



EXCALIBUR



Arthur rode away with Merlin and said, 'I broke my sword during the fight with Sir Pellinore. I am king because of that sword. I must have another sword.'

'Come with me then,' said Merlin.

Arthur followed Merlin to a lake of clear water. In the middle of the lake, Arthur saw an arm. The arm was holding a sword in a beautiful scabbard.¹

'Look!' said Merlin. 'That is the sword and that is the Lady of the Lake. Ask her kindly and the sword is yours.'

Arthur saw a beautiful lady in a boat on the lake. He asked her, 'Can I have that sword?'

1. **scabbard** : attached to your belt, where you keep a sword.



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She answered, 'Yes, you can have it. Take my boat and go and get it.'

Arthur and Merlin went to the middle of the lake. There Arthur took the sword. He was very interested in it. He took the sword out of the scabbard and looked at it. It was a beautiful sword with jewels on it.

'Look, Merlin,' he said, 'the word Excalibur is written on it.'

'Yes, Excalibur is the greatest sword in the world. But its scabbard is more precious.'

'Why?' asked Arthur.

'It has a great magic power,' said Merlin. 'When you wear it, you never bleed¹ even if you are wounded.² When you fight, you must always have the scabbard with you.'



1. **bleed** : lose blood, the red liquid that runs in the body.
2. **wounded** : injured.

UNDERSTANDING THE TEXT

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1 Look at the statements below about Chapter Four. Decide if each statement is correct or incorrect.

If it is correct, tick (✓) A.

If it is not correct, tick (✓) B.

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| 1. Arthur lost his sword during a fight with Sir Pellinore. | ☐ | ☐ |
| 2. Merlin took Arthur to a forest. | ☐ | ☐ |
| 3. Arthur saw an arm holding a sword in the middle of the lake. | ☐ | ☐ |
| 4. Arthur asked the Lady of the Lake, 'May I have the sword?' | ☐ | ☐ |
| 5. Arthur and Merlin swam to the middle of the lake and took the sword. | ☐ | ☐ |
| 6. The sword had jewels on it. | ☐ | ☐ |
| 7. The word 'king' was written on the sword. | ☐ | ☐ |
| 8. The name of the sword was Excalibur. | ☐ | ☐ |
| 9. The sword was more precious than the scabbard. | ☐ | ☐ |
| 10. Merlin said, 'You will never bleed when you wear the scabbard.' | ☐ | ☐ |

2 Prepositions

Fill in the blank spaces with the correct prepositions in the box.

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- Arthur rode away Merlin.
- Arthur broke his sword the fight with Sir Pellinore.
- In the middle the lake, Arthur saw an arm holding a sword a beautiful scabbard.
- He took the sword of the scabbard.
- There was a word the sword.
- When you fight, you must always keep the scabbard you.