



Jack and the beanstalk

Jack lived on a small farm with his mother. They were very poor. One day Jack's mother said: „ My dear son, please take our cow to the town. Sell her. Come back with the money.”

Jack walked across the fields to the river . A man was to the bridge. „ That's a beautiful cow „ he said. „ I have got five special beans. Please , give your cow to me and take these beans”.

He showed the beans to Jack . „ They are very pretty colours „said Jack. „ Please, take my cow and give your beans to me.” Jack smiled. He was pleased with the special beans.

Jack walked home. He showed the beans to his mother but she was cross. She pushed them out of Jack's hand. All the special beans were on the ground „Go to bed ,Jack,, she said.

In the morning, Jack looked out of the window. A huge beanstalk was next to the house. The top of the beanstalk was above the clouds. Jack climbed the beanstalk. At the top was a huge castle. Jack counted six tall, gold towers. He opened the large door and walked quietly inside.

An ugly giant lived in the castle. He was asleep in the huge kitchen. Next to the enormous giant was a tiny brown hen in a small gold cage. The hen looked sadly at Jack. „ Please, help me,, it said. „ I always live in this cage . I can't walk. I can't open my wings. I never see the sky.” Jack opened the cage and picked up the little hen. He walked quickly to the beanstalk and he climbed down.

Just then the giant opened his eyes. „ Where is my hen? “ he shouted. The angry giant walked to the beanstalk and he looked down. „ I can see you!’ he roared at Jack. „ I am coming!”

Jack jumped onto the ground . He picked up an axe and chopped down the beanstalk. The giant did not climb down the beanstalk.

The little hen clucked happily. A shiny gold egg was on the ground. Jack and his mother were surprised . It was a very special hen.

1. Complete the sentences with the following words: climb, walk, shout, look, show, open, pick, push. Use the past tense.

- a) Jack----- across the fields.
- b) Jack -----the beans to his mother.
- c) Jack's mother-----the beans out of his hand.
- d) In the morning Jack-----out of the window.
- e) Jack----- the beanstalk.
- f) Jack -----the door of the cage.
- g) He ----- up the little hen.
- h) The giant -----angrily.

2. Answer the questions.

- 1. Did Jack live on a big farm?-----
- 2. Did Jack's mother climbed the beanstalk?-----
- 3. Did Jack pick up the hen?-----
- 4. Did the giant live in a cage? -----
- 5. Did Jack chop down the beanstalk?-----
- 6. Did the hen cluck sadly?-----
- 7. Did the giant climb down the beanstalk?-----

3. Complete the sentences with **was** or **were**.

- a) Yesterday the children ----- at the playground.
- b) The weather ----- cold and windy.
- c) Anna ----- on the swings and her brothers -----on the slide.
- d) -----you at the playground yesterday?
- e) No, I -----at home.
- f) We ----- at the beach yesterday. It -----hot and sunny.