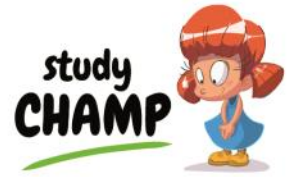


Short Comprehension

Jack and the Beanstalk



Read Mr. Johnson's retelling of Jack and the Beanstalk.

Jack and the Beanstalk

Jack is a young boy living with his widowed mother. When their cow stopped giving milk, Jack's mother makes him take her to market for sale. On the way, he meets an old man, who offers magic beans in exchange for the cow and Jack makes the trade. When he arrives home without any money, his mom is furious, throws the beans to the ground, and sends Jack to bed.

A gigantic beanstalk grows overnight, which Jack climbs to a land high in the sky. There he comes to a house that is the home of a giant. He asks at the door for food and the giant's wife takes him in. When the giant returns, he senses that a human is nearby:

“Fee-fi-fo-fum! I smell the blood of an Englishman. Be he alive, or be he dead, I'll grind his bones to make my bread.”

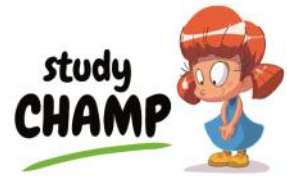
Jack is hidden by the giant's wife and he overhears the giant counting money. When the giant sleeps, he steals a bag of gold coins and makes his escape down the beanstalk.

Jack goes up the beanstalk twice more: returning first a goose that lays golden eggs, then a harp that plays by itself. He is almost caught with the harp! The giant follows him down the beanstalk and Jack calls to his mother for an axe. Jack chops down the beanstalk, killing the giant, and they live happily ever after with their riches.

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Short comprehension Jack and the Beanstalk



Answer the questions which follow:

1. What is the boy's name?

2. Why was he sent to the market by his mother?

3. Did he follow the instructions given to him? Explain your answer.

4. What did Jack's mother do with the magic beans? _____

5. What happened next in the story? _____

6. What did Jack do with the beanstalk? _____

7. TRUE or FALSE (give a reason for your answer):

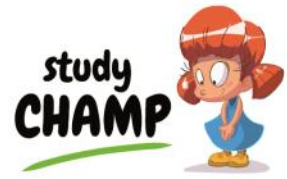
The giant's wife was very kind to Jack. _____

8. Do you think the magic beans made Jack and his mother rich in the end?



Short comprehension

Jack and the Beanstalk (Memo)



Answer the questions which follow.

1. What is the name of the boy? *The boy's name is Jack.*
2. Why was he sent to the market by his mother? *He had to sell the cow for money to buy food with.*
3. Did he follow the instructions given to him? *No, he did not follow instructions. He did not sell the cow for money and instead brought magic beans home.*
4. What did Jack's mother do with the magic beans? *Mother became so upset, that she threw the beans to the ground.*
5. What happened next in the story ? *A giant beanstalk grew overnight where Jack's mother dropped the beans.*
6. What did Jack do with the beanstalk? *Jack climbed up the beanstalk and found a castle at the top.*
7. True or false (explain your answer): The giant's wife was very kind to Jack. **TRUE.**
The giant's wife was very kind to Jack, because she gave him food and she hid him away from the angry giant.
8. Do you think the magic beans made Jack and his mother rich in the end?

Own answer, example:

Yes, I think the magic beans made Jack and his mother rich. The magic beans grew into a beanstalk that led Jack to the giant's castle where he found the magic goose that made them rich.