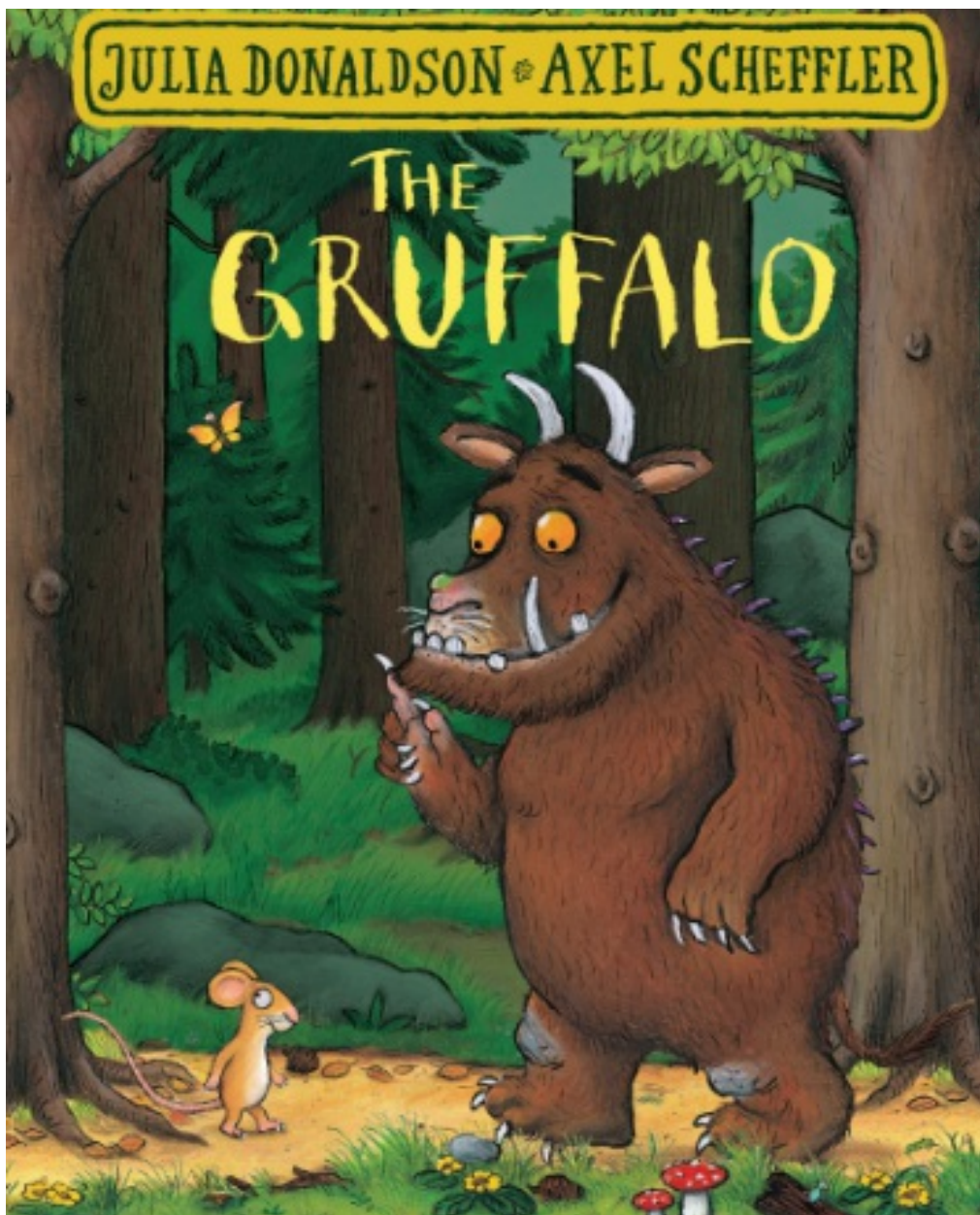




The Gruffalo












 A mouse took a stroll through the deep dark wood. A fox saw the










 mouse, and the mouse looked good. "Where are you going to, little










 brown mouse? Come and have lunch in my underground house."











 "It's terribly kind of you, Fox, but no - I'm going to have lunch with


 a Gruffalo."



 "A Gruffalo? What's a Gruffalo?"





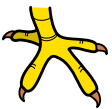
 "A Gruffalo! Why, didn't you know?"









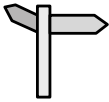


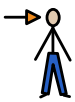

 "He has terrible tusks, and terrible claws, and terrible

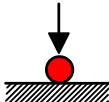


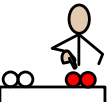



 teeth in his terrible jaws."





 "Where are you meeting him?"









 "Here, by these rocks, And his favourite food is

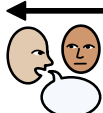


 roasted fox.





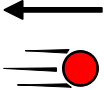




 "Roasted fox! I'm off!" Fox said.







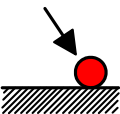
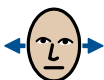

 "Goodbye, little mouse," and away he sped.





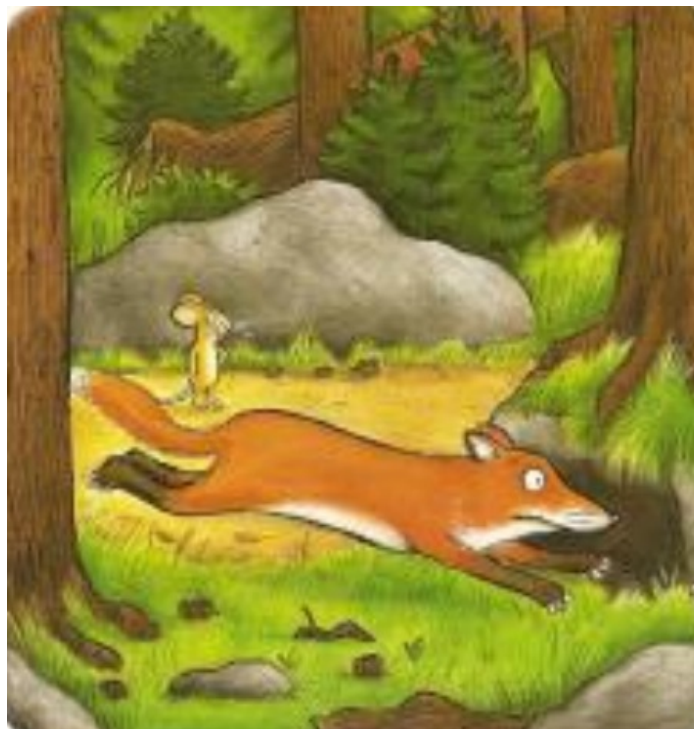


 "Silly old Fox! Doesn't he know,"



 There's no such thing as a Gruffalo?"





On went the mouse through the deep dark wood.



An owl saw the mouse, and the mouse looked good. "Where



are you going to, little brown mouse? Come and have tea in my



treetop house."



"It's terribly kind of you, Owl, but no - I'm going to have tea



with a Gruffalo."



"A Gruffalo? What's a Gruffalo?"



"A Gruffalo! Why, didn't you know?"







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He has knobby knees, and turned-out toes, and a poisonous







wart at the end of his nose."






"Where are you meeting him?"





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"Here, by this stream, And his favourite food is owl



ice cream."





"Owl



ice cream!



Too



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"Goodbye,



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and



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Owl



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"Silly



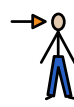
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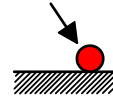
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Gruffalo?"





On went the mouse through the deep dark wood.



A snake saw the mouse, and the mouse looked good.



"Where are you going to, little brown mouse? Come for a feast



in my log pile house."



"It's wonderfully good of you, Snake, but no - I'm having a



feast with a Gruffalo."



"A Gruffalo? What's a Gruffalo?"

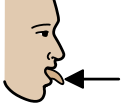


"A Gruffalo! Why, didn't you know?"





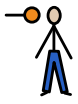
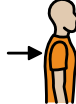


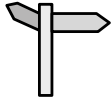


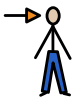


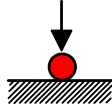
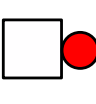
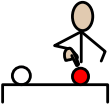
 His eyes are orange, his tongue is black, he has






 purple prickles all over his back."



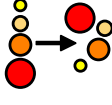


 "Where are you meeting him?"

 "Here, by this lake,

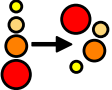




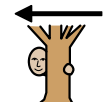


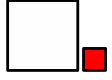
 And his favourite food is scrambled snake."



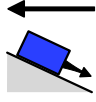





 "Scrambled snake! It's time I hid!"

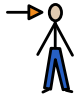





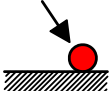


 "Goodbye, little mouse," and away Snake slid.







 "Silly old Snake! Doesn't he know,"







 There's no such thing as a Gruffal....?" Oh!"



But who is this creature with terrible claws And terrible teeth

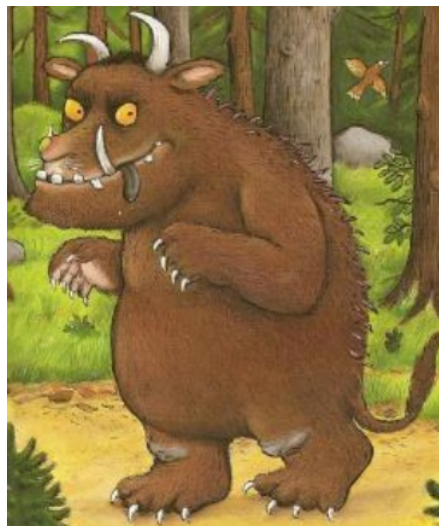
in his terrible jaws? He has knobbly knees, and turned-out

toes, And a poisonous wart at the end of his nose. His

eyes are orange, his tongue is black, He has purple

prickles all over his back.

"Oh help! Oh no! It's a Gruffalo!"





"My



favourite

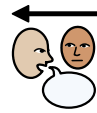


food!"

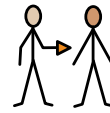
the



Gruffalo



said.



"You'll



taste good



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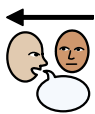


a

slice of bread!"



"Good?"



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mouse.



"Don't



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me



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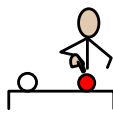
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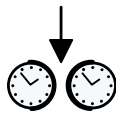
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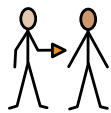
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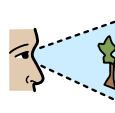
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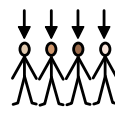
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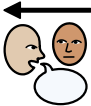
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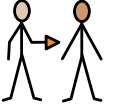
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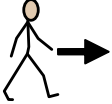


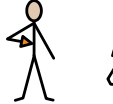
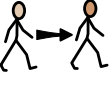



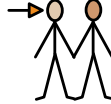
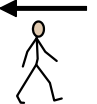


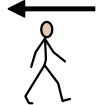

 "All right," said the Gruffalo, bursting with laughter.

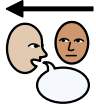






 "You go ahead and I'll follow after." They walked

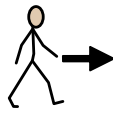



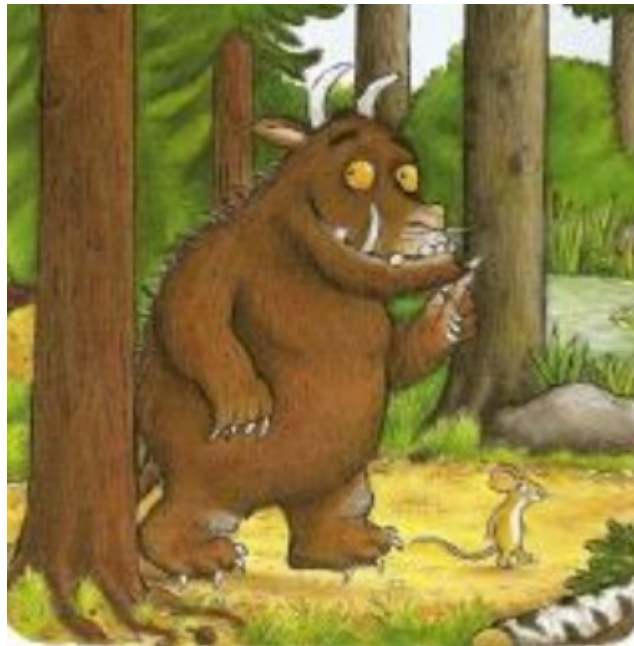



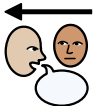


 and walked till the Gruffalo said, "I hear a hiss




 in the leaves ahead."

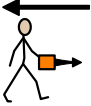


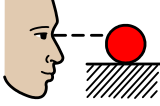



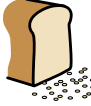


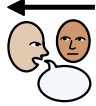


 "It's Snake," said the mouse. "Why, Snake, hello! Snake



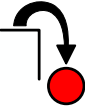


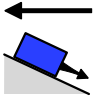




 took one look at the Gruffalo. "Oh crumbs!" he said,







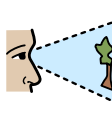
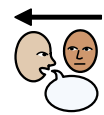


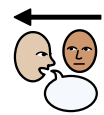
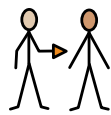
 "Goodbye, little mouse!" And off he slid to his

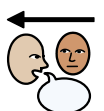


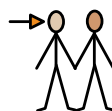

 log pile house.



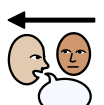



 "You see?" said the mouse. "I told you so."



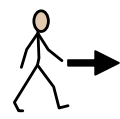

 "Amazing!" said the Gruffalo. They walked some more



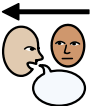


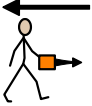
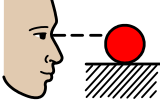
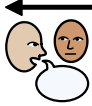



 till the Gruffalo said, "I hear a hoot in the



 trees ahead."



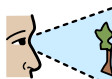
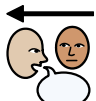
 "It's Owl,"
 said the mouse. "Why,
 Owl, hello!" Owl

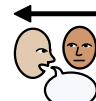
 took one
 look at the Gruffalo. "Oh dear!" he
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 "Goodbye,
 little mouse!" And
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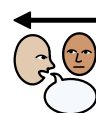
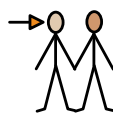
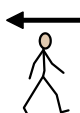
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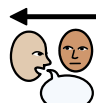
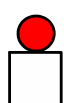


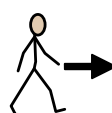



 "You see?" said the mouse.
 

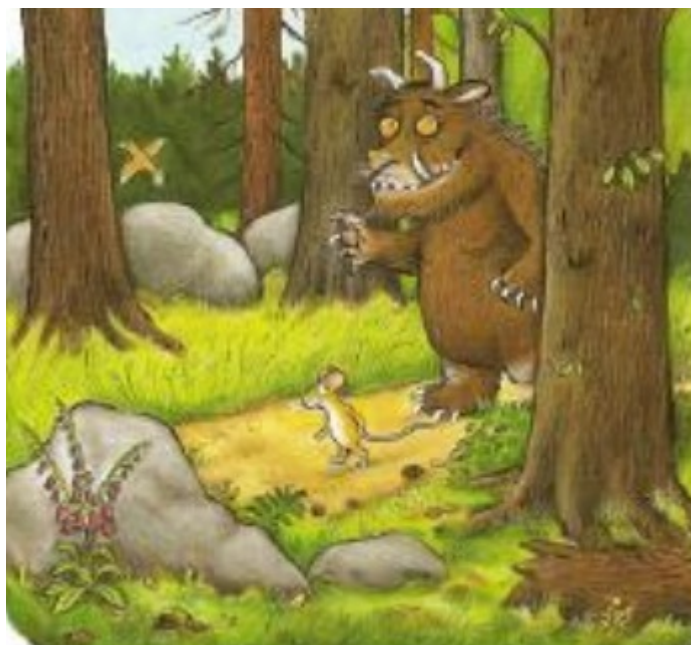


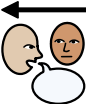
 "I told you so."


 "Astounding!"
 
 said the Gruffalo.
 

 They
 
 walked
 
 some more


 till the Gruffalo
 

 said,
 
 "I can
 
 hear
 
 feet
 
 on the


 path
 
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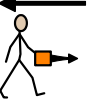


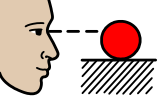





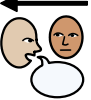



 "It's Fox," said the mouse. "Why, Fox, hello!" Fox

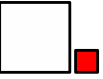


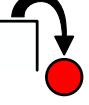




 took one look at the Gruffalo. "Oh help!" he said,




 "Goodbye, little mouse!" And off he ran to his




 underground house.

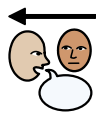




"Well,



Gruffalo,"

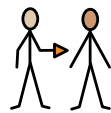


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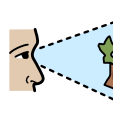
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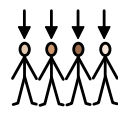
mouse.



"You



see?



Everyone is



afraid of



me!

But



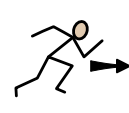
now



my



tummy's



beginning to rumble.



My favourite



food

is -



Gruffalo



crumble!"



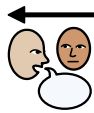
"Gruffalo



crumble!"



the Gruffalo



said,

+

And

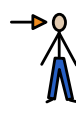


quick

as the



wind



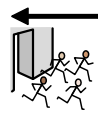
he



turned

+

and



fled.





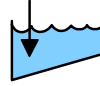
All



was quiet



in



the deep



dark



wood.



The mouse



found

a



nut

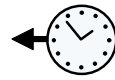


and

the



nut



was



good.



The end.

