



Twist

Goose Bumps

Jimmy Prune sat in the TV room with his babysitter, Marsha. While Marsha watched TV, Jimmy Prune grabbed a pencil and some paper.

“I’m going to make a list,” he said, and on the top of the paper he wrote:

Ways To Get Goose Bumps

Jimmy Prune walked to the window and opened it. “Now for test number one,” he said.

Cold air flowed into the room. After a minute, Jimmy Prune checked both arms. Small bumps covered every bit of skin.

“There!” he said. “Goose bumps!”

Then he wrote on his list:

1. Cold

Next, Jimmy Prune ran up the stairs to the attic. The large room had one light bulb that lit the sloping roof and bare wood floor.

“Now for test number two,” Jimmy Prune said.

He switched off the light, and the attic turned inky

black. Something clicked in the corner. A creature skittered across the floor.

Jimmy Prune turned and ran out the door. Again, he checked his arms.

“More goose bumps!” he said

This time he wrote on his list:

2. Scary things

Jimmy Prune now stood at the top of the stairs. He sat on the railing.

“Here goes test number three,” he said, and he slid all the way down to the bottom of the stairway.

“Wahooooo!”

At the bottom, Jimmy Prune rechecked his arms.

“Goose bumps again!” he said.

Then he wrote on his list:

3. Excitement

Next, Jimmy Prune ran into the kitchen. “Test number four,” he said.

He opened the kitchen door and shut it. *Squeak!* *Squeak!* went the hinges. He opened and shut the door again. *Squeak-squeak! Squeak-squeak!*

“Success!” said Jimmy Prune, checking his arms.

“More goose bumps!”

And he wrote on his list:

4. Squeaky noises

Now Jimmy Prune looked around the kitchen.

“What next?” he said. He was out of ideas for ways to get goose bumps.

At that moment, Marsha shouted from the TV room. Her voice sounded mad. “Jimmy Prune! Shut the window! Stop running in the attic! Stop shouting on the stairs! And stop playing with the door!”

Jimmy Prune checked his arms. “Goose bumps!” he said.

Then he wrote the last item on his list:

5. Marsha scolding