

Stories 1

From *Percy the Park Keeper – One Snowy Night* by Nick Butterworth

One winter's night it was so cold it began to snow. Great big snowflakes fell past the window of Percy's hut.

"Brr," said Percy. "I think I'll need an extra blanket tonight."

He made himself some hot cocoa and got ready for bed.

Suddenly, Percy heard a tapping sound. There was somebody at the door.

"Now who can that be at this time of night?" thought Percy. He went to the door and looked out.

There on the step was a squirrel. It looked very cold and miserable.

"I can't get to sleep, Percy," said the squirrel. "My bed is full of snow."

"Oh dear," said Percy. "Never mind, I've got plenty of room for two."

The squirrel snuggled down next to Percy and soon began to feel warm.

Knock! Knock! It was the door again.

"Now who can that be?" thought Percy.

Standing outside were two shivering rabbits.

"It's f-freezing," said one rabbit.

"We're f-frozen," said the other.

"You poor things," said Percy. "Come in and warm up."

The rabbits squeezed into the bed next to Percy and the squirrel. There wasn't much room.

"Could you face the other way?" Percy asked the squirrel. "Your tail is tickling my nose."

Knock! Knock!

"Oh dear," said Percy. "Now there's someone else at the door!"

Warm up



- 1 Where does Percy live? Circle **one** answer.
in a house **in a cottage** **in a caravan** **in a hut**
- 2 What sound does Percy make that tells you he is cold?

Test yourself



- 3 Why do you think Percy says he'll need an extra blanket?

- 4 When Percy hears the tapping sound, does he know who is at the door? Give a reason for your answer.

- 5 Which two words does the writer use to describe how the squirrel looked?
_____ and _____
- 6 Why can't the squirrel get to sleep?

Challenge yourself



- 7 Write a sentence about what Percy did that shows he is a kind person.

How did you do?

