

# THE SCARECROW

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"Hey look Mom, there's a scarecrow," said Tommy.

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"Tommy, who said that?" said Mom.

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Tommy and his mom looked up and down the dirt road, but saw no one.

"I think we should go now," said Mom.

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"I'm scared, Mom," said Tommy.

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Tommy's mom took Tommy's hand and put a finger over her lips to tell him to be quiet.

"Hey, don't go. This is the most fun I've had in weeks. I'm supposed to scare the birds away, so I don't have anyone to talk to."

Tommy unfroze himself to point at the scarecrow.

"Yes, Tommy. I see what you see," said Mom.

"So can we talk now?" said the scarecrow.

"Okay. You seem harmless," said Mom

"Are you scared Tommy?" said the scarecrow.

"Not anymore. I just thought of a bunch of ways to have fun on the way home from school. You're not going to be lonely anymore," Tommy said with a wink.

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## Follow Up Questions

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2. Who is repeating the sentences?
3. Why was Tommy scared at first?
4. Why is the story called The Scarecrow?
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## Follow Up Questions And Answers

1. Why do the sentences repeat? *Someone is copying what they say.*
2. Who is repeating the sentences? *The scarecrow is the one echoing what they say.*
3. Why was Tommy scared at first? *Tommy didn't know who was repeating what they said.*
4. Why is the story called The Scarecrow? *The story is called The Scarecrow because it is about a talking scarecrow.*
5. Why won't the scarecrow be lonely anymore? *Tommy decided to be friends with the scarecrow.*
6. Tommy talks about doing something on his way home from school. Guess what he will do. *He might play the same trick on his friends or come up with something else.*
7. Write your own story about Tommy and the scarecrow on the way home from school. *The stories are open-ended, but should include Tommy and the scarecrow with the scarecrow talking.*