An Odd Job for Bob and Benny

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Benny Bob and for

An odd job

Shoo Ragoon (Oxford Books)

The Enchantress Child by Rutland Kirking, adapted by

Fiction level 11 pack B

The Luckless Monster by Michelle Morgan (Treetops)

Now read on

3 What makes the shed a good place for Daisy to live?
2 Why is Mrs Catkin's house rather mysterious?
1 What goes on when she escapes?

Book quiz

When she comes back, do you think she is right?
You've done a very good job, boys. Mrs Catkin says

A solid property?

On the job? If they had read what Mrs Catkin

After reading

The title, the cover picture and the blurb

What kind of story do you think this is? Judging by

What do you think Bob and Benny's odd job will turn
They didn't mind mess.

Words. It was a messy business, but colours and his brother Bob painted the painting a sign. Benny splashed on the Bob and Benny were out on their lawn.

A very odd job.
With her but she couldn't take an elephant. Mrs Catkin wanted to visit her sister, Livvy Baby. Was only a babys, but she was rather a Daisy. Mrs Catkin's pet elephant. Daisy rather roomshackle. This was because of it looked very grand, but inside it was big house at the top of the village. It along and saw their sign. She lived in a kitchen to wash their jumpers.

Pup the lawn, and Bob went into the gate. Then Benny went back to clean. They fixed the sign to their front.

That's us', Bob said, 'We're going to odd job men, starting today.' Benny and Bob: Any odd jobs was the sign, finished, it said. When the paint was all gone, there.
And she couldn't find anyone in the village to look after Daisy. They all said an elephant was too big and too tricky. She looked over the fence and saw Benny trying to wash the lawn. 'I must go and see my sister and I want you to look after my baby elephant,' Benny was thrilled. 'Hooray!' he sang out, and skipped round in a little circle.

That's why she only heard half of what Mrs Catkin told him. He heard her say 'sister' and he heard her say 'look after' and he heard her say 'baby'. The rest he missed.

'She can stay in your shed,' said Mrs Catkin, 'and she likes a bun now and then. And you will be nice to her, won't you, Benny?'

'Of course,' said Benny, bouncing up and down. 'Good. I'll bring her round tomorrow.'
said Benny.
She should be very happy on that,
Bob when they'd finished.
She should be happy on that, said
some cushions and piled them on top.
for Mrs Catkin's baby sister, so they found
Their own bed didn't look sort enough
had told him.
thought hard. What was it Mrs Catkin
Benny screwed up his eyes and
stopping suddenly.
"But what is this job?" asked Bob,
messy dance, but they didn't mind mess.
foam flew all over the place. It was a
round the kitchen, and bubbles and
was thrilled too. He and Benny danced
had rushed in to tell Bob the good news. Bob
Mrs Catkin went home and Benny

said Bob.
'Then let's get ready,'
Almost certainly," said Benny.
'Are you sure?'
can stay in our bed and she likes the sun.
look after Mrs Catkin's baby sister. She
I know,' he said at last, 'We have to
When Benny and Bob opened the door next morning, they staggered back in surprise at what they saw. Mrs Catkin smiled and held out a note.

'The instructions in this note,

she said.

But Bob was too shocked to answer.

'Benny,' he whispered, 'there's an elephant on our doorstep.'

'I think this must be Mrs Catkin's baby sister,' he whispered back.

And she's looking forward to staying with you,' Benny said to remember what Mrs Catkin had said to him yesterday.

But she said, 'Daisy could see that. He screwed up his eyes and tried to remember what Mrs Catkin had said to him yesterday. She gave Daisy a pat, put the note on the mat and turned to walk away.
After all, he said, she is our guest.

"Ought to bring her indoors," said Bob. When their row was over, Bob said they ought to bring her indoors. Miss Cuckle, of Daisy's family, watched them with interest. She slipped through the step, trying to knock each other's hat off. For some moments they stood on the head of the bed, too. She picked up some kind of cushions and hung them around. Daisy liked the look of the bedroom. "This is your bed, Miss Cuckle," said Benny, "you're the one who could pick up the things you can find."

Benny's room was tidy, and there were lots of interesting things. They pushed the door and led her into the house. Daisy liked the look of it. It wasn't too large, and they could spread out her things. Benny and Bob spoke to each other. They turned on the electric light and said goodnight. They stood at Daisy's door with their mouths open. Benny, you're the one who can do odd jobs," said Bob, "you're a clot," Benny say goodbye. They spoke to each other. They stood at Daisy's door with their mouths open. Benny, you're the one who can do odd jobs," said Bob, "you're a clot," Benny say goodbye. They stood at Daisy's door with their mouths open. Benny, you're the one who can do odd jobs," said Bob, "you're a clot," Benny say goodbye. They stood at Daisy's door with their mouths open. Benny, you're the one who can do odd jobs," said Bob, "you're a clot," Benny say goodbye. They stood at Daisy's door with their mouths open. 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Finding the Sun

They bit. I've heard but I didn't move, not even a
heaved but I didn't move, not even a
the bottom. Bob and Benny heaved and
the bottom. Bob and Benny heaved and
One stood at the top and the other at
Bob and Benny tried to lift the bed.
Bob and Benny tried to lift the bed.

Some ideas are simple to think of but
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excellent," said Benny.
"Excellent," said Benny.

"So it can get the sun,"
"So it can get the sun,"

"We must put the bed on the lawn," he
"We must put the bed on the lawn,"

After a while Bob had a good idea.
After a while Bob had a good idea.

Well there's no sun in here, so we
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That's what Mrs. Cameron said. I think.
That's what Mrs. Cameron said. I think.

"Yes," said Benny. "Bed and sun,"
"Yes," said Benny. "Bed and sun,"

"Bed?" said Bob.
"Bed?" said Bob.

Are you sure she has to sleep in our
Are you sure she has to sleep in our

sound and the bed fell in.
sound and the bed fell in.

Then she put a foot on the mattress
Then she put a foot on the mattress

There was a twang.
We can’t get the bed into the garden, he said, so what must we do?

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Benny was pleased to be right, but he didn’t know how they were going to bring the sun into the bedroom. ‘That’s easy,’ said Bob, ‘We’ll make a hole in the roof.’

‘Yes, exactly.’ Benny.

‘Bring the garden to the bed,’ said Bob. ‘Cloth if we did that, where would the sun be?’ ‘Outside.’ ‘So what must we do?’ ‘Bring the sun inside.”

Bob and Benny went outside to fetch the ladder. Daisy stayed on the bed and they made her laugh, in an elephant sort of way. She looked out of the window and saw them struggling with the ladder and they made her laugh, in an elephant sort of way.

On the roof
Down the ladder
hole, Bob sent Benny back
When they'd made a good big
messy work, but they didn't mind mess;
hammered away at the plaster. It was
They pulled some tiles off and
carry on.

Never mind, Bob said, we must
sun's gone.
This is no good, said Benny. The
started to rain.
They had a hard time of it because it
on the roof.
were at work
Bob and Benny
Meanwhile,

So she got up and wandered through
thought.
I'll have to go and look for one, she
too dry.

buns but they were really too big and
in sight. The cushions looked a bit like
looked around the bedroom. Not a bun
alone again. Alone and hungry. She
disappeared on to the roof, and she was

Then she saw them climb the ladder,
'See what it looks like from the bedroom,' he told him. 'Down went Benny and minutes later he stood in the bedroom. There are plaster and puddles everywhere, he called up to Bob. 'Never mind that. Can you see the sky?' 'Yes.'

'And can you see it from the bed?' 'Yes.' 'And does Daisy like it?' 'I don't know.' 'Why not?' 'Because she's not here.' 'WHAT!'
nowhere to be found.

house, calling for Daisy, but she was

They ran through every room in the

search the whole house!

Not in here! said Bob. We must

and looked behind it.

looked under them. He moved the clock

Benny picked up some cushions and

Quick, Benny! Get looking!

We have to find her, he snapped.

land on Daisy, because Daisy wasn't there.

Bob jumped up. Of course! He didn't

but you didn't land on Daisy, did you?

through the roof.

It was NOT Lucky,' said Bob. I just fell

That was Lucky,' Benny said.

by little, he came to rest.

bounced high up and down until, little

landing on the pile of cushions. He

wet roof and fell through the hole.

Bob was shocked. He slipped on the
Then Benny saw the letter on the doormat.

'Oh, look,' he said. 'She's left a note.'

Bob picked it up and read it. It was the note Mrs Catkin had left.

'Don't be silly,' said Bob. 'She can't write. She's only a baby.'

'Dear Bob and Benny,

Well, someone's left a note.

Daisy went out last night.

She must have left the door open.

And perhaps she's popped out to the baker's.

To get some buns,' said Benny.

Where is Daisy?

'She's in your shed and she likes can sleep in your shed and she likes plenty of buns,' said Bob, shaking the note at Benny. 'Not bed and sun!'
she had a good view of the garden.

Very nicely and, with the door open, and Daisy went in after them. She fitted
They put the cushions in their shed
out of his shop.

But the came down when Bob paid

It's shoplifting!

Look at it! he shouted, look at it!

who wasn't dancing was the baker.

at the sight of the buses. The only one

And Daisy did a much bigger dance

the sight of her.

Bob and Benny danced with joy at

the baker's shell with her thump.

was safe and sound, picking buns off

went. And thank goodness — there she

baker's calling Daisy's name as they

Out they ran and up the street to the

'Yes!' said Bob, 'Brilliant! Come on!'
They didn't mind mess.

umbrellas. It was still a bit messy, but

sound of the rain patterning on the

umbrellas up. They dozed off to the

back that night. They lay in bed with the

large umbrellas. When the rain came

With the money they bought two

she said, and she paid them well.

'You've done a very good job, boys',

looking so well.

sisters, she was delighted to see Daisy

When Mrs Calakin came back from her
Book quiz answers
1 b
2 Because her baby elephant, Daisy, does a lot of damage.
3 It has comfortable cushions, she fits in nicely and she has a good view of the garden.

where I live with my family, with cricket, and cycling around Cambridge.
I enjoy reading almost anything to do with legs came off.

I fell off the bus on the way home and one of
I was thirteen I made a table at school, but it
I am not good at odd jobs of any kind. When
is, children's books. Sad to say:

About the author.
There are six titles in level 11 Pick A:

- An Odd Job for Bob and Benny
- Who knew a baby elephant would begin to have second thoughts.
- Mrs Catchin's elephant, Daisy, they say yes. But when they meet ask for their help, they are happy
- Bob and Benny are looking for a job, so when Mrs Catchin comes to

The bump change

Dangerous Thames

Blockleys saves the school

The Wining Letter

Even if you know the best place to look after?