

MYTHS AND LEGENDS

Exercise 1

Complete the story with the words below. ...

- climbed fell gave got threw hid
 stole lived went smelled took chased

Once there was a boy called Jack. Jack and his mother were very poor so Jack 1) _____ to market to sell their last cow. He only 2) _____ five beans for it and his mother was very angry. She 3) _____ the beans out of the window. The next morning, there was a huge beanstalk outside, reaching up into the clouds. Jack 4) _____ to the top and found a giant's castle. The giant 5) _____ the boy, but his wife 6) _____ the boy until he could escape. She also 7) _____ him some gold coins. The next time Jack went up the beanstalk, he 8) _____ a goose that laid golden eggs. On the last visit, Jack 9) _____ a magic harp that could talk. It called out to the giant for help. The giant 10) _____ Jack down the beanstalk, but Jack cut down the beanstalk with an axe. The giant 11) _____ and died. After that, Jack was rich and he 12) _____ happily with his mother.



Exercise 2

Complete the story with the words below. ...

- sacrificed promised liked terrorised lived was
 exploded tried drank ate gave

The Wawel Dragon

The Wawel Dragon is a creature that 1) _____ under Wawel Hill in Kraków. It 2) _____ a huge creature with sharp teeth that breathed fire. According to legend, it 3) _____ the people and 4) _____ eating young girls. The people 5) _____ the girls to save themselves. One day all the girls were gone except for the King's daughter. He 6) _____ that whoever killed the dragon could marry her. All the knights 7) _____ and died, then a poor boy called Skuba 8) _____ the dragon a sheep filled with sulphur. The dragon 9) _____ it and became very thirsty. He 10) _____ and drank, but he was still thirsty. He drank so much that he 11) _____. Skuba married the princess and they happily ever after.



Exercise 3

The Kalanoro

Complete the text with the words below. ...

proof

wild

fingernails

rumour

human

creature

Legend has it that a violent 1) _____ known as the Kalanoro lives deep in the forests of Madagascar. People say that it looks like a small 2) _____, but that it attacks like a(n) 3) _____ animal. Some describe it as having very long and sharp 4) _____. People in Madagascar stay away from the Amber Mountain National Park at night time because that, they say, is when the creature comes out. Nevertheless, there is still no solid 5) _____ that this mysterious beast actually exists; up until now, it is still only a 6) _____.