

Glossary

Word	Definition
Englishman	an old word for a person from England

Vocabulary Starter

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adventurous	likes going on adventures
axe	a sharp, metal tool used for chopping wood

1

Does Jack live in the city or the countryside? Countryside

2

What does the giant want to do to Jack? Tick one.

- a) Kill him and eat him up ✓
- b) Tell him off
- c) Make friends with him

3

Which word tells you that the giant spoke loudly? boomed

4

Do you think that the beanstalk is magical and alive? What does it do to show you this?

I think the beanstalk is magical and alive. It is described as being "no ordinary tree" and the branches squirm and wiggle like snakes.

5

Which simile is used to describe Jack landing on solid ground?

As gently as a feather.

6

Tick whether the following statements are true or false.

	True	False
Jack was used to climbing trees.	✓	
There were lots of snakes in the branches of the beanstalk.		✓
Jack landed in the yard with a bump.		✓

7

Can you identify the rhyming words in the giant's speech?

Fum and Englishman
dead and bread

8

How do you think Jack is feeling as he climbs down the beanstalk? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.

At first, Jack feels confident because he is adventurous and has climbed many trees before.
However, he starts to panic because he is struggling to grip the beanstalk as it is moving around like a snake.

extension
activity

Jack climbed down the beanstalk because he was being chased by an angry giant!

Jack had climbed many trees before but this was no ordinary tree!

Jack saw an axe so he picked it up and tried to chop the beanstalk down.

