

## ***Not Now, Bernard***

'Hello, Dad,' said Bernard to his father. Bernard's father was busy hammering a nail into the wall.

'Not now, Bernard,' said his father. Ouch! Bernard's Dad hammered his own finger.

'Hello, Mum,' said Bernard.

'Not now, Bernard,' said his mother, who was busy watering the houseplants.

'But there's a monster in the garden and it's going to eat me,' said Bernard.

'Not now, Bernard,' said his mother.

Bernard went into the garden.

'Hello, monster,' he said to the monster.

The monster ate Bernard up, every bit except for Bernard's shoe.

Then the monster went indoors.

'ROAR!' went the monster behind Bernard's mother.

'Not now, Bernard,' said Bernard's mother, who was busy painting the wall.

The monster bit Bernard's father while he was busy reading his newspaper.

'Not now, Bernard,' said Bernard's father.

'Your dinner's ready,' said Bernard's mother, who was busy in the kitchen.

She put Bernard's dinner in front of the television.

The monster ate the dinner.

Then it watched television.

Then it read one of Bernard's comics.

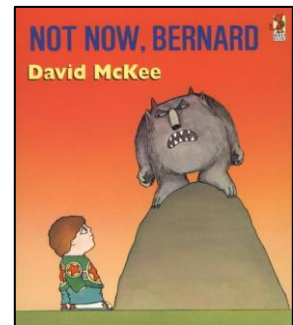
And broke one of his toys by throwing it at the wall.

'Go to bed. I have taken up your milk,' called Bernard's mother, who was busy tidying up.

The monster went upstairs.

'But I'm a monster,' said the monster.

'Not now, Bernard,' said Bernard's mother.



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Unit 1 Day 1

## Questions

What is Bernard's Dad doing at the start of the story?

What sort of mood is Bernard's Dad in?

Which of these do you think is the best description of Bernard's house:

- a huge mansion
- a haunted castle
- a normal home
- a very small flat

Name one of the household jobs Mum does in the story.

Think of one other job around the house that the Mum or the Dad could do.

Which bit of Bernard does the Monster not eat?

What is Bernard's Dad doing when the Monster bites him on the leg?

Select the correct answer to complete this sentence:

- The Monster ate dinner...*
- in the kitchen.
  - out in the garden.
  - in front of the TV.
  - sitting under the table.

*True or False?* The Monster read one of Bernard's books after dinner.

Put these events from the story in the correct order:

- Bernard gets eaten by the Monster \_\_\_\_\_
- Bernard's Dad hammers his own finger \_\_\_\_\_
- Bernard's Mum cooks the dinner \_\_\_\_\_
- Bernard's Mum waters the houseplants \_\_\_\_\_
- Bernard goes into the garden \_\_\_\_\_

What do you think will happen next morning when the family get up?

## More Questions

What words could you use to describe Bernard?

What is Bernard's Dad doing at start of story?

What sort of mood is he in?

Describe the setting of the story.

List all of the household jobs that Bernard's Mum does in the story.

Name some other jobs that Bernard's Mum or Dad could do.

Which bit of Bernard does the Monster not eat?

Why do you think the Monster does not eat that bit of Bernard?

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What do you think will happen the next morning when the family get up? Explain why you think that.

Why do you think the grown-ups do not see the Monster?