



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

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

Jack \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to the market to sell the cow. When he \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) at the market, Jack \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) a butcher. The butcher \_\_\_\_\_ (say)

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

Jack \_\_\_\_\_ (think) this was very good, so he \_\_\_\_\_ (sell) the cow and \_\_\_\_\_ (receive) the beans.

Jack \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) home and \_\_\_\_\_ (show) his mother the beans. She \_\_\_\_\_ (expect) some good money for the cow, but instead Jack \_\_\_\_\_ (get) beans. She \_\_\_\_\_ (be) very angry. Jack \_\_\_\_\_ (decide) to plant the beans in the ground. Then Jack \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to sleep.

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

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

His mother \_\_\_\_\_ (wish) him good luck and Jack \_\_\_\_\_ (start) to climb the beanstalk.

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

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

Jack \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) to the castle and \_\_\_\_\_ (knock) on the door. A giantess \_\_\_\_\_ (open) the door and \_\_\_\_\_ (pull) Jack inside. She \_\_\_\_\_ (want) to eat him for dinner, but just as she \_\_\_\_\_

(start) to prepare the kitchen, she \_\_\_\_\_ (hear) the ogre's footsteps. The giantess \_\_\_\_\_ (push) Jack into a cupboard and \_\_\_\_\_ (say)

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

Then the ogre \_\_\_\_\_ (appear) and \_\_\_\_\_ (shout)

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

The giantess \_\_\_\_\_ (say)

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

The ogre \_\_\_\_\_ (sit) down and \_\_\_\_\_ (start) eating. He \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) a whole sheep then \_\_\_\_\_ (ask) for a hen. The giantess \_\_\_\_\_ (bring) a hen to the table and then she \_\_\_\_\_ (leave).

The ogre \_\_\_\_\_ (say) to the hen

*"Lay"*

The hen \_\_\_\_\_ (lay) a golden egg. Jack \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) the hen lay a golden egg. The ogre \_\_\_\_\_ (do) this three times. Eventually, the ogre \_\_\_\_\_ (fall) asleep. Jack \_\_\_\_\_ (decide) to steal the hen and he \_\_\_\_\_ (run) to the beanstalk and \_\_\_\_\_ (return) home with this hen.

Jack's mother \_\_\_\_\_ (be) very happy to see him again but very surprised that he \_\_\_\_\_ (bring) a hen with him. The hen \_\_\_\_\_ (lay) three more golden eggs for Jack and his mother and his mother \_\_\_\_\_ (take) them to the

market and \_\_\_\_\_ (sell) them. Jack and his mother \_\_\_\_\_  
(become) very rich.

One day, Jack \_\_\_\_\_ (make) another journey up the beanstalk. Jack  
\_\_\_\_\_ (wear) a disguise this time. When he \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) at the  
top of the beanstalk, the giantess \_\_\_\_\_ (open) the door again and  
\_\_\_\_\_ (pull) him into the castle. But, they \_\_\_\_\_ (hear) the  
ogre's footsteps again, so she \_\_\_\_\_ (push) him into a cupboard. The giant  
\_\_\_\_\_ (walk) into the room shouting

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

The giantess \_\_\_\_\_ (say)

*"it's only the cowherd".*

The giant \_\_\_\_\_ (sit) down at the table and \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) half an  
ox. He then \_\_\_\_\_ (ask) his wife to bring him two bags of money. She  
\_\_\_\_\_ (fetch) two large bags full of gold and then she \_\_\_\_\_  
(leave) the room. The ogre counted the gold, then \_\_\_\_\_ (tie) the bags. The  
ogre then immediately \_\_\_\_\_ (fall) asleep. Jack \_\_\_\_\_ (run)  
into the room, \_\_\_\_\_ (steal) the bags of gold, then \_\_\_\_\_  
(return) to the beanstalk. He \_\_\_\_\_ (climb) down the beanstalk to his mother.

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

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

His wife \_\_\_\_\_ (say)

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

The ogre \_\_\_\_\_ (sit) down and \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) a whole sheep. He  
\_\_\_\_\_ (ask) his wife

*"bring me my harp".*

The wife \_\_\_\_\_ (bring) the harp and \_\_\_\_\_ (put) it on the table.

The ogre then \_\_\_\_\_ (fall) asleep again and Jack \_\_\_\_\_ (run) to  
the table and \_\_\_\_\_ (steal) the harp. But Jack \_\_\_\_\_ (not know)  
that the harp \_\_\_\_\_ (be) actually a fairy. The harp \_\_\_\_\_ (shout)

*"Master, master".*

The ogre \_\_\_\_\_ (wake) up and \_\_\_\_\_ (see) Jack with the harp.  
Jack \_\_\_\_\_ (run) to the beanstalk and \_\_\_\_\_ (start) climbing  
down. He could hear the footsteps of the ogre behind him. Jack \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive)  
at the bottom of the beanstalk and \_\_\_\_\_ (cry) to his mother

*"bring me an axe".*

His mother \_\_\_\_\_ (bring) an axe and they \_\_\_\_\_ (chop) down  
the beanstalk. The ogre \_\_\_\_\_ (fall) off the beanstalk and broke his neck. The  
ogre \_\_\_\_\_ (die).

Then a fairy \_\_\_\_\_ (appear) and \_\_\_\_\_ (say) to Jack

*"you have \_\_\_\_\_ (defeat) the ogre, you can now take possession of your new castle".*

She \_\_\_\_\_ (explain) to Jack that she \_\_\_\_\_ (be) the butcher who  
\_\_\_\_\_ (sell) her the magic beans.