



Twist

Goose Bumps

Jimmy Prune sat in the TV room with his babysitter, Marsha. While Marsha chatted on her cell phone, Jimmy picked up a pencil and a sheet of paper.

“I’m going to do an experiment,” he said. “I want to see how many ways I can get goose bumps.”

“Fine,” said Marsha. “But do it quietly.”

At the top of his paper, Jimmy Prune wrote:

Ways To Get Goose Bumps

First, he walked to the window and opened it wide.

“Test number one,” he said.

Cold air rushed into the room. After a minute, he checked both arms. Small bumps dotted his skin.

“There!” he said. “Goose bumps!”

And he wrote on his list:

1. Cold

Next, Jimmy Prune ran up the stairs to the attic. A single light bulb lit the

sloping roof and bare wood floor.

“Test number two,” he said.

He flipped off the light, and the attic turned inky black. Something clicked in the corner. A creature skittered across the floor.

Jimmy Prune bolted out the door. Again, he checked his arms.

“There!” he said. “More goose bumps!”

This time, he wrote on his list:

2. Scary things

Now Jimmy Prune 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 checked his arms.

“Goose bumps again!”

He added to 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 closed the door again. *Squeak-squeak! Squeak-squeak!*

“Success!” he said Jimmy, checking his arms. “More goose bumps!”

And he wrote on his list:

4. Squeaky noises

Jimmy Prune looked around the kitchen. “What next?” he said. He was out of ideas.

At that moment, Marsha shouted from the TV room. Her voice sounded mad.

“James Prune! Shut the window! Stop running in the attic! Stop shouting on the stairs! And stop playing with the squeaky door!”

Jimmy Prune checked his arms.

“Goose bumps!” he said.

Then he added the last item to his list:

5. *Getting yelled at by Marsha*