**Extract 1**

*But to his great dismay…*

*…the sock unravelled on a thorn.*

*‘You’re all bare,’ teased Weasel*

*‘as the day that you were born!’*

*‘Oh, please don’t tease me Weasel!’*

*little Spike said with a sigh.*

*‘I don’t know why I have no prickles*

*and it makes me shy.’*

*But Weasel said, ‘You’ll freeze!*

*A chilly breeze is in the air.*

*You’ll catch a cold and sneeze,*

*So please put on some underwear!’*

*Spike went red and off he fled. He had no pants or vest.*

*He really missed his prickles and felt badly underdressed.*

*And just when he believed he couldn’t bear it any more…*

*…he saw balloons! A great big bunch!*

*Attached to Mole’s front door,*

*Spike grabbed the string.*

*‘They’re just the thing to cover me,’ he said.*

*And he wound balloons around himself*

*from tiny toe to head.*

*‘The height of fashion!’ Squirrel said.*

*‘So colourful and round!’*

**Extract 2**

*As everyone admired him,* *Spike lifted off the ground!*

*He drifted, shifted by the wind,* *and floated out of sight…*

*The sun went down.* *Away he blew into the moonlit night.*

*Over snowy mountains where the* *wild grey wolves all howl…*

*…Over steamy jungles where the roaring tigers prowl.*

*Twice around the world he went.* *He thought he’d never stop.*

*Then he saw his home!*

*He waved.*

*And his balloons went …*

*POP!*

*He dropped down to the mossy ground* *and landed*

*… with a thud.*

*The burst balloons, in tatters,* *Scattered round him in the mud.*

*‘Spike’s not bare!’ his friends declared.* *‘He’s sharper than a tack!’*

*‘I popped all my balloons!’* *whooped Spike.* *‘My prickles have* *grown back!’*

*So Badger threw a party for him - everybody came!* *Prickly Spike no longer had to hang his head in shame.*

*And even when he turned to leave,* *His friends were very kind, pretending not to see the…*

*… cupcake stuck to his behind!*

Task 1

Have a look at some of the events from the story and talk about how Spike might have felt when each event happened.

| **When This Happened…** | **Spike Felt…** |
| --- | --- |
| When the sock unravelled… |  |
| When Weasel teased Spike and he ran off… |  |
| When Spike saw the balloons… |  |
| When Spike was floating across the world… |  |
| When Spike realised that his prickles were back… |  |

### **Activity 2**

1. Read or watch the second extract again.
2. Number these events 1-5 in the order that they happened in the story. Number 1 has been done for you.

| **Event** | **Number** |
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| Badger threw a party for everyone |  |
| Nobody told Spike that he had a cupcake stuck to him |  |
| Spike travelled around the world twice | 1 |
| The balloons popped |  |
| Spike realised that his prickles had grown back |  |

**Activity 3**

1. Read or watch both extracts again and think about what has happened.

Spike wakes up one morning and his prickles are gone. He tries lots of different things like a frilly paper lampshade, a plate and even a sock to cover himself up. In the end, the balloons save the day.

Put yourself in Spike's shoes - what will he do if it happened again?

1. Design something for Spike to have to wear or use just in case he loses his prickles again.

You can draw it and then label it. You might even be able to write some sentences to describe your design.

Have fun and be creative!