

Jack and the beanstalk comprehension

Prior Learning: New text.

Reading Task: Read up to the end of page 10 (Jack looked out of his window...). Discuss any new vocabulary and make inferences about the plot and the characters' feelings and actions.

Reading Questions

Front Cover

What do you think the character on the front cover is thinking?

Blurb

Why do you think 'Jack is upset when he is forced to sell his beloved cow'? Why do you think he is 'forced' to sell her?

Main Text

p.1 What can you infer from the fact that Jack and his mother's most valuable possession is a cow?

p.2 Why was Jack so distraught at having to sell Daisy?

p.3 Why is Jack confused?

p.7 Why does Jack skip 'excitedly', do you think?

p.8 Can you work out why Jack's mother threw the beans out of the window?

p.9 Why do you think Jack was sent to his bedroom?

p.9 How do you think Jack is feeling as he lies on the bed?

p.10 What do you think Jack is thinking when he wakes up the next morning?

Deeper Reading:

p.3 What can you work out from the fact that the man says, "What a fine cow you have there, Jack!"?

p.3 What do you think it was that made Jack finally decide that he was going to swap Daisy for the beans?

p.9 Can you give two reasons why Jack cried himself to sleep?