## READING

A folk tale

1 ⭐ **Look at the pictures. What do you think the folk tale is about? Read the story and (circle) the correct answer.**

a A prince who lost his son.

b A very brave dog.

c A brave prince who killed a wolf.

2 ⭐⭐ **Match the words in bold in the folk tale with the meanings.**

1 very shocked  _horrified_

2 a long piece of metal used for fighting

   _____

3 chasing and trying to catch and kill an animal _____

4 a place in the ground where dead bodies are _____

5 strong and not changing in your friendship with someone _____

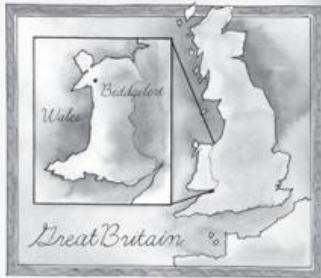6 put something into a hole in the ground and covered it _____

3 ⭐⭐ **Read the folk tale again. (Circle) the correct answers.**

1 Why did the prince have dogs?

   a Because he was lonely.

   b To look after his castle.

   ⓒ To look for other animals.

2 What did the prince think when he saw blood on his dog?

   a His son was hurt.

   b Something was missing.

   c The dog was hurt.

3 What did the dog do?

   a Killed the prince's son.

   b Killed a dangerous animal.

   c Hid behind a bed.

4 What happened at the end?

   a Everyone forgot about the dog.

   b The village was given the dog's name.

   c The prince found another dog.

## The wolf and a baby boy



In the north of Wales, there is a small village called Beddgelert. According to an old story, many hundreds of years ago, a prince lived in the area. It was a place of forests and dangerous wild animals. The prince loved **hunting**, so he had lots of dogs. They spent a lot of time chasing animals through the forests for sport. His favourite dog was called Gelert – a **faithful** dog who the prince loved.



One day, the prince decided to go hunting and called for Gelert. To the prince's surprise, the dog came with blood around its mouth. The prince was **horrified**. Where had the blood come from? He had a terrible thought. He ran to his son's bedroom and saw an awful sight. His baby was missing and the floor was covered in blood. The prince realised what the dog had done. With anger, he took a **sword** and killed Gelert. Seconds later, the prince heard a cry from behind the bed. There was his son, completely safe. And next to his son was a wolf – killed by Gelert, just a few minutes earlier. The prince felt very sad. He carried his favourite dog outside and **buried** it under some stones.

Beddgelert means 'Gelert's grave' in the Welsh language, and you can see stones marking the **grave** in the village. However, the story might not be true. Some people say that a hotel owner placed the stones there 200 years ago and, perhaps, invented the story to bring in more tourists. And it worked! Now there are many events in the town, from music festivals to firework displays on New Year's Eve. In the summer, people in the town grow lots of flowers as decorations and Beddgelert has won competitions for being the most beautiful town in the country!

4 ⭐⭐⭐ **Think of a folk tale from your country. Write a paragraph about it in your notebook.**

LIVEWORKSHEETS