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# before reading

- 1 This story about Prince Jake is called *The Dragon Dungeon*. **Look** at the picture on the front cover of the book. **Fill in** the missing letters to **name** as many things as possible in the picture.



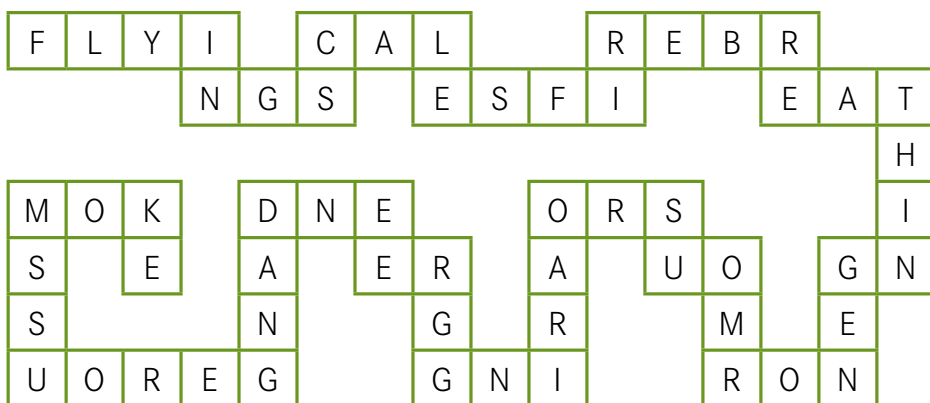
P\_\_\_\_\_ Jake is wearing striped  
p\_\_\_\_\_ with a r\_\_\_\_\_  
crest on the p\_\_\_\_\_. He is hold-  
ing a t\_\_\_\_\_ in one hand and he  
looks very f\_\_\_\_\_. Behind Jake  
is an enormous, hairy d\_\_\_\_\_,  
with big t\_\_\_\_\_, pointed  
e\_\_\_\_\_, a long t\_\_\_\_\_  
and sharp claws.

- 2 **Read** the title of the story out loud again.

The letter *g* in *Dragon* and the letter *g* in *Dungeon* are pronounced in different ways. **Say** these words from the story and **decide** how the letter “g” is pronounced.

	“g” as in “ <i>Dragon</i> ”	“g” as in “ <i>Dungeon</i> ”
<b>G</b> orgeous		
<b>G</b> eorge		
<b>G</b> host		
<b>E</b> nergy		
<b>G</b> oalkeeper		
<b>G</b> allery		
<b>G</b> ood doggy		
<b>G</b> old		

- 3 What do you know about dragons? **Separate** the dragon words in this word-snake.



**Write** two sentences using some of these words to describe a dragon.

*Dragons are enormous frightening creatures which can fly and breathe fire.*

- 4 Look at the back cover of the book. Decide if these sentences are True (T) or False (F).

Jake was not afraid to go into the Dragon Dungeon.

Jake was frightened of ghosts.

Jake was not frightened of anything.

The Dragon Dungeon was under the royal castle.

The Dragon Dungeon was full of dragons.

**5** **Look** at the back cover of the book again. There are two words with similar meanings - “scared” and “frightened”. **Unscramble** these words which also mean something similar.

TEFIRRIED \_\_\_\_\_

VOUSNER \_\_\_\_\_

ARAFID \_\_\_\_\_

FULFEAR \_\_\_\_\_

HOREDFIRI \_\_\_\_\_

**6** Jake is always playing tricks on his sister, and in this book his little brother Ned encourages him to do something he doesn’t want to do.

Do you have a little brother or a big sister like Prince Jake?

\_\_\_\_\_

Are you friends with them or are you more like Jake?

\_\_\_\_\_

What things do you do together?

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- 7 The Dragon Dungeon gets its name from the design on the key and the keyhole. **Draw** the key and the keyhole for the Lion Dungeon or the Eagle Dungeon.



# during reading

## Chapter 1 & 2

- 1 **Unjumble** what everybody was thinking and then **complete** the sentences.

RO TSA POTOTAES \_\_\_\_\_

BRACLETE \_\_\_\_\_

GOGUSORE GEROEG \_\_\_\_\_

PINGYAL FOTALLOB \_\_\_\_\_

NIGYALP JEKOS \_\_\_\_\_

King Nicholas was thinking about \_\_\_\_\_

Princess Petunia was thinking about \_\_\_\_\_

Prince Jake was thinking about \_\_\_\_\_

Queen Caroline was thinking about her \_\_\_\_\_

Prince Ned was thinking about \_\_\_\_\_

- 2 **Match** the objects from Chapter One with the adjectives which describe them.

delicious

brother

rusty

lesson

younger

match

national

charm

polo

cries

lucky

keyhole

ghostly

team

sports

pudding

3 **Fill in** the missing information about the dungeons.

key bracelet rats cries ghost spiders

Jake and Ned knew the dungeons were full of \_\_\_\_\_.

Jake thought he had possibly heard a \_\_\_\_\_ in the dungeons.

Petunia didn't want to go down to the dungeons because they were full of \_\_\_\_\_.

The missing \_\_\_\_\_ is probably in the dungeons.

Mrs Pinny said she had definitely heard \_\_\_\_\_ in the dungeon.

Mrs Pinny said the \_\_\_\_\_ to the middle dungeon had disappeared.

4 Queen Caroline wanted the King to stop eating and play football with the princes. She said that nobody wanted a fat king!

**Decide** what things you think would be good for King Nicholas and what things would be bad for him.

Good for King Nicholas	Bad for King Nicholas
Playing football	15 roast potatoes
	5 plates of chocolate pudding



- 5 Prince Ned was excited because Hat-Trick Haywood, captain of the national football team, was coming to the castle to give them a football lesson.

**Imagine** what these famous people could teach the royal children.

Madonna could teach them... to sing.

Marco Polo could teach them... \_\_\_\_\_

Galileo could teach them... \_\_\_\_\_

Einstein could teach them... \_\_\_\_\_

Darwin could teach them... \_\_\_\_\_

- 6 Jake found a rusty old key in the flowerbed in the shape of a dragon's head. **Complete** the sentences with your guesses about the key.

**must be (100% sure - present)**

**must have been (100% sure - past)**

**might be / could be (50% sure - present)**

**can't be (0% sure - present)**

The key \_\_\_\_\_ lost for years and years.

It \_\_\_\_\_ a very modern key.

It \_\_\_\_\_ a very old key.

It \_\_\_\_\_ a very heavy key.

It \_\_\_\_\_ the key to the Dragon Dungeon.

- 7 **Listen** to Chapters 1 and 2 on the CD while you read your book. **Repeat** these extracts as dramatically as you can.

*"WHERE'S MY BRACELET?"* (the Queen shouted.)

*"I'm not scared of ANYTHING!"* (said Jake)

*"Shall I be goalkeeper?"* (the King huffed and puffed)

## Chapter 3 & 4

- 1 The Prune told the royal children the history of the Dragon Dungeon and Earl Jeremiah. **Decide** if you think these sentences are True (T) or False (F).

The Dragon Dungeon had real dragons living there.

The Dragon Dungeon was where the country's enemies were imprisoned.

The Dragon Dungeon had horrible torture equipment stored there.

Earl Jeremiah was a king 500 years ago.

Earl Jeremiah was a thief 500 years ago.

Earl Jeremiah died in the Dragon Dungeon 500 years ago.

- 2 **Choose** the correct meaning.

When Ned shouted "Give that back!" he meant:

the spider

the key

the dog

When Petunia asked "What's the magic word?" she meant:

Abracadabra.

Hey presto.

Please.

When Jake whispered "G-g-good doggy," he meant:

I hate you.

Go away.

Be my friend.

When Petunia shouted "Night night!" she meant:

She wanted Jake to stay in the dungeon till the morning.

She wanted to sleep in the dungeon.

She wanted it to be dark.

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**Identify** these pictures from the book. What was happening? How did the children feel?



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- 4 **Read** this paragraph from Chapter Four. **Answer** the questions about the paragraph.

Jake shivered with cold in the dark dungeon. He turned on the torch and shivered again when he saw the torture equipment. *Was this where* Earl Jeremiah was tortured and killed as a traitor? Jake shivered as he looked at the iron rings in the wall - *was this where* Earl Jeremiah was chained up like a dog? Jake shivered again as something ran over his foot...Ugh!...What was it? A spider? A cockroach? A rat?

Was Jake cold in the dungeon? \_\_\_\_\_

Was Jake frightened in the dungeon? \_\_\_\_\_

Did Jake know Earl Jeremiah had definitely been in the dungeon? \_\_\_\_\_

Did Jake imagine Earl Jeremiah in the dungeon? \_\_\_\_\_

- 5 **Put** what Jake saw in order.

A ghostly white shape

A dog looking at him.

Two eyes

Four legs

A dog sniffing the cold air.

The dog howling.

A long nose

The dog turning its head.

A strange light

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- 6 **Listen** to Chapters 3 and 4 on the CD while you read your book. **Notice** how the sounds are repeated in these phrases. **Repeat** them.

Dragon Dungeon.

Traitors and Torture.

Black hair and a black beard and a big grey dog.

Jake put the dragon key into the dragon keyhole.

## Chapter 5 & 6

- 1 **Match** the beginnings and ends of these sentences about the ghost dog.

The ghost dog came up to Jake because...

...it wanted Jake to move them.

The dog's nose was cold because...

...it wanted him to continue.

The dog walked away then looked at Jake again because...

...it was a ghost.

The dog touched the stones because...

...it wanted him to follow.

The dog barked because...

...it wanted his help.

- 2 **Unjumble** the words. **Put** them in the order Jake saw them.

LTERER \_\_\_\_\_

CATLES \_\_\_\_\_

FOLOLATB FEIDL \_\_\_\_\_

ONOM \_\_\_\_\_

SEVILR XBO \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

- 3 **Look** at the letter from Robert West on page 47. **Decide** if you think these sentences are True (T) or False (F).

Earl Jeremiah wrote the letter.

Earl Jeremiah was a thief and a traitor.

Robert West was a thief and a traitor.

Earl Jeremiah made the tunnel so Robert West could escape.

Robert West made the tunnel so Earl Jeremiah could escape.

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The royal children have quite a lot of rules for life in the castle.

**Read** the rules the Queen reminds them of and invent five more!

*Royal children should stay in bed at night.*

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*Royal children should not go down to the dungeons at night.*

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*Royal children cannot play with swords.*

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**Put** the words in order to **make** sentences and **write** how everybody felt at the end of the story.

the dungeon. / Ned was / inside  
/ saw / surprised / he / Jake was not / when

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The / King / and Queen / the boys / were /  
beds. / worried / in their / when / weren't

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the spider / Petunia / was / when / was inside / her dress. / terrified

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his adventure. / excited / was / when  
/ he told / family / about his / Jake

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when / excited / King Nicholas / letter. / was / the / he read

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6 **Decide** who wanted what in the final chapter.

Queen Caroline wanted \_\_\_\_\_.

King Nicholas wanted \_\_\_\_\_.

Prince Ned wanted \_\_\_\_\_.

Princess Petunia wanted \_\_\_\_\_.

Prince Jake wanted \_\_\_\_\_.

7 **Listen** to Chapters 5 and 6 on the CD while you read your book.

**Repeat** these questions and **decide** who asked who?

“W-w-what do you want?”

*Jake asked the ghost dog.*

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

“What do you want me to do?”

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

“How did you escape?”

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

“Why are you so dirty?”

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

“What’s the magic word?”

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



1 **Match** these words from the story with their definitions.

Rusty	frightening and ghostly
Shiver	very handsome and good-looking
Spooky	old metal covered in red
Huffed and puffed	something which was put into a hole in the ground and covered over
Gorgeous	to shake with cold or fright
Wobbled	moving like a jelly
Buried	breathing with difficulty, making a loud noise

Now **put** the word into the correct sentences.

Petunia was in love with \_\_\_\_\_ George, who played polo on her team.

When King Nicholas played football he \_\_\_\_\_ and his big fat tummy and bottom \_\_\_\_\_.

Jake found a \_\_\_\_\_ key in the flowerbed.

The \_\_\_\_\_ dungeon made Jake \_\_\_\_\_ with cold and fear.

The ghost dog showed Jake where the \_\_\_\_\_ treasure was.

2 There are lots of frightening things in the story – spiders and dungeons and ghosts. What are you afraid of? What are your friends afraid of? **Write** a list.

I'm afraid of \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

My friends are afraid of \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_



**3 Match** the beginning and end of each sentence and write the story. Read it out loud to your partner.

The princes went down to the dungeons...

...to his family.

The King ripped his football kit...

...to get their mother's bracelet.

Prince Jake caught a spider...

...from the king.

The Princess took the key to the dungeon...

...playing with his sons.

Robert West stole the treasure...

...so her brother could not escape.

Prince Jake showed the treasure...

...to put inside his sister's dress.

**4 Imagine** Jake had his mobile phone with him and had taken a photo of the dungeon.

**Draw** what Jake saw.

