

## Story starter!

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On the surface, everything looked ordinary.

The boy in the boat was bored. He had lived beside this boring river with his boring family for his whole boring life. Nothing unexpected ever seemed to happen to him. He often went to bed at night and wished for something exciting in his life.

Little did he know, underneath the ground he walked on and the river he rowed his boat on, a marvellous, mysterious, magical menagerie of life stirred.

His life was about to become a lot more interesting...



## Question time!

- ▶ Who is the boy and why do you think he is bored?
- ▶ What do you think he has with him in the boat?
- ▶ What do you think his family are like?
- ▶ Where do you think their home is?
- ▶ Who do you think lives in the city under the ground?
- ▶ Why do you think the boy has never seen the people who live there before?
- ▶ Why do they live underground?
- ▶ Is there anything peculiar about the sea or the tree that is next to it?
- ▶ What do you think is about to happen to the boy?



## Sentence challenge!

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Can you include some speech in your writing, using inverted commas?

E.g. “Have you found it yet?” asked the visitor.

“What?” replied the boy.

Remember to start a new line for a new speaker.



## Sick sentences!

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These sentences are 'sick' and need help to get better. Can you help? Could you add an adverb?

- ▶ The boy rowed the boat.
- ▶ Underneath him was a big fish.
- ▶ It swam around, waiting.



## Perfect picture!

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Think about where there might be a hidden city in your school or home. A place where no-one would bother the inhabitants! It might be under the stairs or inside a bookshelf or even under the floorboards! Can you draw what you have imagined?

