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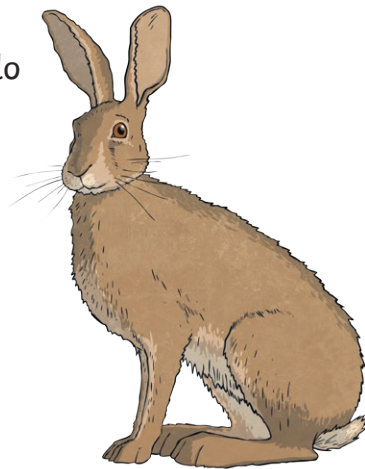
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## Quick Questions



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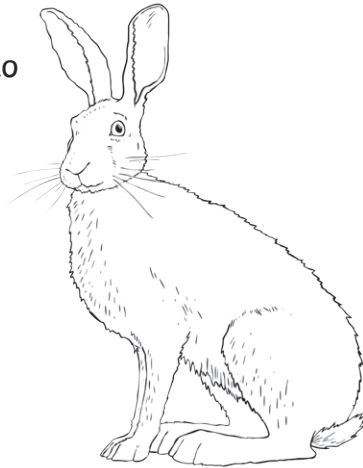
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## Answers



1. What explanation do you think Patsie's friends gave?

**Accept any answers which reference the Easter bunny, or the rabbit as a symbol traditionally associated with new life at Easter.**



2. 'It is curious...' How else could the author have written this phrase?

**Accept any answer which provides a phrase which means the same in the context, such as 'Isn't it funny...', 'it's surprising' or 'it's interesting'.**



3. Which word from the text shows that Patsie was desperate to know about the Hare?

**Accept the answer 'eagerly' only.**



4. Give one way in which Patsie is different from Gretel and Barbara.

**Accept any difference mentioned in the text, such as 'she is English and they are German' or 'they know about the Hare and she does not'.**