

The Enchanted Wood by Enid Blyton

Joe, Beth and Frannie are exploring the woods near their new house.

"I feel as if there are adventures about," said Joe. "Come on! Over the ditch we go – and into the Enchanted Wood!"

One by one the children jumped over the narrow ditch. They stood beneath the trees and peered about. Small freckles of sunshine lay here and there on the ground, but not very many, for the trees were so thick. It was dim and green there, and a small bird nearby sang an odd little song over and over again.

"It really *is* magic!" said Frannie suddenly. "I can feel magic about somewhere, can't you, Beth? Can't you, Joe?"

"Yes," said the others, and their eyes shone with excitement. "Come on!"

They went down a little green path that looked as if it had been made for rabbits, it was so small and narrow.

"Don't let's go too far," said Joe. "We had better wait till we know the paths a bit better before we go deep into the wood. Look about for a place to sit down and eat our sandwiches, girls."

"I can see some wild strawberries!" cried Beth, and she knelt down and pressed back some pretty leaves, showing the others deep red strawberries below.

"Let's pick some and have them with our picnic too," said Frannie. So they picked hard, and soon had enough to make a fine meal.

"Let's sit down under the old oak tree over there," said Joe. "It's all soft moss beneath. It will be like sitting on a green velvet cushion."

So they sat down, and unpacked their sandwiches. Soon they were munching away happily, listening to the dark green leaves overhead saying "Wisha-wisha" all the time.



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1 “I feel as if there are adventures about,” said Joe. “Come on!”

What does this quotation tell you about Joe? Choose **one**.

He is scared of the woods.

He thinks he is a hero.

He likes adventures.

He thinks it is dangerous.

2d

1 mark

2 Look at the paragraph beginning “*One by one ...*”.

Find and copy one word or group of words that tell you that the woods were not brightly lit.

2a

1 mark

3 What made the path look as if it was made for rabbits?

2b

1 mark

4 The writer describes the moss as being like “*a green velvet cushion*”.

How does this make the reader feel about the moss?

2g

1 mark

5 The children were enjoying being in the woods.

Find and copy one piece of evidence for this statement.

2d

1 mark

6 Number the events to show the order in which the children did them in this extract.

They went down a little green path.

They had their picnic.

They jumped over a ditch.

They picked strawberries.

2c

1 mark