

Suitcase Stories

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Jack and the Beanstalk

Activities Pack

**Welcome one and welcome all to the
Jack and the Beanstalk Creative Writing Worksheet!**

**A storyteller wanders the land telling the story of Jack and the
Beanstalk, carrying everything he needs on his back!**

**The tasks we have included are designed to inspired you to write,
help unlock your creativity
and make your own shadow puppet theatre!**

**Whether you're a published poet, a novice novelist or a complete
beginner – we believe everyone can play with words and pictures.**

Happy creating!

Warm Up...

Grab yourself a pen and some paper, and a clock or stopwatch.

Imagine you woke up one morning and there was beanstalk outside your house. Imagine you climbed it, all the way to the top... Set the timer and give yourself five minutes to write a list: What would you find at the top? Who would you meet? What adventures would you have? Try not to think too hard, just start making your list and see what comes out. When the timer stops- STOP!

Task 1...

Grab a new piece of paper and write the sentence '**One upon a time ...**'

This time, set the timer for 10 minutes. Read the starting point again... and WRITE! Don't worry about structure, spelling or grammar- just write whatever comes to mind.

Jack and the Beanstalk is a Fairy Tale.

To make your own Fairy Tale there are some things you might want to include:

- Characters - a hero/heroine, a villain, a monster, someone who helps, a magician... maybe even a circus cow!
- Places - a forest, a castle, a village, a river, mountains, an attic.
- A BIG event - a quest, a rescue, a treasure hunt.

When the ten minutes are up, look back over your words. It may be nonsense, but there may also be one or two really good ideas that jump out at you. You could make your story into a comic strip, flip book, or even a record it like an audio book!

Task 2...

Make your own shadow puppets show!

You will need:

Puppets (You'll need card or thick paper, sticks or straws and tape!)

A light source (a torch or a lamp will do!)

A "Stage" (A sheet of paper or a bedsheet works perfectly!)

To make the puppets you can use the templates on the next two pages, or create your own! Simply draw and cut out the puppets on your card, and attach the sticks or straws using tape. Set up your bedsheet (we like using two chairs to hold it up) and put the light source behind it. Now, pop your puppets between the light and the sheet, and see the magic unfold! You can recreate the story of Jack and the Beanstalk, or see if you can bring your own story to life!

We would love to read some of your responses, so if you would like to share them with us please send to jo@forestforgetheatre, tag us on social media, or visit our website to find out more!
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