

Jack and the Beanstalk

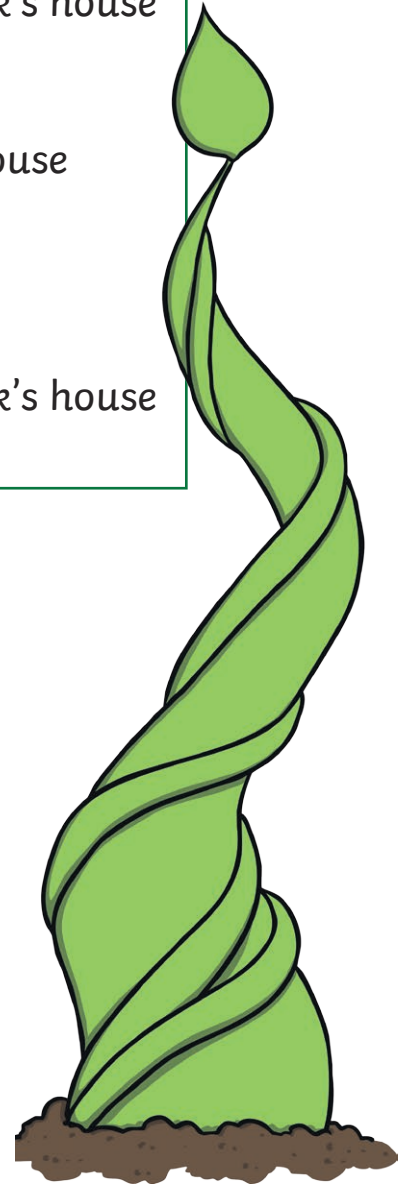
Play Script Extract

Cast List

Narrator 1	Jack's mother
Narrator 2	Cow
Narrator 3	Magic beans seller
Narrator 4	Giant
Jack	

Scene List

1. In the garden, outside Jack's house
2. The road to market
3. In the kitchen, at Jack's house
4. Jack's bedroom
5. Inside the giant's castle
6. In the garden, outside Jack's house



Scene 1 – In the garden, outside Jack's house

Jack, his mother and the cow are on stage. Jack and his mother are wearing old clothes. They are all stood in the garden, outside their small cottage. The house is old.

Narrator 1: Once upon a time, there lived a boy called Jack.

Narrator 2: Jack and his mother were very poor. The only good thing they owned, was a cow.

Cow: Moooooo!

Narrator 3: One day, Jack's mother asked him to take the cow to market, to sell.

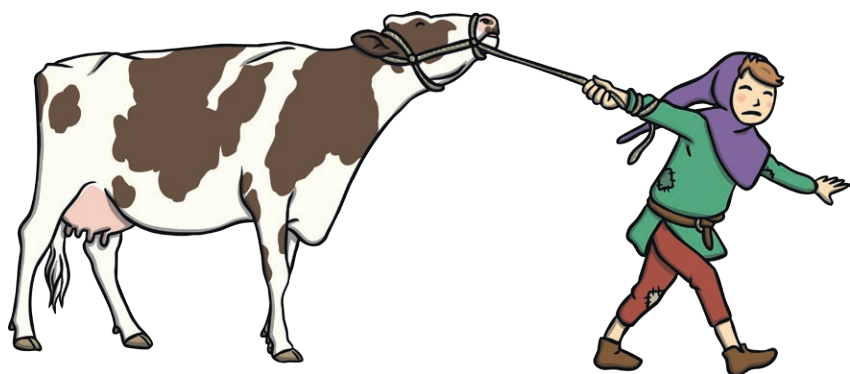
Jack's mother points off stage. Jack and the cow exit at one side, his mother at the other side.

Scene 2 – The road to market

Jack and the cow come back onto the stage. He is leading his cow to market. He walks around the stage.

Jack: We are sorry to have to sell you, Daisy.

Cow: Moooooo!



Questions

1. Which of these characters isn't in the cast list?

Giant

Jack

Magic bean seller

Wolf

2. Where does scene 2 take place?

The road to market

In the kitchen, at Jack's house

Jack's bedroom

Inside the giant's castle

3. True or False?

Jack and his mother are very rich.

True

False

4. The only good thing that Jack and his mother owned at the start of the play, was a:

sheep

goat

hen

cow

5. True or False?

Jack was really happy to sell Daisy.

True

False

Answers

1. Which of these characters isn't in the cast list?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Giant | <input type="checkbox"/> | Jack |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Magic bean seller | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Wolf |

2. Where does scene 2 take place?

- The road to market
- In the kitchen, at Jack's house
- Jack's bedroom
- Inside the giant's castle

3. True or False?

Jack and his mother are very rich.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | True | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | False |
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4. The only good thing that Jack and his mother owned at the start of the play, was a:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | hen | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | cow |

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Jack was really happy to sell Daisy.

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Scene 2 – The road to market

Jack and the cow come back onto the stage. He is leading his cow to market. He walks around the stage.

Jack: We are sorry to have to sell you, Daisy.

Cow: Moooooo!

Jack: (stops, then points) Who's that coming towards us? He's dressed in very fine clothes. I don't think I've ever seen this man around here before!

Magic beans trader comes onto the stage.

Magic beans trader: Good day, young man. Are you taking your cow to market?

Jack: Yes.

Magic beans trader: I have just left the market as I couldn't find a cow to buy. Today must be my lucky day!

Jack: How much will you give me for her?

Magic beans trader looks at the cow.

Magic beans trader: Something even more precious than money... magic beans! Plant them tonight and all your wishes will come true.

He hands over the colourful, magic beans.

Jack: Wow, thank you! Please take care of her.

Magic beans trader and the cow exit the stage.

Jack: (happy) I think it must be MY lucky day!

Jack exits the stage.

Scene 3 – In the kitchen, at Jack’s house

There is a kitchen table and two chairs. Jack is sat down and Jack’s mother is standing over him, holding the beans.

Jack’s mother: (shouting and cross) YOU DID WHAT?!

Jack: (sad) I thought you’d be happy Mother!

Jack’s mother: (shouting and cross) Happy? HAPPY? You’ve sold our precious cow for some colourful... BEANS?

Jack: Not just any old beans... they’re magic!

Jack’s mother: (shouting and cross) Magic? Nonsense! Now we will have nothing to eat!

Jack’s mother moves to the side of the stage and throws the beans off to the side.



Questions

1. Where was Jack going?

home

to visit his grandma

to the market

to the post office

2. The man was dressed in...

old clothes

fine clothes

bright clothes

dirty clothes

3. What did the man give to Jack for his cow?

colourful, magic beads

colourful, magic beans

colourful, magic bird feed

colourful, magic weeds

4. Match up the information:

Jack's mother was
The magic bean seller felt
When Jack got home, he felt

lucky
sad
cross

5. Fill in the gap:

Jack: Not just any old beans... they're _____

Answers

1. Where was Jack going?

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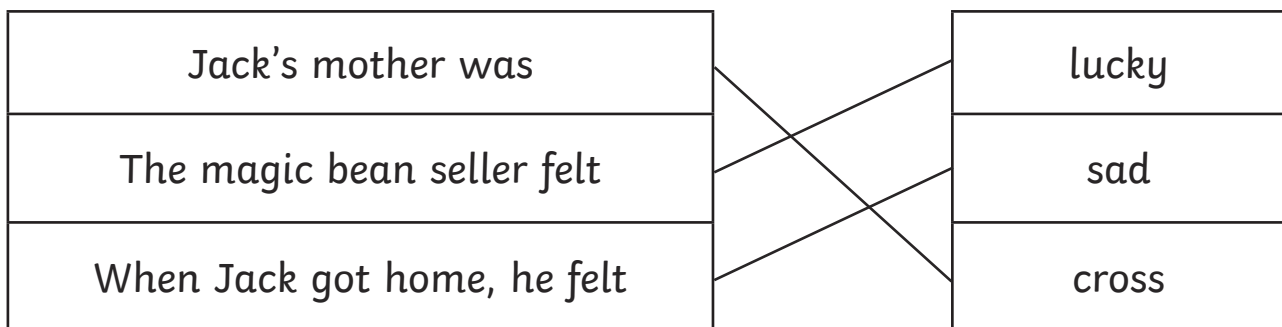
2. The man was dressed in...

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There is a kitchen table and two chairs. Jack is sat down and Jack's mother is standing over him, holding the beans.

Jack's mother: (shouting and cross) **YOU DID WHAT?!**

Jack: I thought you'd be happy Mother!

Jack's mother: (shouting and cross) Happy? **HAPPY?** You've sold our precious cow for some colourful... **BEANS?**

Jack: Not just any old beans... they're magic!

Jack's mother: (shouting and cross) Magic? Nonsense! Now we will have nothing to eat!

Jack's mother moves to the side of the stage and throws the beans off to the side.

Jack's mother: (shouting and pointing) Go to bed Jack!

Jack exits the stage with his head down and Jack's mother storms off stage in the opposite direction.

Magic wand sound effect.

A cockerel sound effect.



Scene 4 – Jack’s bedroom

Jack is sat up in bed, stretching and yawning. Jack’s mother is off stage.

Jack’s mother: (shouting excitedly) JACK! JACK! Look outside your window!

Jack rushes out of bed to go and look out of his window (at the side of the stage where the beans were thrown by his mother). He looks amazed.

Narrator 4: Jack looked outside his window and saw an enormous... a gigantic... beanstalk!

Jack: Am I dreaming? How? Where? Why? (Jack runs off stage)

Narrator 1: Jack ran outside. His mother told him not to, but he climbed it anyway.

Narrator 2: He climbed higher and higher and higher. When Jack got to the top, he saw a huge castle.

Scene 5 – Inside the giant’s castle

Jack is stood inside the giant’s castle. He is looking up at the huge furniture. On a large table, is a golden harp and a hen. There is also a chair for the giant.

Jack: Wow! Everything is massive here! I wonder who lives here?

Narrator 3: Then, Jack heard a noise and went to hide.

Jack runs and hides in the corner of the stage, then the giant comes onto the stage, stamping his feet.

Giant: (loud) Fee, fi, fo, fum, I smell the blood of an Englishman!

Everyone: (sharp intake of breath)

Giant: (loud) Fee, fi, fo, fum, I smell the blood of an Englishman!

The giant sits down at the table with the hen and golden harp.

Giant: Lay!

Narrator 4: The hen laid a gold egg.

Giant: Sing!

Narrator 1: The harp began to sing a beautiful lullaby, then the giant fell asleep.

Giant: (snoring noises)

As soon as the giant is asleep, Jacks slowly crawls out from his hiding place, passes the giant quietly, pressing his finger against his lips to the audience.

Jack then stands up and grabs the hen and harp.

Everyone: Help, master!

Jack is frozen to the spot.

Narrator 2: The giant wakes up when he hears his hen.

Questions

1. How did Jack's mother feel when Jack returned home with the magic beans?

- joyful
- scared
- cross
- sleepy

2. What might Jack's mother have been expecting instead of magic beans?

3. How do you think Jack is feeling at this point in the play?

Jack exits the stage with his head down.

- He's proud of himself.
- He's sad.
- He's surprised.
- He's really happy.

4. Match up the information:

Scene 3
Scene 4
Scene 5

Jack's bedroom
Inside the giant's castle
In the kitchen, at Jack's house

5. Put the story in order. Start by writing a number 1 next to what happens first, followed by numbers 2, 3 and 4:

- The giant falls asleep.
- Jack climbs the beanstalk.
- Jack's mother throws the beans outside.
- The hen lays a gold egg.

6. How is a play script written different to a story?

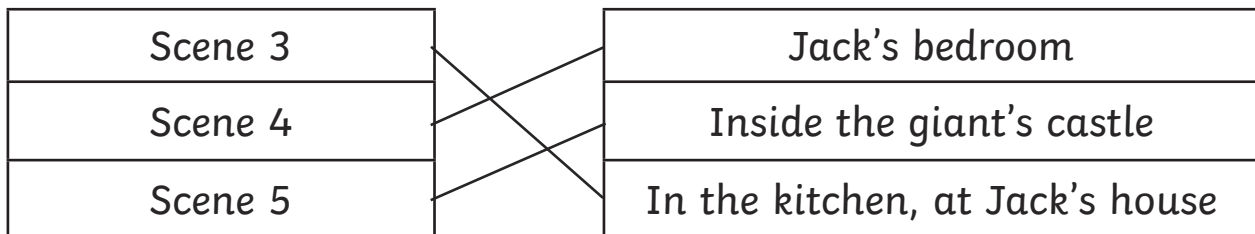
Answers

1. How did Jack's mother feel when Jack returned home with the magic beans?
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2. What might Jack's mother have been expecting instead of magic beans?
Jack's mother might have been expecting money for selling the cow.
Some children may answer 'food' as Jack's mother says: 'Now we will have nothing to eat!'

3. How do you think Jack is feeling at this point in the play?
Jack exits the stage with his head down.
He's sad.

4. Match up the information:



5. Put the story in order. Start by writing a number 1 next to what happens first, followed by numbers 2, 3 and 4:

- 4 The giant falls asleep.
- 2 Jack climbs the beanstalk.
- 1 Jack's mother throws the beans outside.
- 3 The hen lays a gold egg.

6. How is a play script different to a story?

Various answers – Play scripts don't have speech marks, speech bubbles or the word 'said'.

Stories don't have scenes or scene information, speaker's name with : or stage directions.