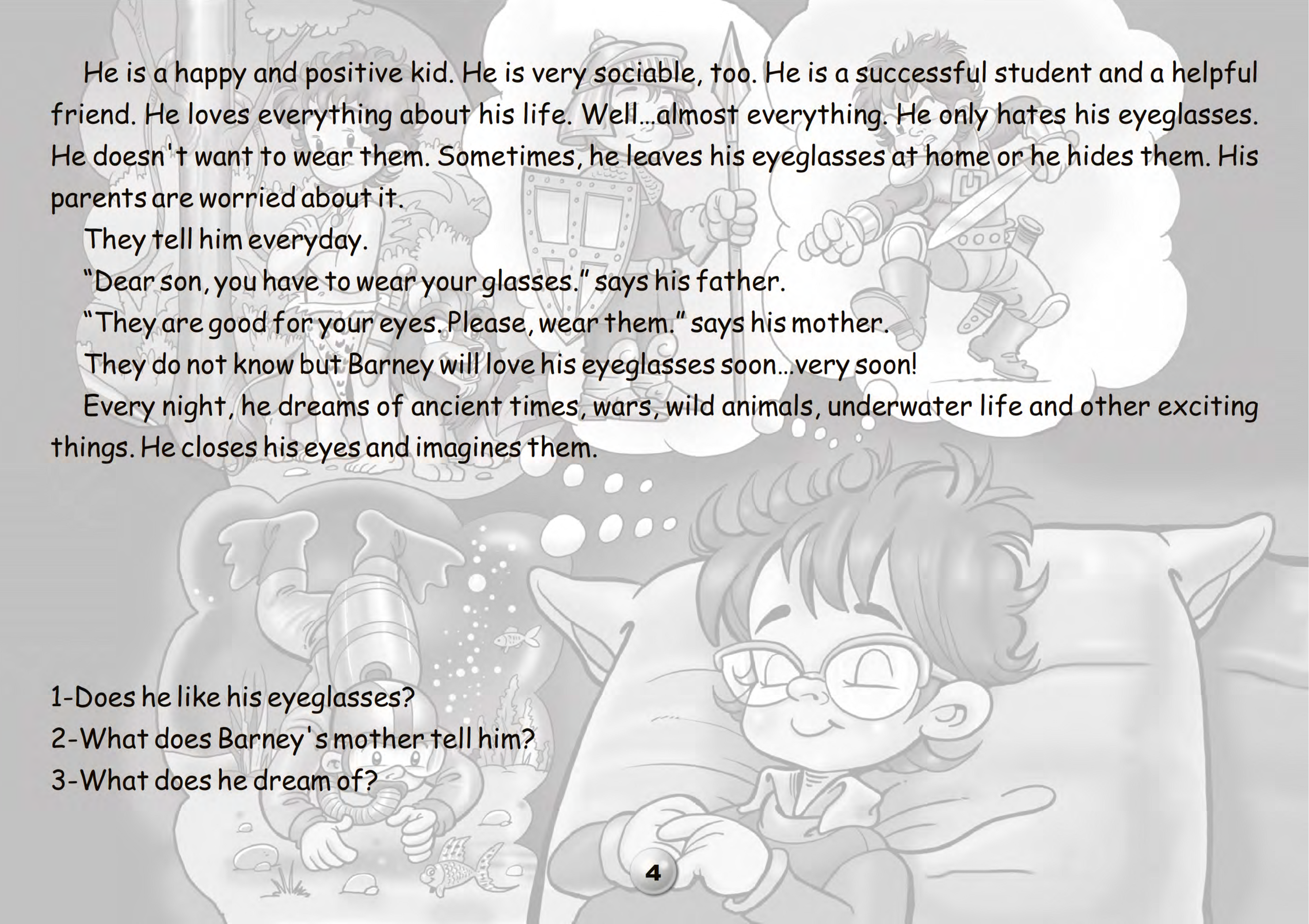
He likes detective books but reading detective stories is boring for him!

1-How old is Barney?

2-What does he look like?

3-What does he do in his leisure time?



A cartoon illustration of a young boy with dark hair and glasses, wearing a nightgown, sleeping peacefully in a bed. Above his head are three thought bubbles. The first bubble shows a boy in a forest with a sword and a dog. The second bubble shows a knight in armor with a shield and spear. The third bubble shows a boy in a suit with a sword. Below the bubbles, on the left, is a scene of a boy in a scuba suit underwater with a fish. The background is a simple room with a lamp and a window.

He is a happy and positive kid. He is very sociable, too. He is a successful student and a helpful friend. He loves everything about his life. Well...almost everything. He only hates his eyeglasses. He doesn't want to wear them. Sometimes, he leaves his eyeglasses at home or he hides them. His parents are worried about it.

They tell him everyday.

"Dear son, you have to wear your glasses." says his father.

"They are good for your eyes. Please, wear them." says his mother.

They do not know but Barney will love his eyeglasses soon...very soon!

Every night, he dreams of ancient times, wars, wild animals, underwater life and other exciting things. He closes his eyes and imagines them.

1-Does he like his eyeglasses?

2-What does Barney's mother tell him?

3-What does he dream of?



One night, Barney sleeps in his room. Someone touches him and wakes him up. He opens his eyes. He wants to scream but a voice stops him, "Don't be scared, son. I have good news for you." the voice says.

Barney sees an old man. He has got a long white beard and long white hair. He is wearing a long white robe. There is a stick in his hand. "I know you! You are the Old Wise Man!" shouts Barney. "That's right, young man!" says the old man. He is very friendly. "I know you don't like your eyeglasses. Now, here there are new eyeglasses for you. Use them!" he says. Barney is disappointed. "Eyeglasses? Is this a joke? I'm not a kid, sir. I'm sure you are one of my parents' friends. I'm sure you are wearing a costume!"

Barney touches the old man's hair. It is real. Barney checks the beard. It is real, too!

"Do you believe me now, son?" asks the old man.

Barney is surprised. "I'm not sure." says Barney.

1-Do you know the Wise Old Man?

2-Can you describe the Wise Old Man?

3-Why is Barney angry with the Wise Old Man?

4-Why does Barney check the Wise Old Man's hair and beard?

