

e-future Classic Readers

LEVEL 5-7

Jack and His Master



A Celtic Fairy Tale

A Match the words to the correct definitions.

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| 1. bargain | • | • | a. doing something to hurt someone because that person did something to hurt you |
| 2. sharpen | • | • | b. to move or take (something) away from a place |
| 3. remove | • | • | c. a small area of a surface |
| 4. furious | • | • | d. to make (something) sharp or sharper |
| 5. revenge | • | • | e. very angry |
| 6. straw | • | • | f. an agreement in which people say they will do or give something in exchange for something else |
| 7. patch | • | • | g. the dry stems of wheat and other grain plants |

B Write the synonym for the given word. Change the form if needed.

idiot

entire

afterward

wages

injured

- _____ the Gray Churl thought of a plan to get rid of Jack.
later
- “You _____ !” his master shouted in anger.
fool
- When he came back, he was badly _____ .
hurt
- Jack ate his _____ lunch right there.
whole
- “If you refuse to do something I command, you lose a month’s _____ .
payment

C Write the correct word to complete the sentence.

on with of over to down

1. He made me **agree** _____ a terrible thing.
2. The Gray Churl thought long and hard and **came up** _____ a plan.
3. Jack **spilled** the gold all _____ the table.
4. The agreement **was written** _____ and signed.
5. He decided he would **get rid** _____ Jack.
6. "I will **take revenge** _____ that horrible man," he said.

D Write the phrases next to their meanings. Then fill in the blanks.

jump for joy

teach (someone) a lesson

right then and there

So be it.

1. _____ : to be extremely happy
2. _____ : immediately; at that moment
3. _____ : to punish someone for doing something bad so they won't do it again
4. _____ : used for saying that you accept something, although you aren't happy about it
5. Her boss was so mad when she refused to follow orders, he fired her _____ .
6. The girl didn't _____ when she got a pair of socks as a gift.
7. I don't want you to leave. But if you have to, then _____ .
8. My little brother keeps cheating when we play cards. I should _____ .

A Circle T for true or F for false. (pp. 6-11)

1. The oldest son worked for the Gray Churl for almost a year. T / F
2. The Gray Churl took skin from the backs of all three of the brothers. T / F
3. Jack's mother begged him to get revenge. T / F
4. Jack wanted to punish the Gray Churl and get money at the same time. T / F
5. Jack had to do what his master said, or he would lose money. T / F
6. The Gray Churl couldn't fire Jack in less than a year, or he would lose skin. T / F

B Answer the questions. (pp. 13-18)

1. **Why did Jack go to bed in the morning?**
 - a. Because he was too hungry to work
 - b. Because he had already eaten his dinner
 - c. Because his master's wife told him to
2. **Which is NOT true about the Gray Churl?**
 - a. He was angry when he saw Jack in bed.
 - b. He told Jack to get to work.
 - c. He refused to give Jack a month's wages.
3. **What happened to the three cows that Jack was looking for?**

The Gray Churl _____ .

4. **Why did the Gray Churl fire Jack?**

Because he _____ .

C Circle the right answer and write it in the blank.

1. Jack and the Gray Churl had a _____ agreement.
written / spoken
2. Jack stole some of his master's _____ .
food / money
3. Jack got revenge by _____ what the Gray Churl told him to do.
not doing / doing exactly
4. The Gray Churl gave Jack _____ payment.
one year's / four years'
5. Jack was brave _____ .
and clever / but silly

D Complete the summary with the correct words.

bed horrible gold bargain fired straw poor

Three brothers lived with their 1. _____ mother. The eldest went to work for a 2. _____ master, the Gray Churl, who took a patch of skin from his back. It was because the young man quit before a year was up. After the same thing happened to the middle son, the youngest son made a 3. _____ with the Gray Churl. If he quit before a year was up, his master could take a patch of skin from him. But if he got 4. _____ , he could take a patch of skin from the Gray Churl. Jack then tricked his master by following commands too perfectly. He ate dinner in the morning and then went to 5. _____ , because that was the rule. When the Gray Churl told him to look everywhere for three missing cows, Jack looked on the roof. He removed half the 6. _____. The Gray Churl fired him, so Jack got ready to take a patch of his skin. To stop him, the Gray Churl gave Jack a large bag of 7. _____.