

Fairy tale: 'Jack and the Beanstalk'

From 'Jack and the Beanstalk' by Vivian French

Jack's mother took in other people's washing to make a little money, but as she got older she found this harder and harder. Jack was no help to her. He dropped the washing and lost the pegs and forgot to look to see if it was raining. He was much too busy sitting on the doorstep singing 'Dee-dah diddle-di-dee'.

At last there was no money left at all.

'Jack!' said his mother, and there were tears in her eyes. 'Jack! You must take poor Daisy to market and sell her. Sell her for as much money as you can, for we have nothing left.'

Get started

Copy the sentences and complete them using words from the story.

1. Jack's mother took in other people's _____ to make a little _____.
2. As she got older she found this _____ and _____.
3. At last there was no _____ left at _____.
4. Jack had to take poor Daisy to _____ and _____ her.



Try these

Ask a teacher for help with any words in the story you do not know. Write a sentence to answer each question.

1. What was Jack singing?
2. Why did Jack's mother tell him to sell Daisy?
3. Why do you think Jack's mother had tears in her eyes?
4. Who do you think Daisy is?



Now try these

1. What is Jack like? Write a sentence.
2. Draw a picture of Jack going to the market. Add a sentence to show what Jack is thinking.

