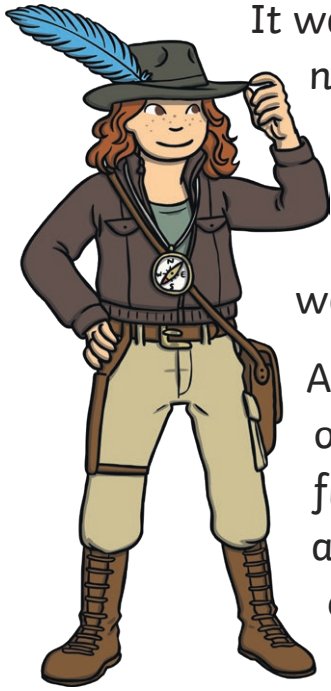


Story Starter



It was just another normal day. The noise from the building site next door rumbled on and the dust from the diggers floated through my dirty windows. I was just dozing off in my comfy, old armchair when there was a loud knock on the door. So I walked slowly across the lounge to see who it was, smiling at Ellie's beautiful photograph on the way.

As I opened the door, a tall lady with a suntan and freckles on her face reached out and took my hand with a strong, firm shake. She was wearing a large adventurer's hat with an unusual feather sticking out of it, and the most enormous compass hanging around her neck.

"Beatrice T. Brave, but you can call me Bea!" barked the stranger, loudly.

Eventually, I realised this was the person who had answered the job advert for my adventure to Paradise Falls.

"Come in!" I replied happily, because my companion was finally here. "I'll show you around".

Bea knew all about blimps and helium balloons, map reading and airships, so in next to no time, we were off! Together we pulled the strings and released the colourful balloons into the vast, blue sky...

