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- 1 List all the things that made Alex and Brendan suspicious of the new neighbours.



- 2 Complete this table by adding the comparative and superlative forms of the adjectives listed below.

Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
large		
strange		
odd		
sad		
merry		
happy		
scary		
tiny		
good		

- 3 Add the appropriate form of the adjective to these sentences. The first example has been done for you.

- a Alex was braver (brave) than Brendan.
- b The boys saw the _____ (weird) furniture they had ever seen.
- c The van driver carried an _____ (odd) thing down the ramp.
- d The noise was _____ (scary) than anything they had heard before.
- e Dr and Mrs MacTavish did not seem like _____ (ordinary) neighbours to Alex.
- f Alex had the _____ (strange) imagination.

Looking back and making connections

Think about Alex's reactions to and opinions of the new neighbours. On the other side of this sheet, write what people could do to welcome and get to know new neighbours.

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- 1 Read the clues below and find the words in the word search puzzle. Write the words you find at the side of the puzzle.

i	y	a	A	l	e	x	i	l	i	m	g	p	1 _____
s	k	e	l	e	t	o	n	n	c	e	n	d	2 _____
m	k	j	o	y	S	c	o	t	l	a	n	d	3 _____
b	a	c	k	y	a	r	d	o	j	o	y	o	4 _____
a	w	a	t	l	a	a	t	r	w	a	i	c	5 _____
g	t	m	q	e	t	t	w	t	q	e	t	t	6 _____
p	f	e	n	c	e	e	k	u	t	w	k	o	7 _____
i	w	r	w	a	i	q	f	r	z	e	z	r	8 _____
p	f	a	t	l	a	w	a	i	l	i	n	g	9 _____
e	e	t	f	w	a	i	q	n	j	r	t	l	10 _____
s	c	a	r	e	d	e	t	g	g	d	e	t	11 _____
e	t	l	a	d	d	i	e	s	t	l	a	t	12 _____
n	e	i	g	h	b	o	u	r	s	p	g	l	13 _____
m	h	z	i	f	c	r	e	a	t	u	r	e	14 _____
w	f	f	l	a	u	g	h	e	d	t	l	g	15 _____
f	B	r	e	n	d	a	n	q	t	p	g	l	16 _____
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| 1 The name of the main character | 10 This is what the boys thought |
| 2 Alex's friend's name | Dr MacTavish was doing to the creature |
| 3 What we call people who live next to or near each other | 11 A word for strange or odd |
| 4 This is what the boys thought made the noise | 12 What the boys did when Dr MacTavish showed them the bagpipes |
| 5 The country the new neighbours came from | 13 The bony frame of a body |
| 6 Where the boys camped for the night | 14 The boys climbed over this |
| 7 Dr MacTavish's occupation | 15 What Dr MacTavish called the boys |
| 8 This is the noise the creature made | 16 How the boys felt when they heard the noise |
| 9 These made the noise | 17 What the boys used to take a photo |
| | 18 A word for easily broken |

- 2 On the other side of this sheet, make your own word search puzzle about the story to share with a friend.