



### TASK CARD 8

*Below is the start of a story. What do you think will happen next? Put your writing skills to the test and finish the story...*

### THE MYSTERIOUS BARN.

by (INSERT YOUR NAME)

There was nothing unusual about the barn by the lake. It just looked old and decayed, as if nobody had looked after it in a long time. It was made of wood that had rotted over the years and was covered with chipped, red paint. The grass around it was long and unkempt and overgrown with weeds. At night perhaps the barn might seem a bit scary but in the light of day, it was just another old building.

It was the stories about the barn that frightened people. Whispered tales about people seeing and hearing strange things within the barn, rumours of children going inside and never coming out. Of course most of the stories were told by my two older brothers who were always trying to trick me, so I didn't believe them. That was the reason I was standing outside the old barn today.

"Well, are you going to do it or not?" asked my brother Ben.

"Yeah, we don't have all day," said my other brother Jeye, with a mocking grin on his face.

"This is so stupid," I said. "Remind me *why* I have to go inside?"

"*You're* the one who said you didn't believe us; that all the scary stories about the barn were made up," Jeye said. "Well, if you're so sure, then quit being a chicken and go inside."

I looked back at the barn. "It doesn't look safe," I said, "what if the roof collapses?"

"Chicken!" Ben and Jeye cried out together, making ridiculous clucking noises.

"Fine, I'll go, I'll go – if it will shut you up!" I walked through the long grass towards the barn.

I pushed back one of large doors, It opened with a creak and I reluctantly stepped inside. My eyes darted in all directions. At first glance the barn seemed empty but as my eyes adjusted to the dimness, I suddenly saw something...

**\*NOW WRITE WHAT YOU THINK HAPPENS NEXT?**