

## Title: The Trial of Jack Bean

### Word Study

Fill in the blanks using the words.

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| defense | evidence | jury | sack | theft |
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1. There is no evidence that she was in the house last night.
2. The jury must decide if the boy is guilty.
3. The defense lawyer says that Mr. Brown did not steal the car.
4. The theft took place at night when the store was closed.
5. It was hard to carry the heavy sack of potatoes.

## Reading Comprehension

### A. Circle T for true or F for false.

1. Jack is on trial for stealing. T / F
2. Jack climbed the beanstalk to see where it went. T / F
3. The judge will decide if Jack is guilty or innocent. T / F
4. Each witness has to say their name first. T / F
5. Jack did not know the giant was on the beanstalk when he cut it down. T / F

### B. Circle the correct word(s).

1. Jake's mother (planted / threw) the beans outside.
2. The first thing Jack saw at the top of the beanstalk was a (castle / harp).
3. The prosecutor's job is to prove that Jack is (guilty / innocent).
4. Jack was scared of the giant because of the giant's (song / size).
5. The prosecution says that Jack did not want the giant to (call the police on / kill) him.

### C. Choose the best answer.

1. What did Jack do after he saw the beanstalk?

- a. He woke up his mom.
- b. He killed the giant.
- c. He ate breakfast.
- d. He climbed it.

2. Which of the following is something Jack is NOT on trial for stealing?

- a. Gold coins
- b. A goose
- c. An axe
- d. A harp

3. What does the clerk make witnesses do?

- a. Promise to tell the truth
- b. Take a seat
- c. Bring in evidence
- d. Listen to the lawyers

4. Why did the Giant's wife give Jack the harp and the gold?

- a. So he would not hurt her
- b. So he would not kill the giant
- c. So he would leave the house
- d. So he would come back to visit

5. What does the jury do at the end of the trial?

- a. They ask the witnesses questions.
- b. They meet with Jack and talk to him.
- c. They talk about the evidence and witnesses.
- d. They talk to the judge and the lawyers about the case.

## Summary

Fill in the blanks with the words.

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| prosecutor | overseeing | verdict | courtroom | harp |
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Jack Bean is in a courtroom. He is on trial for killing Mr. A. Giant and stealing from him. The facts of the case are simple: Jack traded his cow for magic beans that grew into a big beanstalk. Jack climbed up and found a castle in the sky. He entered the castle and left with gold, a harp, and a goose. While returning to earth, he cut down the beanstalk and killed the giant. In court there is a jury and a judge who is overseeing the case. There are also two lawyers. One is a prosecutor who wants the jury to find Jack guilty. The other is a defense lawyer. The first witness in the trial is Jack's mom. She says that Jack is good and wouldn't steal. The next witness is Jack. He says that the Giant's wife gave him the gold to leave the castle. She told him the Giant would kill him. Jack cut down the beanstalk to protect himself. The jury's verdict is "innocent."