

BEFORE READING

1 Match the words in the box with the characters. Use a dictionary to help you.

a bully an enchantress a king the king's wife
a magician a princess



a Adhan is



b Merlin is



c Vortigern is



d Ceridwen is



e Morfran is



f Ronwen is

2 Which person in this story does this? Write the names.

- a He learns magic from books, and helps the king.
- b He laughs at Merlin, and says bad things to him.
- c He fights his enemies in the east of his country.
- d She changes into different animals, and runs angrily after Merlin.
- e She teaches her son about different plants in the forest.
- f She asks for a beautiful new castle.

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READING CHECK

Choose the correct words to complete these sentences.

- a Merlin lives with his *father* / *mother* in a castle.
- b Merlin's father is always *far away* / *at home*.
- c Princess Adhan and Merlin often walk in the *forest* / *village* near their home.
- d The enchantress Ceridwen / Princess Adhan lives in the forest.
- e Merlin *has* / *hasn't* got a lot of friends.
- f Merlin has got a *toad* / *dog*.
- g One day, two boys *fight* / *laugh* at Merlin.
- h The boys say bad things about Merlin's *father* / *mother*.
- i Merlin *speaks* / *writes* to his mother about the boys.

GUESS WHAT

What happens in the next chapter? Read the sentences and write 'yes' or 'no'.



a Princess Adhan talks to Morfran and Arwel.



b Merlin's father speaks to him one night.



c Morfran and Arwel find Merlin again. They kill his toad.



d Merlin walks away from the boys, and goes far into the forest.