

# Josh's Problem

The dinosaur expert arrived at Josh's school. Her name was Dr Grey and she showed the children lots of dinosaur models, some dinosaur fossils and a real dinosaur bone. Finally, at the end of her talk, there was time for questions. Josh put up his hand, nervously.

"What would you do if you found a dinosaur under your bed?" he asked.

All the children in Josh's class laughed. Even the teacher, Miss Rose, had to hold back a giggle. But Dr Grey looked at Josh and smiled kindly.

"I would keep the dinosaur warm, give it water and tell an adult," she replied seriously.

Josh gulped. He did not want to tell his mum about his new friend.

When all the children went out to play, Josh stayed behind to talk to Dr Grey some more. He told Dr Grey that he really **had** found a dinosaur under his bed that morning and he was surprised to find that she believed him.



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☐ he was telling a lie.

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# Answers

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**Pupils' own responses, such as: I think Josh might be surprised because he did not expect an adult to believe such a strange story because it is not normally something that could happen.**

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