

Jack and the Beanstalk

Vocabulary Words

1. throw (verb) to send something through the air with force, especially by a sudden movement of the arm
Example: My friend threw the ball back over the fence.
2. cupboard (noun) a piece of furniture or a space for storing things, with a door or doors and usually with shelves:
Example: Is there plenty of cupboard space in your new house?
3. asleep (adjective) sleeping or not awake:
Example: I'm surprised to see you awake - ten minutes ago you were fast/sound asleep.
4. chop (verb) to cut something into pieces with an ax, knife, or other sharp instrument
Example: He was chopping wood in the yard.
5. crash (verb) to hit something, often making a loud noise or causing damage
Example: We could hear waves crashing on/against the shore.

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Once upon a time there was a boy called Jack.
He lived with his mother.
They were very poor.
All they had was a cow.
One morning, Jack's mother told Jack to take their cow to market and sell her.
On the way, Jack met a man.
He gave Jack some magic beans for the cow.
Jack took the beans and went back home.
When Jack's mother saw the beans she was very angry.
She **threw** the beans out of the window.
The next morning, Jack looked out of the window.
There was a giant beanstalk.
He went outside and started to climb the beanstalk.
He climbed up to the sky through the clouds.
Jack saw a beautiful castle.



He went inside.
Jack heard a voice.
'Fee, fi, fo, fum!' Jack ran into a **cupboard**.
An enormous giant came into the room and sat down.
On the table there was a hen and a golden harp.
'Lay!' said the giant.
The hen laid an egg.
It was made of gold.
'Sing!' said the giant.
The harp began to sing.
Soon the giant was **asleep**.



Jack jumped out of the cupboard.

He took the hen and the harp.

Suddenly, the harp sang,

'Help, master!'

The giant woke up and shouted,

'Fee, fi, fo, fum!' Jack ran and started climbing down the beanstalk.

The giant came down after him.

Jack shouted, 'Mother! Help!'

Jack's mother took an ax and **chopped** down the beanstalk.

The giant fell and **crashed** to the ground.

Nobody ever saw him again.

With the golden eggs and the magic harp, Jack and his mother lived happily ever after.

