

St
George
and the
dragon



ACTIVITY 1: Complete the gaps with the following words

threaten- smelly- unharmed- spot- terms- Empire

1700 years ago, in the time of the Roman (1) _____, there was, just outside the town of Cyrene North Africa, a large stagnant (2)_____ pond. In this pond, there lived a dragon and whenever the dragon breathed on a person or an animal, they died on the (3)_____. At first, the dragon breathed on all the sheep that lived in the fields around the city, then he started to attack the people and (4)_____ to kill them one and all. The people of Cyrene had no choice but to come to (5)_____ with the dragon. They agreed to give him one person every month so long as he left the other alone and (6)_____ for the rest of the time but how were they to decide which person to sacrifice?

ACTIVITY 2: DICTATION (listen to the audio and write down what you hear)

ACTIVITY 3: Match the two sentence halves

1. Then one day, the name of the princess...	A... it must be completely fair or else the people would no longer accept it
2. According to the King's own law,	B ... when she must meet her own fate.
3. He called the people together and offered them gold and treasure	C ... placed a crown of flowers on her head.
4. The judges who oversaw the lottery said that	D ... his daughter must be sacrificed.
5. And so, much saddened, the king said to the princess:	E ... 'My dear, I shall never see your wedding day'.
6. A week went past and the day arrived	f... was shaken out of the urn.
7. The palace servants dressed her in her wedding gown and	G ... headed for the lake where the dragon lived
8. They led her out of the city in the procession and	H ... if only they would agree to spare her from the dragon.

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ACTIVITY 4: unscramble the words

As they were on their way, a Roman _____(RIDLSOE) came riding up to the city. His name was George he was Christian from Cappadocia in Turkey. George stopped and asked why such a beautiful _____(GYUNO) woman was looking so sad on her wedding day. A citizen replied: 'Because according to the _____(WLA), she must this day marry the dragon who lives in that lake and her wedding gift shall be death'. George immediately replied: 'if that really be the case then let me slay the _____(GNROAD). The citizens warned him that stood a fighting chance against such a ferocious plague breathing lizard but George was determined to save the princess. The people tied her to a tree by the lake and left her to meet her fate. George saw the dragon emerge out of the swampy _____(SWTRAE) and he charged upon his horse and flung his spear into its shoulder. The dragon let out a piercing shriek. It was wounded but not fatally. While it was writhing in pain, George managed to cut the princess free from her bonds. The dragon was enraged and rounded on his attacker. George retreated and called out to the princess to take off the belt from around her waist and throw it at the dragon. This she did and by a miracle the belt wrapped itself around the dragon's neck like a _____(LLCAOR). Immediately, the dragon became as peaceful as a lamb, and the princess was able to lead it by her belt back to the city.

When the people saw the princess and George leading the dragon back to their walls, they became angry and afraid until Saint George drew out his _____(DWSRO) and slew the dragon. And then the people knew that from then on, they could leave safe and unharmed and that's the story of Saint George and the dragon that has come down through the ages. Like many stories, it's quite possibly a myth but then again maybe just maybe there really was a dragon and a princess and maybe Saint George really did slay it.