

Jack and the beanstalk Reading 3

Prior Learning: Children will have previously read up to the end of page 20 (...he soon fell asleep).

Reading Task: Read from page 21 to the end of the book. Discuss the meaning of words in this part of the story.

Reading Questions

p.21 Why did Jack wait until he was 'certain that the giant was fully asleep' before creeping out from the cupboard?

p.22 What phrase tells you that the hen was comfortable being carried by Jack?

p.22 What word tells you that the harp was not feeling relaxed about being picked up by Jack?

p.23 What other word could be used instead of 'snoozing' in the first sentence on this page.

p.23 Why do you think Jack 'didn't stop to look behind him'?

p.23 What phrase tells you that the giant has big steps?

p.25 What made it especially difficult for Jack to climb down the beanstalk?

p.25 What possible reasons are there for the fact that Jack was 'breathing very quickly' and that his 'heart was racing'?

p.26-27 How do you think Jack is feeling when the giant is coming after him down the beanstalk? What words or phrases tell you this?

p.28 What phrase tells you that Jack's mother did not stop to think before chopping down the beanstalk?

p.30-31 What words can you find on these pages which are positive words rather than negative words?

Deeper Reading:

p.21-32 Which words tell you that the giant does not want to be friends with Jack?

p.21-32 What words and phrases help to create a tense atmosphere as Jack is trying to escape?

p.21-32 Which word choices do you particularly like in this part of the book and why do you think they are effective?