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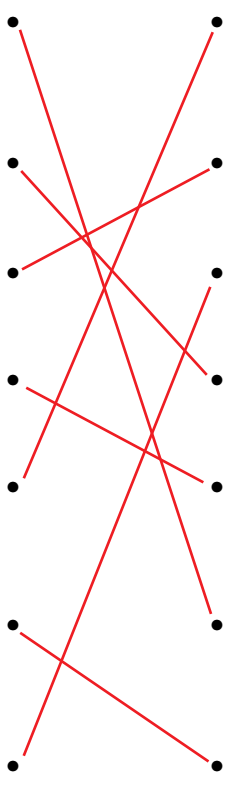
LEVEL 5-7

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

idiot

entire

afterward

wages

injured

1. Afterward
later the Gray Churl thought of a plan to get rid of Jack.
2. "You idiot
fool !" his master shouted in anger.
3. When he came back, he was badly injured
hurt .
4. Jack ate his entire
whole lunch right there.
5. "If you refuse to do something I command, you lose a month's
wages
payment .

C Write the correct word to complete the sentence.

on with of over to down

1. He made me **agree** to a terrible thing.
2. The Gray Churl thought long and hard and **came up** with a plan.
3. Jack **spilled** the gold all over the table.
4. The agreement **was written** down and signed.
5. He decided he would **get rid** of Jack.
6. "I will **take revenge** on 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. jump for joy : to be extremely happy
2. right then and there : immediately; at that moment
3. teach (someone) a lesson : to punish someone for doing something bad so they won't do it again
4. So be it : 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 right then and there.
6. The girl didn't jump for joy when she got a pair of socks as a gift.
7. I don't want you to leave. But if you have to, then so be it.
8. My little brother keeps cheating when we play cards. I should teach him a lesson.

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 had sent them to the butcher.

4. Why did the Gray Churl fire Jack?

Because he had removed the straw from more than half the roof.

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

1. Jack and the Gray Churl had a written agreement.
written / spoken
2. Jack stole some of his master's food.
food / money
3. Jack got revenge by doing exactly what the Gray Churl told him to do.
not doing / doing exactly
4. The Gray Churl gave Jack four years' payment.
one year's / four years'
5. Jack was brave and clever.
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. poor mother. The eldest went to work for a 2. horrible 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. bargain 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. fired, 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. bed, 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. straw. 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. gold.