

Monday



Retrieve



How many aliens are in the video clip?

Interpret



What do you think they are saying to each other? What makes you think this?

Choice



The director of this animation has carefully chosen music to accompany the action. Listen carefully. How does the choice of music make you feel in different parts of the story?

Tuesday

Vocabulary

casually

in a relaxed way

startled

showing sudden shock

miracle

a remarkable event

enlarge

become larger

Wednesday

Listen to pages 41-47.

Can you spot any of the words from yesterday?

Thursday

Comprehension Questions:

1. Find one word in the text to describe how Mr Hoppy feels.
2. Two words of Mrs Silver's speech are in italics: 'And *you* did it!' and 'But what *am* I going to do about his house?' Why has the author done this?
3. On p.44 Mrs Silver asks Mr Hoppy two questions. Can you find them and copy them? If you could ask one of the characters a question, what would it be?

Mr Hoppy suddenly felt very brave. 'Mrs Silver,' he said. 'Do you think I could pop down to your balcony and hold Alfie myself?'

'Why, of course you can!' Mrs Silver cried. 'Come down at once.'

Mr Hoppy rushed down the stairs and Mrs Silver opened the door to him. Together they went out on to the balcony. 'Just look at him!' Mrs Silver said proudly. 'Isn't he grand!'

'He's a big good-sized tortoise now,' Mr Hoppy said.

'And *you* did it!' Mrs Silver cried. 'You're a miracle-man, you are indeed!'

'But what *am* I going to do about his house?' Mrs Silver said. 'He must have a house to go into at night, but now he can't get through the door.'

They were standing on the balcony looking at the tortoise, who was trying to push his way into his house. But he was too big.

'I shall have to enlarge the door,' Mrs Silver said.

'Don't do that,' Mr Hoppy said. 'You mustn't go chopping up such a pretty little house. After all, he only needs to be just a tiny bit smaller and he could get in easily.'

'How can he possibly get smaller?' Mrs Silver asked.

Friday

Read a book of your choice with an adult or on your own.

Can you come up with some questions for one of the characters?