Story Description

Reggie tries to sleep when he hears monsters talking under his bed. Or are their voices coming from somewhere else?
Pre-Reading Vocabulary and Phonics

Monster

\textit{moh-n-st-ur}

There was a \textit{monster} under the bed.

Racing

\textit{r-ay-sing}

He had \textit{racing} thoughts about the monsters eating him.

Costume

\textit{coss-ch-ew-m}

He put on his tiger \textit{costume} and scared the monsters away.

Thoughts

\textit{th-or-t-s}

The monsters were just \textit{thoughts} and were not real.
"Sleep tight," said Reggie's mother, giving him a goodnight kiss.

"Goodnight, Mum," said Reggie.
Reggie heard voices coming from underneath his bed.

"Is he asleep yet?" one said.
"I don't think so," said another.
"How many monsters are under my bed?" said Reggie.

"None," said a voice.
"One," said another.
"I think we should eat him whole," said a voice.

"We should carve him up and feed him to the other monsters," said another.
Reggie got out of bed and looked under the mattress, but there was nothing there. He turned to the side and saw a pair of eyes looking at him. He felt terrified.
"We'll wait until the kid is asleep," said a voice. "Then we'll gobble him up!"

Reggie screamed when he heard the monster's voice. "Help! Monsters!" he cried.
Reggie's mother came racing to the door.

"What's wrong?" she said.
"There are monsters under the bed planning to eat me!" said Reggie.
"See?" said Reggie's mother. "There is nothing but your tiger costume. There are no monsters here. Maybe you are hearing things in your head."

"Maybe," said Reggie, seeing there were no monsters under the bed.
"Why don't you wear your tiger costume to bed?" said Reggie's mother. "That will scare the monsters."

"Good idea," said Reggie. "That will keep me safe!"
Reggie put on the tiger costume and got into bed.

There were no more voices, because Reggie realised they were coming from his head. He was just having scary thoughts of monsters.

For the rest of the night, Reggie slept very well.
Post-Reading Questions

What could Reggie hear under his bed?

What were the monsters planning to do to Reggie?

Re-read page 6. Ask: How many monsters were under the bed?

Re-read page 10. Ask: When Reggie cried out, who came to his rescue?

Re-read page 13. Ask: Where did the monster voices really come from?

What sound does a tiger make? Would it scare monsters away?
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(English)

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