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## Katie & Kimble: A Ghost Story

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### Answer Key

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## Activity Packet 1A – Chapters 1 & 2

### Rhyming Words

Chapter 1

1. pig
2. log
3. most
4. page
5. cloud
6. cooked
7. blue
8. jar
9. brother
10. brushed

### What's the Order?

Chapter 1

- Set 1 3, 1, 2  
Set 2 2, 1, 3  
Set 3 3, 2, 1

### What's the Story?

Chapter 2

- 1) *house*
- 2) *sleeping*
- 3) *clothes*
- 4) *dirty*
- 5) *outside*
- 6) *forest*
- 7) *log*
- 8) *movers*
- 9) *furniture*
- 10) *backyard*
- 11) *parents*

# Contractions Review

Chapter 1-2

1. they are
2. we are
3. it is
4. I am
5. let us
6. that is
7. I will
8. do not
9. I have
10. you are

# Compound Words

Chapter 1-2

- |              |               |
|--------------|---------------|
| 1. driveway  | 6. hallway    |
| 2. fireplace | 7. backyard   |
| 3. sunlight  | 8. breakfast  |
| 4. bathroom  | 9. playpen    |
| 5. staircase | 10. highchair |

# Activity Packet 1B – Chapters 3 & 4

## What's the Order?

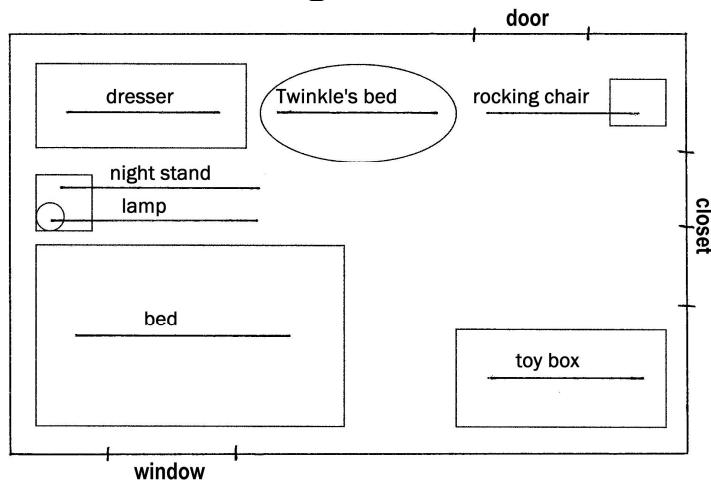
Chapter 3

- Set 1 1, 3, 2  
Set 2 3, 1, 2  
Set 3 2, 1, 3

1. Why does Katie collect pennies?  
Because she thinks they are lucky and she wants to have good luck.  
She got this idea from a rhyme. "Find a penny, pick it up...."

## Understanding Directions

Chapter 3



## Problem & Solution

Chapter 3

1. Solution: Katie dragged the bed up the stairs.
2. Solution: Katie got a doggy treat and threw it into the living room. Twinkle chased the treat.
3. Solution: Katie opened the closet door. Then she went inside to look around.

## What's the Story?

Chapter 4

- 1) *birthday*
- 2) lunch
- 3) town
- 4) school
- 5) fresh
- 6) cake
- 7) presents
- 8) candles
- 9) wish
- 10) blow
- 11) times

## Classifying Words

Chapter 2-4

Katie's presents from family—book, bike, clothes  
People in Katie's family—Toby, Mr. Russell, Mrs. Russell  
Katie's presents from Kimble—locket, spinning top, blue bow  
Furniture in Katie's room—bed, dresser, rocking chair

## Fun with Words

Chapter 3-4

Across

4. oval
6. ponytail
8. minivan
9. square
10. bakery

Down

1. author
2. locket
3. favorite
5. coins
7. miracle

# Activity Packet 1C – Chapters 5 & 6

## What's the Reason?

Chapter 5

choose 2 reasons

- 1) Toby and Twinkle like her. AND Kimble gave Katie presents.
- 2) Katie could search the grave markers for Kimble's name. AND Katie might learn something about Kimble there.
- 3) She was thinking about finding Kimble. AND She wasn't watching where she was going.

## Context Clues, Part 1

Chapter 5-6

1. Katie trusted Kimble because Kimble shared her own **belongings** with Katie. Kimble gave Katie *her hair bow* and *her dreidel*.
2. Mrs. Russell said, "If the child you saw was Kimble's ghost, then Kimble probably died when she was a child. And that was a long time ago." Mrs. Russell *stopped talking for a minute*.  
*Then* Mrs. Russell **continued**. "When we bought this house, Daddy and I saw a small church. It was about a mile down the road. Farther down from the church was a **cemetery**. You know, a *graveyard*."
3. At the graveyard, Katie kept moving from stone to stone. She was almost in a **trance**. Katie was *lost in her dream* of finding Kimble.
4. Katie met Mr. Clem. He was the **caretaker** at the cemetery. He *took care of* the grass and the flowers.

## Context Clues, Part 2

Chapter 5-6

5. When Katie lost Kimble's blue bow in the grave, she felt sad. That bow was *not just any* bow. It was a **special** gift from Kimble.
6. Mr. Clem wanted to help Katie get her bow back. He said he had a *family member* who owned a truck. He would borrow his **nephew's** truck and ladder the next day.
7. Katie told Mr. Clem her name and thanked him for helping her. Katie always *said please and thank you*. She was very **polite**.

8. Katie asked Mr. Clem if a Jewish family had lived in her house. Mr. Clem said, "Not to my **knowledge**," because he didn't *know*.

9. Mr. Clem said a man named Dr. Laurence built Katie's house. He was a **medical** doctor who *helped sick people*.

## What's the Order?

Chapter 5-6

Set 1 3, 2, 1

Set 2 2, 1, 3

Set 3 1, 3, 2

## Short Answers

Chapter 5-6

2) What would you see in a cemetery? List 4 things.

a fence, graves, grass, ghosts, grave markers, dirt, people crying, stones, a caretaker, flowers, etc.

3) At the cemetery, Katie meets Mr. Clem. What job does Mr. Clem have?  
caretaker

## Activity Packet 1D – Chapters 7 & 8

### Antonyms

Chapter 7

1. dirty
2. young
3. small
4. nasty
5. hated
6. answers
7. loudly
8. happy
9. down
10. short

### Compound Words

Chapter 7-8

1. graveyard
2. afternoon
3. newspaper
4. everyone
5. something
6. downstairs
7. outbreak
8. grandmother
9. sideways

## What's the Story?

Chapter 8

1. jumped
2. sitting
3. opening
4. came
5. heard
6. have
7. was
8. worked
9. teach
10. going
11. take
12. taught

## Problem & Solution

Chapter 7-8

The **yes** answers are below.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Kimble needs to go to the old graveyard.  
\_\_\_\_\_ The old graveyard in is the forest.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Katie can't go into the forest.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Kimble can only leave the house with a person.

## Activity Packet 1E – Chapters 9 & 10

### What's the Story?

Chapter 9

1. turned
2. I
3. needs
4. cemetery
5. finally
6. when
7. come
8. okay
9. first
10. laughed
11. in
12. bow
13. Kimble

## Contractions Review

Chapter 9

1. I'll
2. Let's
3. I'm
4. nobody's
5. You're
6. they're
7. that's
8. it's
9. don't
10. won't

## Synonyms

Chapter 9

1. cemetery
2. stones
3. searching
4. cleaned
5. quietly
6. crying
7. woods
8. began
9. rock
10. trail

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## Open-ended Questions

Chapter 9-10

- 1) How did Katie help Kimble in the forest? Give two ways.  
Katie helped Kimble leave the house because Kimble can only leave the house with a human.  
Katie found Kimble's mother's grave.  
Katie helped Kimble say goodbye to her mother.  
Katie helped Kimble find the old cemetery.  
Katie cleaned the leaves and weeds off of Kimble's mother's stone.  
etc.
- 2) Katie found the grave of Mrs. B's grandmother.  
What did Katie do when she found it?  
She tidied it up—i.e., she cleaned the leaves and weeds off of it.

# Activity Packet 1F – Chapter 11

## Short Answers

Chapter 11

1. Where does Kimble go for help?  
Kimble goes back to the house.
2. Who does Kimble bring to help Katie?  
Kimble brings Katie's parents.
3. Katie's mom could not hear Kimble and she could not see Kimble.  
So, Kimble did many clever things to get Mrs. Russell's attention.  
List 4 of the clever things that Kimble did.

1. screen door burst open; 2. put dreidel on the counter; 3. spun dreidel—didn't stop; 4. put wet bow on counter; 5. screen door blew open again; 6. screen door would not close; 7. pushed Mrs. Russell out the door; 8. pulled on Mrs. Russell's arm; 9. pulled on Mrs. Russell's left arm to turn left (twice)

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## What's the Story?

Chapter 11

These are the **yes** sentences.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ Katie explained to her mom why she decided to go into the forest.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Katie's mom agreed with Katie's choice to go into the forest to help Kimble.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Katie's mom told Katie to tell her the next time she has a problem because Katie's mom wanted to help Katie.

## Compound Words Review

Activity Packet 1F

### Across

5. grandmother
8. bathroom
9. backyard
10. breakfast

### Down

1. playpen
2. newspaper
3. bedroom
4. highchair
5. graveyard
6. driveway
7. outbreak



## Answer Key

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## Activity Packet 2A – Chapters 1 & 2

### Antonyms

Chapter 1

1. full
2. never
3. front
4. sad
5. slow
6. in
7. stood up
8. dark
9. stopped
10. appear

### Contractions Review

Chapter 1

1. I will
2. that is
3. you had
4. dog has
5. I am
6. she is
7. you are
8. is not
9. can not
10. he has

### Context Clues, Part 1

Chapter 1

1. Mrs. Russell cannot see or hear Kimble.  
"Who are you talking to?" Mrs. Russell asked Katie. "Is Kimble here?"  
"Hi, Mama!" Kimble shouted.  
"She said, Hi, Mama," Katie said. "She's sitting in that chair." Katie nodded to the chair on her left.
2. Kimble wants to complain about Katie to Katie's mother.  
"I'm waiting for Katie to finish breakfast," Kimble said.

## Context Clues, Part 2

Chapter 1

3. Katie is teasing Kimble in a fun way.  
"She said she's fine, thank you, and you?" Katie said. She had a twinkle in her blue eyes.// Katie smiled and took another bite.
4. Kimble doesn't like to wait.  
"I'm waiting for Katie to finish breakfast," Kimble said.
5. Katie refuses to tell her mother what Kimble really said.  
"She said she's fine, thank you, and you?" Katie said.
6. Katie is enjoying herself.  
She had a twinkle in her blue eyes.// Katie smiled
7. 2) a person who is clever and full of spirit and energy

## What's the Story?

Chapter 2

### Rules for Magic Wishes, Part 1

The **yes** answers are below.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ To make the wish, Katie and Kimble must hold hands.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Katie and Kimble must choose one wish.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Katie and Kimble must agree on the wish.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Katie and Kimble must wish with all their hearts.

## Activity Packet 2B – Chapters 3 & 4

### Drawing Conclusions

Chapter 3

#### Rules for Magic Wishes, Part 2

1. Katie and Kimble might wish for a lot of money. According to the story, is this a good wish? Why or why not? Explain.

It's not a good wish because the wish will only last for two days. So if they wish for a lot of money, the money will disappear after two days. And if they buy something with the money, the thing they buy will disappear after two days.

3. In the story, Katie and Kimble think about wishing for a short vacation. What type of place do they talk about visiting?

An amusement park or an adventure park.

4. According to the story, why is wishing for a short vacation better than wishing for money?

A short vacation is better because when the wish disappears after two days, you will still have been on the vacation, but the money will be gone.

## Synonyms

Chapter 4

1. shoved
2. came after
3. a person
4. spirits
5. go away
6. afraid
7. kind
8. surprised
9. silently
10. shouted

## What's the Story?

Chapter 3-4

2. Now that you have read Ch. 3 & 4, was the coupon real? yes no
4. Did Katie and Kimble really get a magic wish? yes no
5. What was the wish? they wished for Kimble to be human for two days

## What's the Order?

Chapter 1-4

- Set 1 2, 1, 3  
Set 2 3, 2, 1  
Set 3 1, 3, 2

## Fun with Words

Chapter 1-4

Across

1. appear
3. nervous
6. vacation
8. laundry
9. disappear
10. coupon

Down

2. pistol
4. scared
5. continue
7. bright

# Activity Packet 2C – Chapters 5 & 6

## Fun with Words

Chapter 5

1. cereal
2. Jewish
3. ham
4. pizza
5. stomach
6. beg

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## Base Words

Chapter 5-6

1. sudden
2. grab
3. worry
4. quick
5. amaze
6. spoon
7. quiet
8. polite
9. please
10. perfect
11. happy
12. loud

## Antonyms

Chapter 6

1. closed
2. empty
3. nothing
4. boring
5. far
6. there
7. shouted, yelled, cried
8. loudly
9. ended, finished
10. shook

## What's the Story?

Chapter 5-6

The **yes** answers include confused, surprised, polite and interested.

### Possible examples:

- Confused: Katie says Dr. Laurence is Kimble's daddy.  
Katie says that Kimble doesn't live near here, she lives here, in this house.
- Surprised: When Mr. Russell sees Kimble for the first time, Toby shouts Kimble's name, jumps down and runs over to her. It is apparent that Twinkle already knows her, too, because Twinkle goes over and stands by her leg.
- Polite: He says he's pleased to meet Kimble.  
He includes Kimble in carrying in the groceries.
- Interested: He asks Kimble about her family and about being Jewish.  
He says, "How interesting."

## What's the Order?

Chapter 1-6

- |                     |  |
|---------------------|--|
| Kimble/Mrs. Russell | 4. Katie and Kimble wish Kimble could be human for two days.               |
| coupon              | 2. Katie and Kimble talk to the coupon and the coupon replies.             |
| sack                | 6. Mr. Russell gets home and is surprised to meet Kimble.                  |
| Magic Wishes        | 1. Katie and Kimble find a coupon for a magic wish.                        |
| money               | 3. Katie and Kimble discuss different kinds of wishes.                     |
| pizza               | 5. Kimble eats and eats and eats, and then wants to know what's for lunch. |

# Activity Packet 2D – Chapters 7 & 8

## What's the Story?

Chapter 7

### Teacher's Note

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1. are
2. Kimble
3. ghost
4. human
5. a
6. He
7. Russell
8. explained
9. the
10. for

## Context Clues

Chapter 8

1. song
  2. he sang or sang
  3. What year was the music written? \_\_\_1838\_\_\_\_\_
- What year were the words written? \_\_\_1864\_\_\_\_\_

On the same page, there is a different word that means **words**.

Write it here. \_\_\_lyrics\_\_\_\_\_

4. Write a word that is a homonym of **hymn**. \_\_\_\_\_him\_\_\_\_\_

## Mr. Russell's Ghost Story

- yes    1. Mr. Russell saw some ghosts when he was a child.
- yes    2. Mr. Russell felt scared when he saw the ghosts.
- no    3. Mr. Russell was all alone when he saw the ghosts.  
*he was with his brother, Jeff (or Jeffy)*
- no    4. It was early one Friday morning.  
*Saturday*
- yes    5. Mr. Russell was waiting for cartoons to start.
- no    6. It was a bright and sunny morning.  
*dark*
- yes    7. The ghosts walked in front of the TV.
- no    8. Then they went upstairs into the attic.  
*downstairs into the basement*
- yes    9. Mr. Russell jumped off the couch and ran over to the stairs  
to look at the ghosts.
- yes    10. But, at that point, the ghosts had disappeared.

## Open-ended Questions

Chapter 7-8

- 1) When Mr. Russell finally learned the whole truth about Kimble, how did he react? Explain.

At first, he thought maybe his family was crazy. After that, he laughed and said it was a strange story and that they should give him some time. A little later, he started singing.

- 3) Was your prediction correct? How did Mr. Russell treat Kimble during the picnic? Explain your answer.

He was polite and friendly. He spoke to Kimble, he included her, he said he liked the salad she made.

# Activity Packet 2E – Chapters 9 & 10

## Drawing Conclusions

Chapter 6-9

### Knowing Mr. Russell

The **yes** answers are below.

- \_\_\_\_\_ He uses cloth bags for grocery shopping.
- \_\_\_\_\_ He sings “For the Beauty of the Earth.”
- \_\_\_\_\_ He doesn’t put nails in the tree when he puts the swing up.

## Classifying Words

Chapter 9-10

*Mr. Russell’s camera*

\_\_\_\_\_ picture \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ timer \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ stand \_\_\_\_\_

*Inside the garage*

\_\_\_\_\_ hose \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ bikes \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ wrench \_\_\_\_\_

*At the picnic*

\_\_\_\_\_ blanket \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ salad \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ lunch \_\_\_\_\_

*Putting up the swing*

\_\_\_\_\_ tree \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ ladder \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ ropes \_\_\_\_\_

## Fun with Words

Chapter 9

### Across

4. hose
6. pajamas
7. picnic
8. surprise
9. blanket

### Down

1. camera
2. garage
3. breakfast
5. snack
6. picture

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1. hold
2. could
3. and
4. it
5. thought
6. and
7. shouted
8. even
9. then
10. crashed

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## Activity Packet 2F – Chapters 11 & 12

# What's the Story?

Chapter 11

## Saying Goodbye to Kimble

1. Choose two answers.
  - b. She wanted to say goodbye to Kimble.
  - c. She thought it was important to be with her family that day.
2. Which one of these sentences is something Mr. Russell did **NOT** say to Kimble?
  - a. “I’m glad you liked the swing.”
3. When Kimble disappeared, Toby spoke his first sentence. What was it?
  - b. “Kibo go bye-bye.”

## Open-ended Questions

Chapter 12

1) After Kimble disappears, Katie feels very sad. Katie misses Kimble. But there are two things that Kimble left behind. Both of these things remind Katie of when Kimble was human. List the two things.

- 1) the scratch Kimble made on Katie's bike; and
- 2) the picture of Katie and Kimble that Katie's dad gave her.

2) At the end of the book, Kimble comes back to the Russell family. She's a ghost again. But this time, something is very different. What is the main difference?

The main difference is that both Mr. and Mrs. Russell can see her now.

## What's the Order?

Chapter 7-12

broken heart

\_\_\_5\_\_\_ Kimble's time as a human comes to an end and Kimble disappears.

hose

\_\_\_3\_\_\_ Near the end of the picnic, Kimble still keeps eating and finally gets sick.

Kimble, Mr. & Mrs. Russell

\_\_\_1\_\_\_ Katie, Kimble and Mrs. Russell finally explain the whole truth about Kimble to Mr. Russell.

tree and swing

\_\_\_6\_\_\_ Katie waits a long time for Kimble to return. When Kimble does return to the family as a ghost, Katie's parents can see her.

derby

\_\_\_2\_\_\_ During the picnic, Mr. Russell tells his family that he saw a ghost once, too.

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\_\_\_4\_\_\_ Kimble learns how to ride Katie's bike and goes a little wild.