

My son is an animal. To be more precise, I have a son who is a squirrel!

I couldn't believe he'd disappeared again. One minute we're enjoying ourselves in the park, the next he's gone, exploring, racing off and climbing trees, maybe he was meant to be a squirrel after all.

**I heard my daughter squeal, a squeal of excitement.
"Look at the cute squirrel dad. He looks so friendly."**

I looked closely, those sad eyes, full of confusion staring at me, like it was trying to talk to me. That's when I realised I was looking at my son!

1. What are the two meanings of the opening sentence?
2. What words or phrases give hints that the boy has turned into a squirrel?
3. Use 3 adjectives to show how you think the narrator feels at the end of this passage?
4. How do you think the boy is feeling, being a squirrel? Why?
5. What would you do if this suddenly happened to you?

Be a detective.



What is special about a squirrel's front teeth?

How large is a baby squirrel?

How many species of squirrel are there in the world?

Squirrels are real athletes. How far can they jump, how fast can they run?

Imagine you woke up to find that you had turned into an animal. What might your first day be like?



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