

# Looking for Clues in Fiction

## The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark

Plop climbed out of the nest-hole and wobbled along the branch outside. He peeped over the edge. The world seemed to be a very long way down.

'I'm not a very good lander,' he said. 'I might spill myself.'

'Your landing will improve with practice,' said his mother. 'Look! There's a little boy down there on the edge of the wood collecting sticks. Go and talk to him about it.'

'Now?' said Plop.

'Now,' said his mother. So Plop shut his eyes, took a deep breath, and fell off the branch.



**1** Why did Plop think the world seemed to be a very long way down?

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1 mark

**2** What do you think Plop means when he says he might 'spill' himself?

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**3** Give **two** things that Plop does just before he falls off the branch that tell you he is nervous.

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2. \_\_\_\_\_



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