

and around sheets covering the furniture. The door to the dining room is closed and inside Joey's doing bouncing laps around the table. Her long feet are almost the same length as her legs. She bounds towards us, using her muscular tail to balance.

Praveen beams at the sight of her and crouches to stroke the white blaze down her front. She rests her small front arms on his. I recognise the look of happiness on his face. I've never met anyone who's as obsessed with animals as I am. Even though I still miss Emily, I wonder whether – here on the other side of the world – I've found a friend.

Chapter 12 is all about Ruby and Praveen getting to know each other and becoming good friends.

Read the Chapter again and answer the questions below

Bronze:

1. What animal does Praveen show Ruby?
2. Ruby says she is impressed, why do you think she is?
3. What Hindi words has Ruby learnt so far?
4. Draw a picture of Ruby and Praveen sitting in the special tree with the animals and butterflies.

Silver/Gold:

1. What does Praveen show Ruby and also offer to help Ruby to learn to do, in this chapter?
2. What special thing does Ruby show Praveen? How do you think this helps their trust in each other and their friendship to grow?
3. Do you think Praveen believes the story of the Goddess Durga?
4. What effect do you think the story of the earthquakes and green lights in the night have on the local people in the village?
5. Underline words you don't understand and find out their meaning.
6. Draw a picture of Ruby and Praveen sitting in the special tree with the animals and butterflies.