Jack and the Beanstalk

Once upon a time, there was a boy called Jack. He lived with his mother and they had a cow.

One day, Jack's mother asked him to take the cow to market to sell. Jack met a man, who gave him some magic beans for the cow.

When Jack came home, his mother was angry. She threw the beans out and sent him to bed. The next morning, a giant beanstalk had grown! Jack climbed it.

When Jack reached the top, he saw a castle and went inside. Jack heard a loud noise and hid. An enormous giant came into the room with a hen and a golden harp. He shouted, "Lay!" and the hen laid an egg. Then "Sing!" and the harp sang. The giant fell asleep.

Jack took the hen and the harp. The harp shouted and the giant woke up. He chased Jack down the beanstalk. Jack shouted, "Help!" Jack's mother came out and chopped the beanstalk down with an axe. The giant fell to the ground. He was never seen again.

Jack and his mother lived happily ever after.
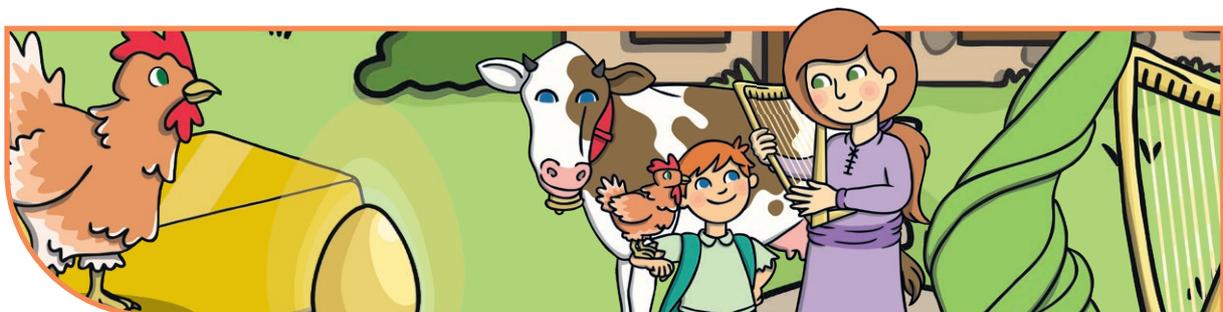
Questions

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    ○ cow
    ○ horse
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2. What did the man give Jack? Tick **one**.

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    ○ a harp
    ○ an egg
    ○ an axe

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    ○ a harp
    ○ a cow
    ○ a castle

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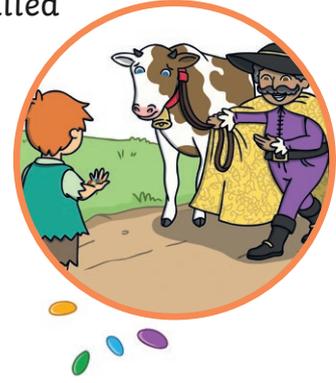
When Jack came home with the beans his mother was angry. She threw the beans out of the window and sent him to bed. The next morning, a giant beanstalk had grown in the garden! Jack climbed the very tall beanstalk.

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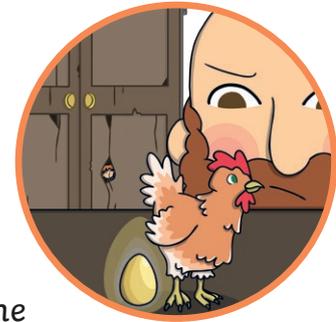
Jack jumped out of the cupboard and took the hen and the harp. As he ran, the harp shouted. The giant woke up and chased Jack. Jack climbed down the beanstalk and the giant followed him. As Jack got to the bottom of the beanstalk, he shouted, "Help!" Jack's mother came out with an axe.

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.

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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, Jack looked out of the window. A giant beanstalk had grown in the garden! Jack decided to climb the beanstalk. It was so tall, it went right up to the sky and through the clouds!

When Jack finally reached the top, he saw an enormous castle. Jack decided to go inside; all the furniture was huge! Suddenly, Jack heard a loud noise. He ran into a cupboard to hide. A huge giant came into the room. "Fee, Fi, Fo, Fum, I smell the blood of an Englishman!" he bellowed. The giant sat down at the table. On the table was a hen and a golden harp. "Lay!" said the giant and the hen laid an egg; it was made out of solid gold. "Sing!" said the giant and the harp sang. The beautiful music made the giant fell asleep.

Jack jumped out of the cupboard and took the hen and the harp. As he ran, the harp cried, "Help master!"

The giant woke up and called, "Fee, Fi, Fo, Fum, I smell the blood of an Englishman!" He chased Jack to the top of the beanstalk. Jack climbed down the beanstalk and the giant followed him.

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   Jack's mother chopped down the beanstalk with an axe.

6. Do you think the ending is happy for everyone in the story? Explain your answer.

   Pupils' own response, such as: 'I think it was happy for Jack and his mother as Jack got home safely and they now had the hen that laid golden eggs and the magic harp. It was not a happy ending for the giant however as he fell to the ground and was never seen again.'