

Reading 1

- 1** Read the story. What happened to the beans?

Jack and the Beanstalk



Once upon a time there was a boy called Jack. One day his mother said, "Jack, we have no food. We have to sell the cow. Can you take her to market?" On the way to town, Jack met a man. The man said, "I want to buy your cow. Can I give you these magic beans?" So, Jack gave him the cow and took the beans home. His mother was very angry because he didn't go to the market. She threw the beans into the yard.

The next morning, Jack saw a very tall beanstalk in the yard. He climbed up to the sky and saw an enormous castle. Inside, there was a long table with a hen and a golden harp on it.

Suddenly, Jack heard a loud noise and ran into a cupboard to hide. A giant came into the room. "Lay an egg now!" he said. The hen laid an enormous golden egg. "Play me a song!" the giant said. The harp played a beautiful song and the giant fell asleep.

Jack came out of the cupboard and picked up the hen and the harp. The harp stopped playing and the hen started clucking. The giant woke up. He was furious! Jack ran out of the castle and climbed back down the beanstalk. The giant followed him.

When he reached the bottom, Jack shouted, "Mother! Help!" Jack's mother quickly cut down the beanstalk. The giant fell to the ground and died. With the hen's golden eggs and the magic harp, Jack and his mother were rich and lived happily ever after.

- 2** Read and circle. Are the events in the correct order? If no, number the sentences in order.

- 1 Jack took the harp and hen and climbed **down** / **up** the beanstalk. ☐
- 2 Jack's mother **talked about the hen** / **cut down the beanstalk**. ☐
- 3 Next, **the harp played a song** / **the giant was furious**. ☐
- 4 When Jack entered the castle, he saw **a long table** / **a cupboard**. ☐
- 5 The giant told the hen to **eat his food** / **lay an egg**. ☐
- 6 Jack climbed the beanstalk and saw **a castle** / **a giant**. ☐