



Jack and the Beanstalk

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Fill in the gaps with the past simple form of the infinitive verb given in brackets.

Once upon a time there **was** (be) a poor widow who **lived** (live) in a little cottage with her son, Jack. Jack was a nice boy but sometimes very silly. The winter **was** (be) very cold and the widow **became** (become) very ill. Jack **didn't work** (not work) because he **was** (be) only a young boy, but because his mother **was** (be) sick, he **needed** (need) to start working. He **needed** (need) to earn money so he could buy some food and help his mother. Jack's mother **said** (say)

"go to the market, sell our cow and buy some food".

Jack **went** (go) to the market to sell the cow. When he **arrived** (arrive) at the market, Jack **met** (meet) a butcher. The butcher **said** (say)

"I will buy your cow in exchange for some beans".

Jack **thought** (think) this was very good, so he **sold** (sell) the cow and **received** (receive) the beans.

Jack **arrived** (arrive) home and **showed** (show) his mother the beans. She **expected** (expect) some good money for the cow, but instead Jack **got** (get) beans. She **was** (be) very angry. Jack **decided** (decide) to plant the beans in the ground. Then Jack **went** (go) to sleep.

The next morning, Jack **woke** (wake) up. He **found** (find) that the beans had grown into a tall beanstalk. The beanstalk **was** (be) so tall that he couldn't see the top. Jack's mother **was** (be) also very surprised. Jack **said** (say) to his mother

"I will climb this beanstalk and see where it goes".

His mother **wished** (wish) him good luck and Jack **started** (start) to climb the beanstalk.

Jack **climbed** (climb) for a very long time, but eventually he **reached** (reach) the top of the beanstalk. He **arrived** (arrive) in a beautiful land. There **was** (be) a castle and lots of trees and flowers. Jack **stood** (stand) in front of the castle, very confused. Then an old lady **appeared** (appear) and **said** (say) to Jack

*"That castle is yours. A wicked giant **killed** (kill) your father and **took** (take) this castle away from your mother. You must fight the ogre who has it".*

Jack **walked** (walk) to the castle and **knocked** (knock) on the door. A giantess **opened** (open) the door and **pulled** (pull) Jack inside. She **wanted** (want) to eat him for dinner, but just as she **started** (start) to prepare the kitchen, she **heard** (hear) the ogre's footsteps. The giantess **pushed** (push) Jack into a cupboard and **said** (say)

"you must stay here, hiding, or the ogre will eat you".

Then the ogre **appeared** (appear) and **shouted** (shout)

“fee, fie, fo, fum, I smell the breath of an Englishman”.

The giantess **said** (say)

“there is nobody here, you only smell a crow that is flying over the chimney”.

The ogre **sat** (sit) down and **started** (start) eating. He **ate** (eat) a whole sheep then **asked** (ask) for a hen. The giantess **brought** (bring) a hen to the table and then she **left** (leave).

The ogre **said** (say) to the hen

“Lay”

The hen **laid** (lay) a golden egg. Jack **watched** (watch) the hen lay a golden egg. The ogre **did** (do) this three times. Eventually, the ogre **fell** (fall) asleep. Jack **decided** (decide) to steal the hen and he **ran** (run) to the beanstalk and **returned** (return) home with this hen.

Jack’s mother **was** (be) very happy to see him again but very surprised that he **brought** (bring) a hen with him. The hen **laid** (lay) three more golden eggs for Jack and his mother and his mother **took** (take) them to the market and **sold** (sell) them. Jack and his mother **became** (become) very rich.

One day, Jack **made** (make) another journey up the beanstalk. Jack **wore** (wear) a disguise this time. When he **arrived** (arrive) at the top of the beanstalk, the giantess **opened** (open) the door again and **pulled** (pull) him into the castle. But, they **heard** (hear) the ogre’s footsteps again, so she **pushed** (push) him into a cupboard. The giant **walked** (walk) into the room shouting

“fee, fie, fo, fum, I smell the breath of an Englishman”.

The giantess **said** (say)

"it's only the cowherd".

The giant **sat** (sit) down at the table and **ate** (eat) half an ox. He then **asked** (ask) his wife to bring him two bags of money. She **fetches** (fetch) two large bags full of gold and then she **left** (leave) the room. The ogre counted the gold, then **tied** (tie) the bags. The ogre then immediately **fell** (fall) asleep. Jack **ran** (run) into the room, **stole** (steal) the bags of gold, then **returned** (return) to the beanstalk. He **climbed** (climb) down the beanstalk to his mother.

Jack **decided** (decide) to visit the castle one more time. So, he **climbed** (climb) the beanstalk and when he **arrived** (arrive) at the top, he **saw** (see) the giantess again. She **opened** (open) the castle door and **pulled** (pull) him in very quickly. She **heard** (hear) the ogre's footsteps so **pushed** (push) Jack into the cupboard again and **told** (tell) him to be quiet. The ogre **arrived** (arrive) in the room shouting

"fee, fie, fo, fum, I smell the blood of an Englishman".

His wife **said** (say)

*"no, it's only a shepherd, who **delivered** (deliver) your sheep."*

The ogre **sat** (sit) down and **ate** (eat) a whole sheep. He **asked** (ask) his wife

"bring me my harp".

The wife **brought** (bring) the harp and **put** (put) it on the table. The ogre then **fell** (fall) asleep again and Jack **ran** (run) to the table and **stole** (steal) the harp. But Jack **didn't know** (not know) that the harp **was** (be) actually a fairy. The harp **shouted** (shout)

"Master, master".

The ogre **woke** (wake) up and **saw** (see) Jack with the harp. Jack **ran** (run) to the beanstalk and **started** (start) climbing down. He could hear the footsteps of the ogre behind him. Jack **arrived** (arrive) at the bottom of the beanstalk and **cried** (cry) to his mother

“bring me an axe”.

His mother **brought** (bring) an axe and they **chopped** (chop) down the beanstalk. The ogre **fell** (fall) off the beanstalk and broke his neck. The ogre **died** (die).

Then a fairy **appeared** (appear) and **said** (say) to Jack

*“you have **defeated** (defeat) the ogre, you can now take possession of your new castle”.*

She **explained** (explain) to Jack that she **was** (be) the butcher who **sold** (sell) her the magic beans.