LEVEL 6

Chad's Club Rules

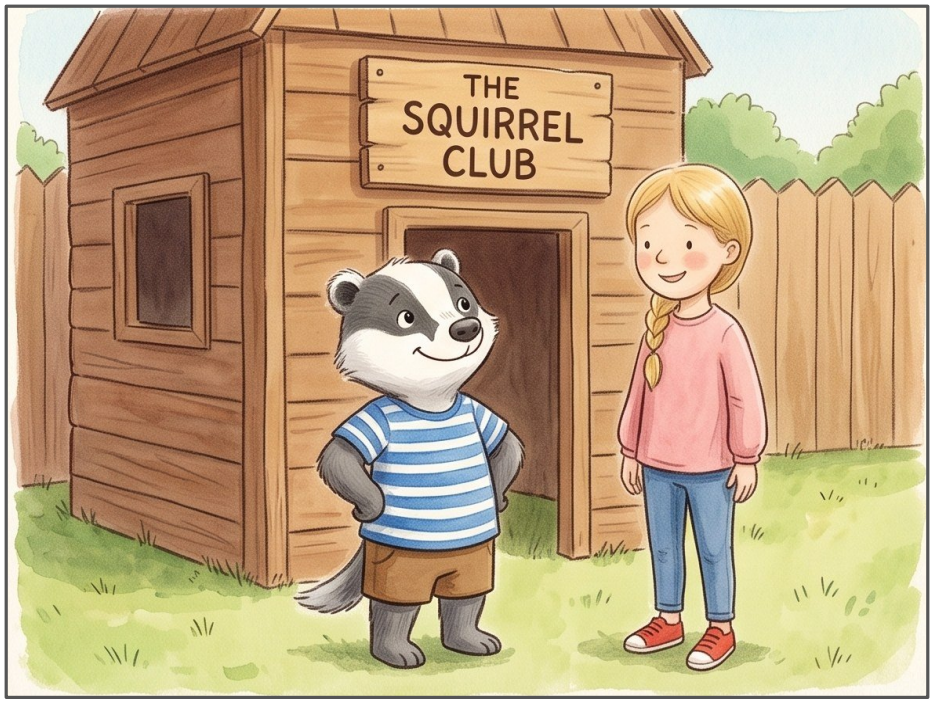


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Beth and Chad had a fun club in the back yard. They met in a big wooden fort. One day, Chad did decide he loved to be the boss. He felt he could be a dictator and tell everyone what to do.

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He did stand up on a tall stump to dictate his new rule to the club. "I have a new edict," Chad said in a loud voice. "From now on, no one can eat a chip in the club fort. It will make too much of a mess."



Beth did not like this at all. She did stand up to contradict him. "That is a bad rule," she said. "We love a chip. We always clean up our mess." Chad spoke up so everyone could hear him. "The boss can make the rule," he said.



Beth did shake her head. "That is a contradiction of our old rule," she said. "Our club has a rule that we all vote together. You cannot just dictate a thing to us." Chad was sure he would win if they did a vote.



He grinned and had a prediction. "I predict that the rest of the club will vote for my rule," he said. Chad was very predictable. He always loved a thing his way, and he always was sure he was right. Beth did grab a pen and a pad of paper.



She did list what everyone wanted. Every kid did hope to keep their snack. Then, Beth did open a big thick dictionary. She did flip to a page and pointed at a word. "See," she said. "A dictator is a very bad boss." It was time for the final verdict.



Beth told the club to vote on the rule. Chad watched as everyone did lift a hand to keep the snack. His prediction was wrong. Not one person did vote for his silly edict. "Will you be mad at me for a bad rule?"

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Chad said with a sad frown. Beth did smile gently. "No," she said. "We will just eat our snack." Chad did step down from the stump. He had a vow not to be a dictator again. The club was fun again, and the snack did taste good.

Words in This Book

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Latin root -dict- (say/tell): dictate, predict, verdict, diction, contradict

Latin Root: -dict- (say/tell) words

dictator, dictate, edict, contradict, contradiction, prediction, predict, predictable, dictionary, verdict

Talk About It

1. Where did Beth and Chad meet for their club?
2. What rule did Chad try to make for the club?
3. What did Chad vow at the end of the story?

Read It Again

Read the book again. Point to every word from the Latin Root: -dict- (say/tell) list. How many can you find?

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