

# Jack and the Beanstalk

## Play Script

### Cast List

Narrator 1	Jack's mother
Narrator 2	Cow
Narrator 3	Magic beans seller
Narrator 4	Giant
Jack	

### Scene List

1. In the garden, outside Jack's house
2. The road to market
3. In the kitchen, at Jack's house
4. Jack's bedroom
5. Inside the giant's castle
6. In the garden, outside Jack's house



### Scene 1 – In the garden, outside Jack’s house

**Jack, his mother and the cow are on stage. Jack and his mother are wearing old clothes. They are all stood in the garden, outside their small cottage. The house is old.**

**Narrator 1:** Once upon a time, there lived a boy called Jack.

**Narrator 2:** Jack and his mother were very poor. Their most valuable possession was a cow.

**Cow:** Moooooo!

**Narrator 3:** One day, Jack’s mother asked him to take the cow to market, to sell.

**Jack’s mother points off stage. Jack and the cow exit at one side, his mother at the other side.**

### Scene 2 – The road to market

**Jack and the cow come back onto the stage. He is leading his cow to market. He walks around the stage.**

**Jack:** We are sorry to have to sell you, Daisy.

**Cow:** Moooooo!

**Jack:** (stops, then points) Who’s that coming towards us? He’s dressed in very fine clothes. I don’t think I’ve ever seen this man around here before!

**Magic beans trader comes onto the stage.**

**Magic beans trader:** Good day, young man. Are you taking your cow to market?

**Jack:** Yes.

**Magic beans trader:** I have just left the market as I couldn't find a cow to buy. Today must be my lucky day!

**Jack:** How much will you give me for her?

**Magic beans trader looks at the cow.**

**Magic beans trader:** Something even more precious than money... magic beans! Plant them tonight and all your wishes will come true.

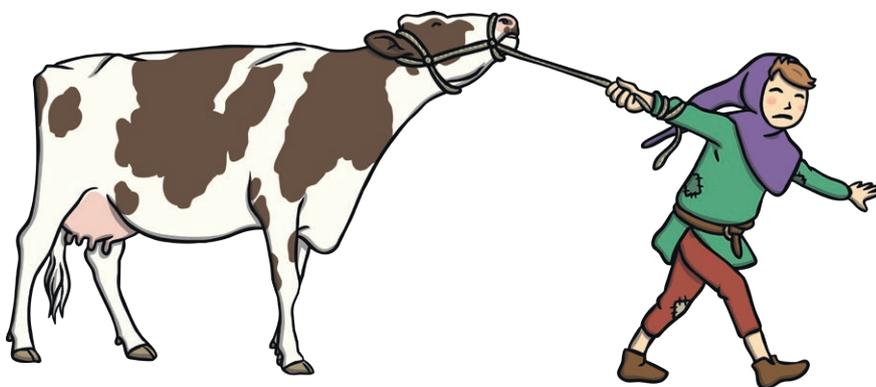
**He hands over the beans.**

**Jack:** Wow, thank you! Please take care of her.

**Magic beans trader and the cow exit the stage.**

**Jack:** (happy) I think it must be MY lucky day!

**Jack exits the stage.**



### Scene 3 – In the kitchen, at Jack's house

**There is a kitchen table and two chairs. Jack is sat down and Jack's mother is standing over him, holding the beans.**

**Jack's mother:** (shouting and cross) YOU DID WHAT?!

**Jack:** I thought you'd be happy Mother!

**Jack's mother:** (shouting and cross) Happy? HAPPY? You've sold our precious cow for some colourful... BEANS?

**Jack:** Not just any old beans... they're magic!

**Jack's mother:** (shouting and cross) Magic? Nonsense! Now we will have nothing to eat!

**Jack's mother moves to the side of the stage and throws the beans off to the side.**

**Jack's mother:** (shouting and pointing) Go to bed Jack!

**Jack exits the stage with his head down and Jack's mother storms off stage in the opposite direction.**

**Magic wand sound effect.**

**A cockerel sound effect.**



### Scene 4 – Jack’s bedroom

Jack is sat up in bed, stretching and yawning. Jack’s mother is off stage.

Jack’s mother: (shouting excitedly) JACK! JACK! Look outside your window!

Jack rushes out of bed to go and look out of his window (at the side of the stage where the beans were thrown by his mother). He looks amazed.

Narrator 4: Jack looked outside his window and saw an enormous... a gigantic... beanstalk!

Jack: Am I dreaming? How? Where? Why?

Jack runs off stage.

Narrator 1: Jack ran outside. His mother told him not to, but he climbed it anyway.

Narrator 2: He climbed higher and higher and higher. When Jack got to the top, he saw a huge castle.



### Scene 5 – Inside the giant’s castle

Jack is stood inside the giant’s castle. He is looking up at the huge furniture. On a large table, is a golden harp and a hen. There is also a chair for the giant.

Jack: Wow! Everything is massive here! I wonder who lives here?

Narrator 3: Then, Jack heard a noise and went to hide.

**Jack runs and hides in the corner of the stage, then the giant comes onto the stage, stamping his feet.**

Giant: (loud) fee, fi, fo, fum, I smell the blood of an Englishman!

Everyone: (sharp intake of breath)

Giant: (loud) fee, fi, fo, fum, I smell the blood of an Englishman!

**The giant sits down at the table with the hen and golden harp.**

Giant: Lay!

Narrator 4: The hen laid a gold egg.

Giant: Sing!

Narrator 1: The harp began to sing a beautiful lullaby, then the giant fell asleep.

Giant: (snoring noises)

**As soon as the giant is asleep, Jack slowly crawls out from his hiding place, passes the giant quietly, pressing his finger against his lips to the audience.**

**Jack then stands up and grabs the hen and harp.**

Everyone: Help, master!

**Jack is frozen to the spot.**

Narrator 2: The giant wakes up when he hears his hen.

Giant: (grumpy and loud) What was that? Fee, Fi, Fo, Fum, I smell the blood of an Englishman! (pointing at Jack) You! Come here!

Jack: (shouting) Arrrrrrrr!

**Giant chases Jack off the stage.**

### **Scene 6 – In the garden, outside Jack’s house**

**The bottom of the beanstalk is in the garden.**

Narrator 3: Jack climbed down the beanstalk as fast as he could. The giant came after him.

Narrator 4: As Jack got to the bottom, he shouted for help.

**Jack’s mother comes onto the stage with an axe, pretending to chop down the beanstalk.**

Jack’s mother: (counting with every chop) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10!

### Jack's mother stops chopping.

Jack's mother: (shouting up) That should do it! Be ready to jump Jack!

Everyone: Timber!

### Symbols crashing sound effect, then Jack comes onto the stage carrying the harp and hen.

Jack's mother: (happy and hugging Jack) Jack, you're safe!

Jack: Thanks mother, I was nearly at the bottom so I jumped onto the soft hay in the field, then I heard a big splash. I think the giant fell into the sea!

Look mother, a hen which lays golden eggs and a harp that sings the most beautiful songs. We will never be hungry again!

### Jack's mother looks very pleased.

Everyone: Hurray!

Narrator 1: And as for the giant, he was never seen again.

Narrator 2: And Jack and his mother...

Everyone: ...lived happily ever after!

**The End**

