

**Principles
of Rabbit-Fale of
Mystery**



Bunnicula Characters

Name	Who are they?	Description of character
Bunnicula		
Harold		
Chester		
Mrs. Monroe		
Mr. Monroe		
Toby		
Pete		

Chapters 1-2 Vocabulary

	Definition	Picture
admiration		
reverie		
tranquil		
decipher		
compromise		
vivid		
gypsy		
hideous		

Chapters 1-2 Questions

Where did the Monroes find the bunny?

Describe the bunny's unusual appearance.

List some of the names the family suggested for their new pet.

How did the Monroes come up with the name "Bunnacula"?

What did you learn about Harold's family background?

Chester is not your typical cat. What were some things that made him different?

What happened in Chapter 2 that suggested that Chester had an active imagination?

Why do you think Chester was afraid of Bunnacula?

Chapters 3-4 Vocabulary

	Definition	Picture
analysis		
indulgent		
romp		
pendulum		
subtle		
sauntered		
scornfully		
dialect		
zucchini		

Chapters 3-4 Questions

Name three things that Harold noticed Bunnacula could not do.

What did Harold like to eat? What did he hate?

What did Bunnacula do in the Monroe's' house after midnight?

Tell about the strange object that Mr. Monroe found in the refrigerator.

What did Chester think happened to the strange object?

What clues did Chester use from *Mark of the Vampire* to convince Harold that Bunnacula was a vampire bunny?

Which pet is smarter, Harold or Chester? Why?

What caused Harold and Chester to investigate the kitchen, and what did they find?

What brave thing did Harold do?

How do you think Bunnicula opened the refrigerator?

Chapters 5-6 Vocabulary

	Definition	Picture
seized		
throttle		
blight		
organic		
emanated		
pendant		
immobile		
stake		
pathetic		

Chapters 5-6 Questions

What did Mrs. Monroe and her family find next in the kitchen?

What did Peter think caused the vegetables to change, and what was his solution?

Name two things Chester did to show the Monroe's that he thought Bunnacula was a vampire.

What happened to Chester after the Monroe's watched him?

Describe the article of clothing Chester wore and tell how Chester felt about wearing it.

What awful odor did Harold smell, and why was it in the air?

What happened to Chester when the Monroe's got a whiff of him?

Why did Harold have such a hard time getting Bunnacula out of his cage?

Why did Chester try using a "steak" to kill Bunnacula? What should he have been using instead?

Where does Chester end up after the steak incident? How does Harold feel about Chester's predicament?

Chapters 7-9 Vocabulary

	Definition	Picture
exemplary		
distressed		
listless		
petrified		
nourishment		
reluctance		
overwrought		
psychiatrist		

Chapters 7-9 Questions

Describe what Harold notices about Bunnacula's behavior.

How did Harold discover what was happening to Bunnacula?

What was Harold's plan to get Bunnacula fed?

What was the "disaster in the dining room"?

According to the veterinarian, what was Bunnacula's problem and what did he prescribe?

According to the veterinarian, what was Chester's problem and what did he prescribe?

Why was Harold relieved after his trip to the vet?

What changes did Harold observe in Chester's behavior?

Bunnacula is changed from a scared bunny to a secure family pet. What action does Harold take to show that he is truly accepted?

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Instructions: Read each question carefully and choose the best answer.

1. What is the author's purpose for writing this book?
 - Ⓐ to inform readers about how dogs, cats, and bunnies can coexist
 - Ⓑ to persuade readers to have several pets
 - Ⓒ to entertain readers with a story about a dog, a cat, and a bunny
 - Ⓓ to persuade readers to take their pets to the vet
2. Who is the narrator of the story?
 - Ⓐ Bunnicula
 - Ⓑ Harold
 - Ⓒ Chester
 - Ⓓ Toby
3. When the Monroes discover white vegetables in the kitchen, Toby and Pete suggest that it is the result of a vegetable **blight**. What is the meaning of the word **blight**?
 - Ⓐ a disease that kills vegetables
 - Ⓑ a bright light
 - Ⓒ a problem that is difficult to solve
 - Ⓓ a way to kill vampires
4. Which of the following statements best describes how Chester feels about Bunnicula?
 - Ⓐ Chester loves Bunnicula and acts like an older brother to the bunny.
 - Ⓑ Chester is suspicious of Bunnicula and thinks that he is a vampire.
 - Ⓒ Chester is jealous of Bunnicula because Harold always plays with him.
 - Ⓓ Chester is happy around Bunnicula because he is a peaceful bunny.

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5. What does Harold do after he learns that Chester is trying to starve Bunnicula?
- Ⓐ Harold helps Chester starve Bunnicula.
 - Ⓑ Harold ignores Chester's behavior.
 - Ⓒ Harold does nothing to help Chester or Bunnicula.
 - Ⓓ Harold tries to help Bunnicula by bringing him to the salad bowl.
6. What is Harold's problem in the story?
- Ⓐ Harold is unsure if Bunnicula is a vampire.
 - Ⓑ Harold wants to be the only pet in the Monroe family, and wants to get rid of Chester and Bunnicula.
 - Ⓒ Harold wants to eat all the snacks in Toby's room, but Toby will not allow Harold inside.
 - Ⓓ Harold thinks Bunnicula is a better vampire than him.
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7. Why does Chester cover his body in garlic?
- Ⓐ He loves the smell of garlic.
 - Ⓑ He thinks the garlic will keep him safe from Bunnicula.
 - Ⓒ He wants to annoy Harold with the pungent odor.
 - Ⓓ He does it by accident and hopes it goes unnoticed.
8. When Chester sees that Bunnicula is about to eat the vegetables in the salad, he reacts **frantically**. What is for a synonym for **frantically**?
- Ⓐ patiently
 - Ⓑ carefully
 - Ⓒ excitedly
 - Ⓓ reliably

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- 9.** How do Chester's actions affect the way that Mrs. Monroe treats him?
- Ⓐ Mrs. Monroe responds by kicking Chester out of the house and sending him to therapy.
 - Ⓑ Mrs. Monroe decides to ask Mr. Monroe to deal with Chester in the future.
 - Ⓒ Mrs. Monroe decides to adopt another cat to help improve Chester's behavior.
 - Ⓓ Mrs. Monroe responds by rewarding Chester for his vigilant behavior and gives him more treats.
- 10.** Which of the following is the climax of the story?
- Ⓐ Chester has to wear his sweater with mice on it.
 - Ⓑ Toby shares his snacks with Harold when he is reading.
 - Ⓒ Mr. and Mrs. Monroe take Toby and Pete to see a movie.
 - Ⓓ Harold decides to help Bunnacula.
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- 11. Extended Response:** How does Harold change during the story? How do the changes affect the story? Use details from the text to support your answer.
- 12. Extended Response:** At the end of the story, what conclusion can you draw about the relationship between Harold, Chester, and Bunnacula?