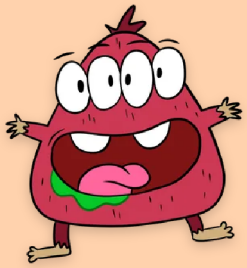
DRAMA · READER'S THEATER SCRIPTS · GRADES 2–4

The Monster Under the Bed

A reader's theater script for 4 readers. Max is scared of the monster under his bed, but the monster is scared too.

Name: _____ **Date:** _____



Cast: NARRATOR · MAX · GUS, a monster · DAD

NARRATOR: It was bedtime. Max pulled the blanket up to his nose.
MAX: ***(whispering)*** Dad, I think there is a monster under my bed.
DAD: ***(looking under the bed)*** I only see socks and a toy car. Good night, Max.
NARRATOR: Dad turned off the big light. Then something under the bed began to shake.
MAX: Who is there?
GUS: ***(in a shaky voice)*** M-m-me. My name is Gus. Please don't scream!
MAX: Why would I scream?
GUS: Because kids are scary! You have such tiny teeth and no fur at all.
MAX: ***(laughing)*** I'm scary? I was scared of YOU!
GUS: Me? I'm afraid of the dark. Your room is the only one with a night-light, so I hide here.
MAX: You can share my night-light. And you can hold my teddy bear.
GUS: ***(hugging the bear)*** Thank you, Max. I feel much braver now.
NARRATOR: From then on, Max and Gus were never scared at bedtime. They were too busy telling jokes.

Answer the questions.

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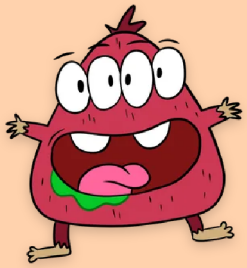
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ANSWER KEY · READER'S THEATER SCRIPTS · GRADES 2–4

Answer Key: The Monster Under the Bed

Answers for grown-ups. Where kids write their own ideas, the key shows one example.



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   Gus thinks kids are scary, with tiny teeth and no fur.

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   The dark

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   Max shared his night-light and his teddy bear.

4. **How do Max's feelings change in the story?**

   He goes from scared to happy and brave, and makes a friend.

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