## Jack and the Beanstalk

Once upon a time, there was a boy called Jack. Jack lived in a cottage with his mother. They were very poor and they had a cow. One day, Jack's mother asked him to take the cow to market to sell. On the way, Jack met a man, who gave him some magic beans in return for

the cow.

When Jack came home with the beans his mother was angry. She threw the beans out of the window and sent him to bed. The next morning, a giant beanstalk had grown in the garden! Jack climbed the very tall beanstalk.

When Jack finally reached the top, he saw an enormous castle. Jack went inside. Suddenly, Jack heard a loud noise and hid. A huge giant came into the room with a hen and a golden harp. "Fee, Fi, Fo, Fum, I smell the blood of an Englishman!" He shouted. The giant sat down at the table. "Lay!" said the giant and the hen laid an egg. "Sing!" said the giant. The harp sang and the giant fell asleep.

> Jack jumped out of the cupboard and took the hen and the harp. As he ran, the harp shouted. The giant woke up and chased Jack. Jack climbed down the beanstalk and the giant followed him. As Jack got to the bottom of the beanstalk, he shouted, "Help!" Jack's mother came out with an axe.

She used it to chop the bottom of the beanstalk. The giant fell and crashed to the ground. He was never seen again. With the golden eggs and the magic harp, Jack and his mother lived happily ever after.





## Questions

- 1. What animal did Jack sell? Tick **one.** 
  - 🔘 chicken
  - O cow
  - O horse
  - O pig
- 2. What grew in the garden? Tick **one.** 
  - 🔿 a beanstalk
  - O a harp
  - O an egg
  - 🔿 an axe
- 3. What sent the giant to sleep? Tick **one.** 
  - $\bigcirc$  the hen laying an egg
  - $\bigcirc$  the harp singing
  - Jack singing
  - $\bigcirc$  the hen singing
- 4. What could the giant smell?
- 5. What did Jack's mother do to the beanstalk?

