

Story starter!



Motionless, she stood gazing down the never-ending tunnel. The track extended as far as the eye could see, encased by walls of brightest green. The trees that lined the way grew tall, reaching up and over, interlocking their spindly branches like fingers trapping whoever dared to walk this treacherous route. It was like looking down nature's kaleidoscope.

Where did the path lead? She had dreamt of this moment, but in her dream she couldn't remember what happened next.

There was only one way to find out. She bravely took a step forward...

Use your imagination to answer these questions. Be as creative as you can. There are no right or wrong answers.



- ▶ Who is the person entering the tunnel?
- ▶ What will she find if she keeps walking?
- ▶ Why has she dreamt of this moment before? Does the dream have a meaning?
- ▶ Who/what else has travelled through this tunnel before?
- ▶ Where has the girl come from?
- ▶ Does anyone else know she is there?
- ▶ What lies behind the trees on either side?
- ▶ Is she in danger?



Sentence challenge!

‘spindly branches like fingers’ is an example of a simile.

Can you think of other similes to describe the trees or the tunnel?

- ▶ E.g. The tunnel’s walls were green like_____.
- ▶ The tree branches swayed in the wind like_____.



Extend these sentences to add more detail and make them more interesting. Make sure you punctuate correctly.

- ▶ The girl stood in the tunnel.
- ▶ It was long. The trees were tall.
- ▶ The trees were green.

Perfect picture!

Does the tunnel ever end? Can you draw what awaits at the end if there is one?

