

JACK AND THE BEANSTALK

Once upon a time there lived a poor widow and her son Jack. One day, Jack's mother told him to sell their only cow. Jack went to the market and on the way he met a man who wanted to buy his cow. Jack asked, "What will you give me in return for my cow?" The man answered, "I will give you five magic beans!" Jack took the magic beans and gave the man the cow. But when he reached home, Jack's mother was very angry. She said, "You fool! He took away your cow and gave you some beans!" She threw the beans out of the window. Jack was very sad and went to sleep without dinner.

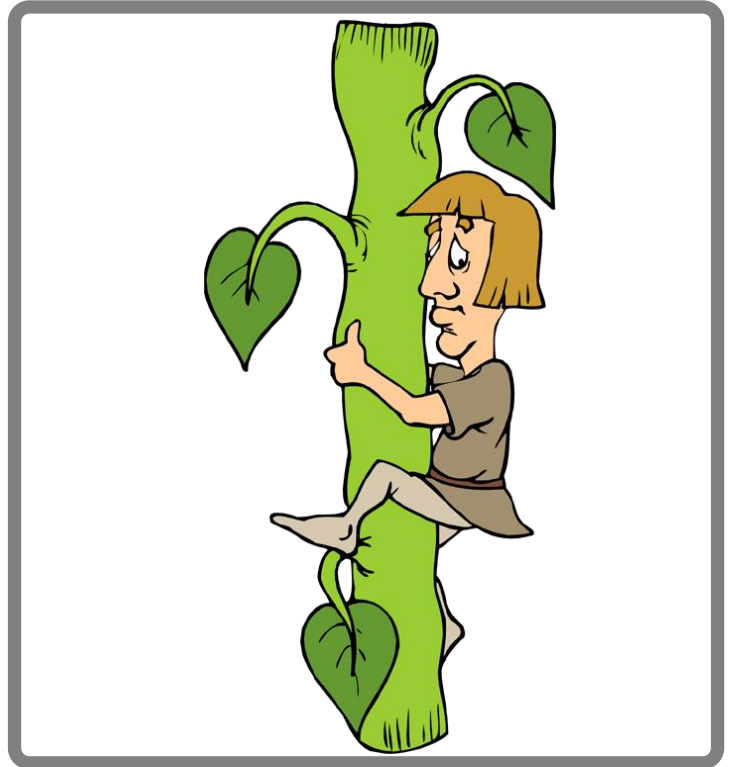
The next day, when Jack woke up in the morning and looked out of the window, he saw that a huge beanstalk had grown from his magic beans! He climbed up the beanstalk and reached a kingdom in the sky. There lived a giant and his wife. Jack went inside the house and found the giant's wife in the kitchen.

Jack said, "Could you please give me something to eat? I am so hungry!" The kind wife gave him bread and some milk.

While he was eating, the giant came home. The giant was very big and looked very fearsome. Jack was terrified and went and hid inside. The giant cried, "Fee-fi-fo-fum, I smell the blood of an Englishman. Be he alive, or be he dead, I'll grind his bones to make my bread!" The wife said, "There is no boy in here!" So, the giant ate his food and then went to his room. He took out his sacks of gold coins, counted them and kept them aside. Then he went to sleep. In the night, Jack crept out of his hiding place, took one sack of gold coins and climbed down the beanstalk. At home, he gave the coins to his mother. His mother was very happy and they lived well for sometime.

Jack climbed the beanstalk and went to the giant's house again. Once again, Jack asked the giant's wife for food, but while he was eating the giant returned. Jack leapt up in fright and went and hid under the bed. The giant cried, "Fee-fi-fo-fum, I smell the blood of an Englishman. Be he alive, or be he dead, I'll grind his bones to make my bread!" The wife said, "There is no boy in here!" The giant ate his food and went to his room. There, he took out a hen. He shouted, "Lay!" and the hen laid a golden egg. When the giant fell asleep, Jack took the hen and climbed down the beanstalk. Jack's mother was very happy with him.

After some days, Jack once again climbed the beanstalk and went to the giant's castle. For the third time, Jack met the giant's wife and asked for some food. Once again, the giant's wife gave him bread and milk. But while Jack was eating, the giant came home.



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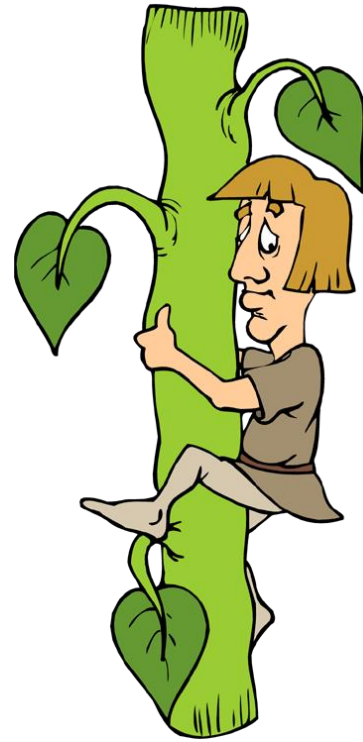
The giant had a magical harp that could play beautiful songs. While the giant slept, Jack took the harp and was about to leave. Suddenly, the magic harp cried, “Help master! A boy is stealing me!” The giant woke up and saw Jack with the harp. Furious, he ran after Jack. But Jack was too fast for him. He ran down the beanstalk and reached home. The giant followed him down. Jack quickly ran inside his house and fetched an axe. He began to chop the beanstalk. The giant fell and died.

Jack and his mother were now very rich and they lived happily ever after.

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1. Why did Jack and his mother decide to sell their cow?
2. Who did Jack meet on the way to the market?
3. Was Jack's mother happy when she saw the magic beans?
4. Was Jack scared of the giant?
5. Who gave some food to Jack?
6. What did Jack steal from the giant?
7. What did Jack do when the giant saw him with the magical harp?



CIRCLE THE CORRECT CHOICE

1. Jack lived with his
mother / father / aunt
2. The man gave Jack
for the cow.
gold sacks / a big hen / magic beans
3. Jack woke up in the morning and saw a huge
sunflower / beanstalk / tree
4. Jack climbed up to the sky and reached a
hotel / kingdom / small house
5. Jack didn't take any
from the giant.
gold coins / magic harps / magic beans
6. Jack chopped the beanstalk with a/an
knife / axe / saw

WRITE TRUE OR FALSE

1. _____ Jack and his mother were very poor.
2. _____ His mother told him to sell their only cow and goat at the market.
3. _____ The giant's wife always gave Jack some food.
4. _____ The giant looked funny so Jack was never afraid of him.
5. _____ The giant couldn't catch Jack because Jack ran faster than him.
6. _____ The giant died in the end.

ANSWER KEY

Comprehension Questions

1. Because they were very poor.
2. He met a man on the way to the market.
3. No, she wasn't.
4. Yes, he was.
5. The giant's wife gave some food to Jack.
6. He stole golden sacks, a hen and a magical harp from the giant.
7. He ran down the beanstalk.

Write True or False

1. True
2. False
3. True
4. False
5. True
6. True

Circle the Correct Choice

1. mother
2. magic beans
3. beanstalk
4. kingdom
5. magic beans
6. axe

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Read the texts in the boxes and number them from 1 to 8 to sequence the fairy tale



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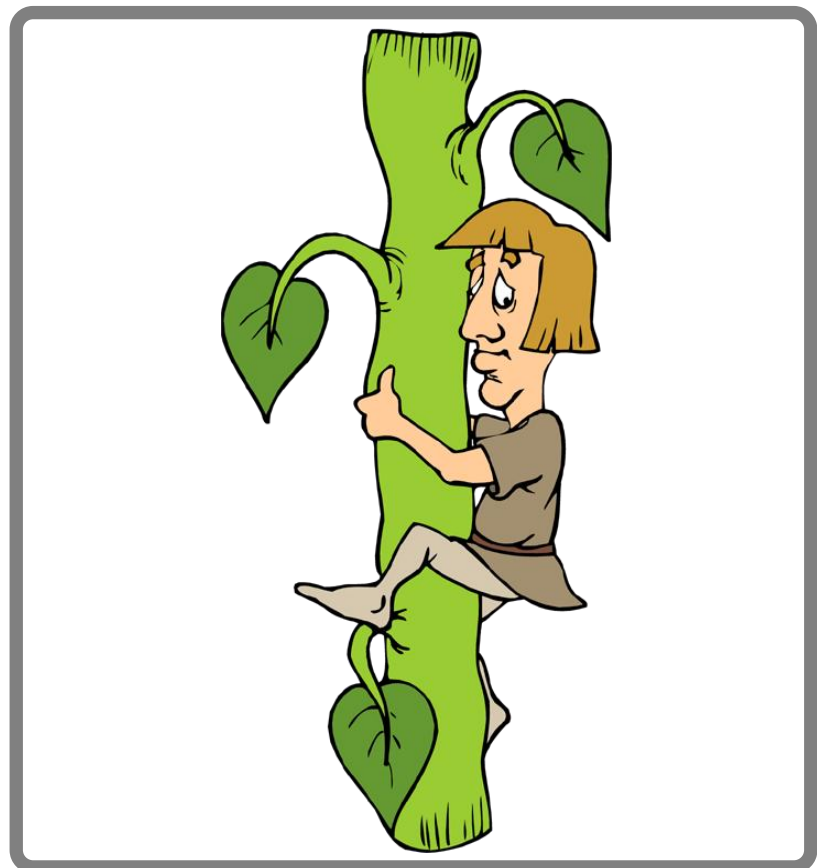
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While he was eating, the giant returned. Jack got scared and hid under the bed. The giant took out a hen that laid golden eggs. When the giant fell asleep, Jack took the hen and climbed down the beanstalk. Jack's mother was very happy with him.



When Jack's mother saw the beans, she got very angry and threw them out of the window. Jack was very sad and he went to sleep without dinner. When he woke up, he saw a huge beanstalk outside. He climbed up and reached a kingdom up in the sky.



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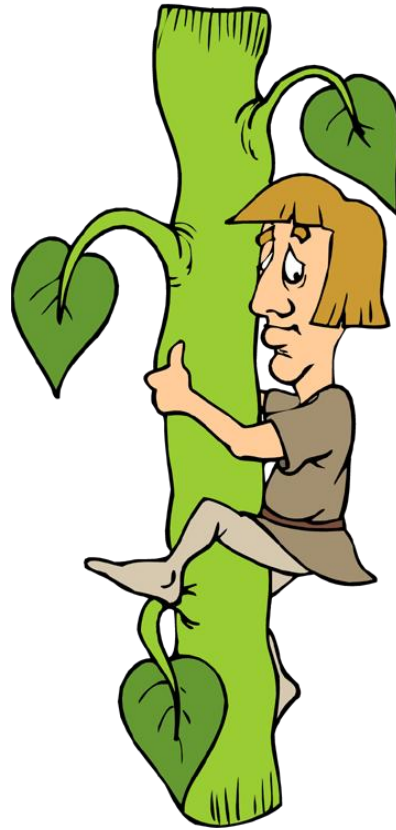
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