



THE SWORD IN THE STONE



Each nobleman tried to pull the sword out of the stone. No one was able to do it.

On New Year's Day, the sword was still in the stone. Arthur was there with Sir Ector.

Arthur pulled the sword out of the stone without difficulty! This was the sign from God. All the noblemen were surprised. He was the new King of Britain.

Sir Ector said, 'Arthur, you are now the King of Britain.'

Arthur said, 'Father, I don't want to leave you!'

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Sir Ector said, 'I'm not your real father. I don't know who you are. The magician Merlin brought you to us when you were born. I raised you like a son, and I love you. Now you are a king. God wants you to lead¹ Britain. You must go and do your duty.'²

Merlin said to the noblemen, 'This is King Uther's son and he is our new king!'

Young Arthur first became a knight. Then he became King of Britain.



1. **lead** : govern.
2. **do your duty** : accept your responsibilities.

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UNDERSTANDING THE TEXT

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1 Look at the statements below about Chapter Two.

Decide if each statement is correct or incorrect.

If it is correct, tick (✓) A.

If it is not correct, tick (✓) B.

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| 1. No nobleman was able to pull the sword out of the stone. | ☐ | ☐ |
| 2. Arthur was in London with Merlin. | ☐ | ☐ |
| 3. Arthur pulled the sword out of the stone easily. | ☐ | ☐ |
| 4. All the noblemen were angry. | ☐ | ☐ |
| 5. Arthur did not want to leave Sir Ector. | ☐ | ☐ |
| 6. Sir Ector was not Arthur's real father. | ☐ | ☐ |
| 7. Merlin said, 'This is Sir Ector's son and he is our new king!' | ☐ | ☐ |
| 8. First Arthur was a knight, then he became King. | ☐ | ☐ |

2 Match the words below with their opposites.

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| a. first | 1. come |
| b. pull | 2. old |
| c. difficult | 3. small |
| d. true | 4. take |
| e. new | 5. hate |
| f. born | 6. push |
| g. big | 7. false |
| h. bring | 8. easy |
| i. love | 9. die |
| j. go | 10. last |

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