

## Jack and the Beanstalk

Once upon a time, there (to live) a poor widow and her son Jack. All they (to own) was a cow and when it (to stop) giving milk, Jack's mother (to tell) him to take it to the market and sell it. On his way there, Jack (to meet) an old man: "I will give you these magic beans in exchange for your cow," he (to say). Jack (to agree) and (to go) home. When his mother (to see) him come back without a penny, she (to get) very angry. "You fool! What have you done?" she (to cry) as she (to throw) the beans across the garden. The next morning, when Jack (to look) out of the window, he (to see) a gigantic beanstalk. He (to run) outside and (to decide) to climb it. At the top, there (to be) a beautiful castle. Jack (to go) inside it and (to hear) someone shout "Fee, fi, fo!" so he (to hide) inside a cupboard. An enormous giant (to come) into the room and (to sit) down. He (to put) a hen on the table and (to order) "Lay!". Jack (can + not) believe his eyes: the hen (to have) laid a golden egg. The giant (to place) it in a trunk and (to go) to bed. Soon he (to start) snoring, so Jack (to come) out of his hiding place and (to walk) very quietly across the room. He (to grab) the hen and (to run) out of the castle as fast as he (can). Suddenly, the hen (to give) a loud cackle and the giant (to wake) up. He quickly (to follow) Jack down the beanstalk. When Jack (to be) a few meters from the ground, he (to call) out to his mother "Mom! Mom! Get an ax! Get an ax!". His mother (to come) running out of the house with an ax but when she (to see) the giant's feet through the clouds, she (to freeze). Jack (to jump) down, (to take) the ax and (to begin) chopping the beanstalk. When the giant (to see) what Jack (to be) doing, he (to shout) "Fee, fi, fo!", just before the beanstalk (to fall). The giant (to be) instantly killed and Jack (to rejoice), "Mom, we will never be hungry again thanks to this hen!" He (to be) right: soon, they (to be) able to buy a new cow, a new house and they (to live) happily ever after.

### The End

- 1° Jack and his mother were  
a) penniless      b) well-off      c) very wealthy
- 2° What did Jack's mother want to sell?
- 3° What did Jack bring back instead of money?
- 4° Who gave them to him?
- 5° This made his mum:  
a) hungry      b) happy      c) furious
- 6° Where did the giant live?
- 7° When the hen laid an egg, Jack was  
a) hungry      b) amazed      c) sleepy
- 8° What did Jack do with the hen?  
a) He left it.      b) He stole it.      c) He killed it.
- 9° Complete: Jack's mother was so scared that she couldn't ..... so Jack had to ..... the beanstalk himself.
- 10° Say if this statement is TRUE or FALSE and justify your answer by quoting the text :  
Even though the hen never laid an egg for Jack and his mother, they were very happy.