

Jack and the Beanstalk

Jack's mother said, 'We're stony broke!
Go out and find some wealthy bloke
Who'll buy our cow. Just say she's sound
And worth at least a hundred pound.
But don't you dare to let him know
That she's as old as billy-o!
Jack led the old brown cow away,
And came back later in the day,
And said, 'Oh mummy dear, guess what
Your clever little boy has got.
I got, I really don't know how,
A super trade-in for our cow.'
The mother said, 'You little creep,
I bet you sold her much too cheap!
When Jack produced one lousy bean,
His startled mother, turning green,
Leaped high up in the air and cried,
'I'm absolutely stupefied!
You crazy boy! D'you really mean
You sold out Daisy for a bean?'
She snatched the bean and yelled, 'You chump!
And flung it on the rubbish-dump.
Then summoning up all her power,
She beat the boy for half an hour.
At ten p.m. or thereabout,
The little bean began to sprout.
By morning it had grown so tall
You couldn't see the top at all.
Young Jack cried, 'Mum, admit it now!
It's better than a rotten cow!
The mother said, 'You lunatic!
Where are the beans that I can pick?
There's not one bean! It's bare as bare!
'No, no!' cried Jack. 'You look up there!
Look very high and you'll behold,
Each single leaf is solid gold!
By gollikins, the boy was right!

Now, glistening in the morning light,
The mother actually perceives
A mass of lovely golden leaves!
She yells out loud, 'My sainted souls!
I'll sell the Mini, buy a Rolls!
Don't stand and gape, you little clot!
Get up there quick and grab the lot!
Jack was nimble, Jack was keen.
He scrambled up the mighty bean.
Up, up he went without a stop,
But just as he was near the top,
A ghastly frightening thing occurred -
Not far above his head he heard
A big deep voice, a rumbling thing
That made the very heavens ring.
It should loud, "FEE FI FO FUM
I SMELL THE BLOOD OF AN ENGLISHMAN!"
Jack was frightened, Jack was quick,
And down he climbed in half a tick.
'Oh mum!' he gasped, 'Believe you me
There's something nasty up our tree!
He smelled me out. I swear it, Mum!
He said he smelled an Englishman!
The mother said, 'And well he might!
I've told you every single night
To take a bath because you smell,
But would you do it? Would you hell!
Jack answered, 'Well, if you're so clean,
Why don't you climb the crazy bean?'
The mother cried, 'By gad, I will!
There's life within the old dog still!
She hitched her skirts above her knee
And disappeared right up the tree.
Now would the Giant smell his mum?
Jack listened for the fee-fo-fum.
He gazed aloft. He wondered when
The dreaded words would come... and then...
From somewhere high above the ground
There came a frightful crunching sound

He heard the Giant mutter twice,
'By gosh, that tasted very nice.
Although,' (and this in grumpy tones)
'I wish there weren't so many bones.'
'By Christopher!' Jack cried. 'By gum!
The Giant's eaten up my mum!'

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1. Find and copy a phrase which shows Jack and his mother don't have a lot of money. (1 mark)

2. What is the name of Jack's old, brown cow? (1 mark)

3. Why did Jack's mother turn green? (1 mark)

4. How can you tell the bean was magic? Give three examples. (3 marks)

(1) _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

5. Read the text in the table below. Find evidence in the text to support each inference. (2 marks)

Inference	Evidence
Jack was excited when climbing the beanstalk for the first time.	
The Giant's voice is very loud.	

6. How does the Giant find people climbing the beanstalk? (1 mark)

7. He heard the Giant **mutter** twice, 'By gosh, that tasted very nice'. What does the word **mutter** tell you about the way the Giant spoke? (1 mark)

8. Using the numbers 1 to 5, put the events in order. (2 marks)

Event
Jack spots the golden leaves on the beanstalk.

Order

Jack's mother asks him to sell their cow.
Jack tells his mother about the <i>Giant</i> .
The <i>Giant</i> shouts, 'FEE FI FO FUM!'
Jack's mother is eaten by the <i>Giant</i> .

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