

## Fairies at the bottom of the garden

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LUCY That could be a hedgehog.

NINA No it couldn't! I put it on the bird table and birds don't drink milk. And a hedgehog couldn't climb up.

LUCY It must be a squirrel then.

AMY It can't be a squirrel. There aren't any squirrels in Nina's garden. There aren't any trees for them to climb.

LUCY But it's silly. Why should it be a fairy drinking the milk just because it isn't a squirrel or a bird or a hedgehog?

NINA Well, what else could it be?

LUCY I don't know. Just not fairies! I mean, have you ever seen them?

NINA Of course not! They only come out when you can't see them. That's how I know it's fairies and not a squirrel. Lots of things are real but you can't see them, like air.

AMY You can see fairies in stories. Anyway, Nina thinks there are fairies at the bottom of her garden, why can't there be? It's her garden.

LUCY Fairies in books aren't real fairies; they are only characters in stories. That's what I said before, they are different.

AMY Lucy might have read a story about a fairy and had a dream about it. The fairy in the dream might have got into the garden and drank the milk.

NINA But my fairy is real. I know it is!