

## The Lonely Dragon

Tirralee the dragon lived in a cave, high up in the mountains. Nobody lived nearby because people were afraid of the fire that came out of his nose. He was a lonely dragon.



(1)

One day Tirralee went to town. He was so happy to see all those people. He looked through a window. A baby thought he was a dog and started patting his nose. He wanted to help the baby's mother light the fireplace, so he blew fire. He blew fire again and all the chimney was on fire. "Oh, you stupid dragon!" cried the woman. Tirralee flew back to his cave sadder than before.

(2)



One day he decided to go to the town again. He arrived very early. Tirralee saw a giant walking on the houses. All the people began shouting. Tirralee wanted to save the people so he decided to fight the giant. He blew fire at the giant's face. The giant was afraid and escaped.

(3)



The King was very pleased with Tirralee.

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### Write True or False

1. The dragon had no friends. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Tirralee lived on his own because he did not like people. \_\_\_\_\_
3. The winner was the giant. \_\_\_\_\_
4. The King was angry with Tirralee. \_\_\_\_\_

### Answer the questions:

1. What was the dragon's name? (1)

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2. Why didn't anyone live near Tirralee? (1)

Nobody lived near Tirralee because \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Choose an adjective to describe his character.

Helpful

Cruel

Brave

4. How did Tirralee feel after the baby's mother insulted him? (2)

Tirralee felt \_\_\_\_\_

5. What was the giant doing? (3)

The giant was \_\_\_\_\_

He ( was / was not ) \_\_\_\_\_ friendly.

6. Choose another word for:

- a. Escaped → ran away      came back
- b. Started → finished      began
- c. Stupid → silly      good
- d. Shouting → screaming      praying
- e. Afraid → \_\_\_\_\_

7. Who was pleased with Tirralee?