



The Gingerbread Man



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Before you read



1 Look and write the words below the pictures.

old woman • cottage • (to) catch • old man
oven • gingerbread man • cow • across
horse • fox • river

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2 Can you make a gingerbread man? Match the verbs to the pictures.

1 ☐ roll

2 ☐ cut

3 ☐ decorate

4 ☐ mix

5 ☐ bake

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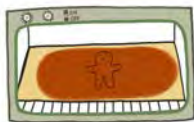
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The old woman is in the kitchen. She's making a gingerbread man.



What do you need to make a gingerbread man? Look and tick.

☐ butter ☐ sugar ☐ milk ☐ ginger
☐ apples ☐ flour ☐ eggs ☐ pears

The gingerbread man has got a head. He's got two eyes. He's got a nose and a mouth. He's got arms and legs.



► 3 The old woman puts the gingerbread man in the oven.

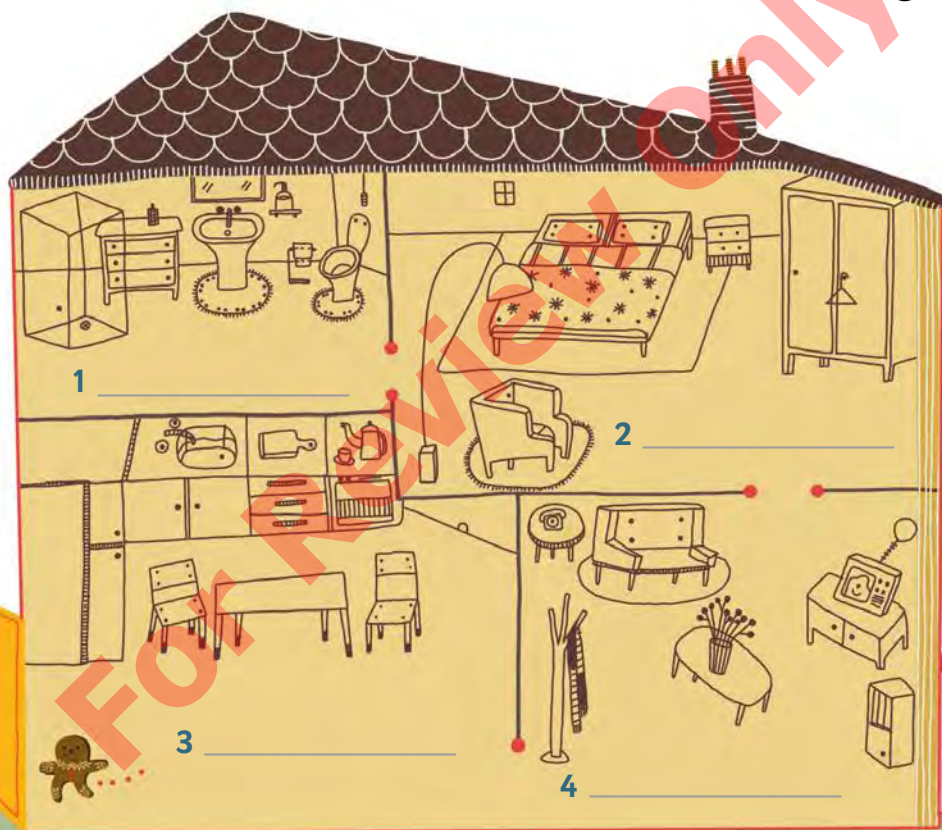
But soon she
hears: 'Help!
Help! Open
the door!'



Help! Help!
Open the
door!



The old woman opens the oven door.
The gingerbread man jumps out and runs
across the kitchen.
He runs across the living room... the
bedroom... and the bathroom.
The old man can't catch him.



Write the names of the rooms.

kitchen • bedroom • bathroom • living room



Let's act!

Scene 1

NARRATOR This is a story about a gingerbread man.

One day an old woman makes a gingerbread man.

OLD WOMAN I'm hungry. What can I make? I know! I can make a gingerbread man.

OLD MAN Good idea!

NARRATOR So the woman makes a gingerbread man.

GINGERBREAD MAN [*arrives and waves*] Hello! I'm the gingerbread man. I've got a head, two eyes, a nose, a mouth, two arms and two legs.

Scene 2

NARRATOR The old woman puts the gingerbread man in the oven.

OLD MAN Mmm, I'm hungry!

GINGERBREAD MAN [*shouts*] Help, help! Open the door!

OLD WOMAN What's that noise?

NARRATOR The old woman opens the oven.

The gingerbread man jumps out and runs across the kitchen.

OLD MAN + OLD WOMAN Hey, stop! Come here!

We're hungry! We want to eat you.

NARRATOR But the gingerbread man doesn't stop. He runs and runs and sings...

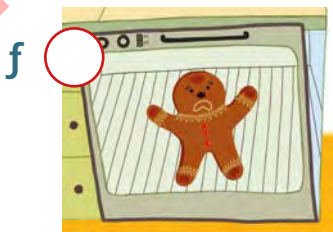
GINGERBREAD MAN [*runs on the spot*]



Activities – Play time



1 Put the story in the correct order.



- 1 The old woman makes a gingerbread man.
- 2 The gingerbread man says 'Help! Open the door!'
- 3 The old woman and the old man run after the gingerbread man.
- 4 A cow wants to eat the gingerbread man.
- 5 A horse wants to eat the gingerbread man.
- 6 A clever fox tricks the gingerbread man!