

Bunny Brown and his Sister Sue by Laura Lee Hope

"Bunny! Bunny! Wake up! It's time!"

"Wha—what's matter?" sleepily mumbled little Bunny Brown, making his words all run together, like stringy, sticky toffee that has been out in the hot sun. "What's the matter, Sue?" Bunny asked, now that he had his eyes open. He looked over the side of his small bed to see his sister standing beside it. She had left her own little room and had run into her brother's.

"Why, it's time to get up, Bunny," and Sue opened her brown eyes more widely, as she tried to get the 'sleepy feeling' out of them. "It's time to get up!"

"Time to get up—so early? Oh, Sue! It isn't Christmas morning, is it, Sue?" and with that thought, Bunny sat up suddenly in his bed.

"Christmas? No, of course not!" said Sue, who, though only five years of age (a year younger than Bunny), sometimes acted as though she was older than him.

"Well, if it isn't Christmas, and we don't have to go to school, because it's closed, why do I have to get up so early?" Bunny wanted to know.



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a sunny day

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breakfast

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going to school

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going on holiday

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Christmas

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seeing Grandma



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2. Why do you think the author described Bunny Brown's words as 'like stringy, sticky toffee that has been left out in the hot sun'?

Accept any reasonable answers relating to the fact that Bunny's words were 'all running together'.

E.g.

- **He was speaking so quickly it all sounded like one long word.**
- **His words were not clear because he had just woken up.**

3. Who is the oldest: Bunny or Sue? Explain how you know.

Bunny is the oldest.

Accept any reasonable answer relating to this line of the text, 'Sue, who, though only five years of age (a year younger than Bunny)'.

4. What do you think is the real reason for Bunny and Sue getting up so early?

DO NOT accept 'to go to school' or 'to open their Christmas presents'.

Accept any reasonable answer relating to the children's knowledge and experiences of getting up early.

E.g.

- **to go on a surprise trip or holiday**
- **to see a relative**
- **to go for an appointment**
- **for a special event, e.g. a sibling's or parent's birthday.**