

Jack and the Beanstalk

Once upon a time, there was a boy called Jack. He lived with his mother and they had a cow.



One day, Jack's mother asked him to take the cow to market to sell. Jack met a man, who gave him some magic beans for the cow.



When Jack came home, his mother was angry. She threw the beans out and sent him to bed. The next morning, a giant beanstalk had grown! Jack climbed it.

When Jack reached the top, he saw a castle and went inside. Jack heard a loud noise and hid. An enormous giant came into the room with a hen and a golden harp. He shouted, "Lay!" and the hen laid an egg. Then "Sing!" and the harp sang. The giant fell asleep.



Jack took the hen and the harp. The harp shouted and the giant woke up. He chased Jack down the beanstalk. Jack shouted, "Help!" Jack's mother came out and chopped the beanstalk down with an axe. The giant fell to the ground. He was never seen again.



Jack and his mother lived happily ever after.



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Questions

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