

# 1 Beastly tales

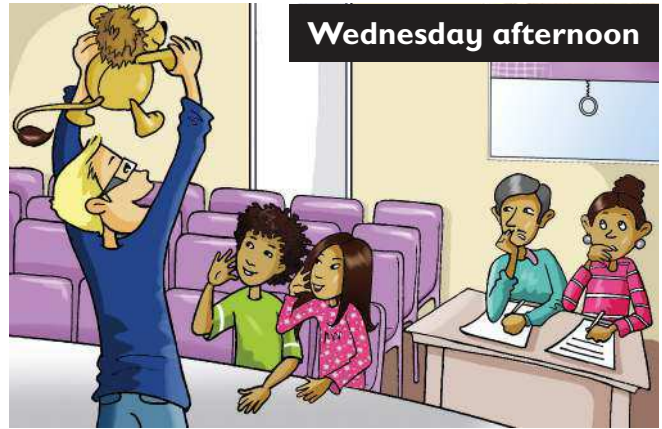
Show what you know! What animals can you remember?

## Listening

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Listen and check (✓) the animals you hear.



2 Listen again and answer the questions.

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- 1 What time's the audition going to be?
- 2 Who's going to go to the audition?
- 3 Which part's he going to do?
- 4 Who's going to be King of the Beasts?

A quarter to four.

- 5 Which part are they going to give Dan?
- 6 What are they going to write about?

3 Read and match.

- 1 Who's going to
- 2 The audition
- 3 Dan's going to
- 4 Maria and Alex are
- 5 Dan isn't going to
- 6 Maria and Alex aren't going
- 7 What are they going

- a is going to be on Wednesday.
- b to be in the play.
- c go to the audition.
- d be the monkey.
- e to write about?
- f be in the play?
- g going to watch him.



**LOOK**

I'm going to go to the audition. We aren't going to choose you. Are you going to be in the play?



4 Choose words from the box to complete the text.

have    movies    want    bird    restaurant    see    rocks    ~~going~~    pets    island



Helen and Robert are (1) going to go to the (2) \_\_\_\_\_ tomorrow. They're going to (3) \_\_\_\_\_ a movie called *My Family and Other Animals*. The movie's from a book by Gerald Durrell, and it's about his life when he was ten years old. In the movie the boy lives on an (4) \_\_\_\_\_. He has some friends, but a lot of his friends are different (5) \_\_\_\_\_. He has a (6) \_\_\_\_\_ called Ulysses, a turtle called Achilles, and a lot of spiders. Helen and Robert are going to have a great time because it's a very funny movie.

5 Read again and answer.

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| <p>1 Where are Helen and Robert going to go?</p> <p>2 What are they going to see?</p> <p>3 What's the movie about?</p> | <p>4 How old is Gerald in the book?</p> <p>5 What pets does Gerald have?</p> <p>6 Why are Helen and Robert going to enjoy the movie?</p> |
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6 Read and cross out the extra word.

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|---|---|
| <p>1 We're are going to go to the theater tomorrow.</p> <p>2 We aren't going to see at <i>The Lion King</i>.</p> <p>3 I'm going to visit to my grandmother on Sunday.</p> | <p>4 What are you to going to see?</p> <p>5 Where do are you going to sit?</p> <p>6 She isn't going to sing on tonight.</p> |
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7 Write questions with "going to."

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|---|---|
| <p>1 Who / see / weekend?    Who are you going to see on the weekend?</p> <p>2 What / do / Monday / after school?</p> <p>3 play basketball / tomorrow afternoon?</p> <p>4 Where / go / Friday / after school?</p> | <p>5 What / watch / TV / tomorrow?</p> <p>6 When / do / homework?</p> |
|---|---|

8 Ask and answer.

Who are you going to see on the weekend?

I'm going to see my cousins.

## Reading

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Read and think. How many of the beasts are part bird?

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★ There are many ancient stories from different countries. Some are about heroes and strange and exciting beasts that aren't real. These stories are called myths.

## Kid's Box reports

## Myths

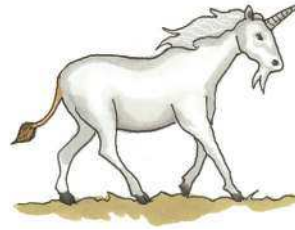
a



Griffins have the head, wings, front legs, and claws of an eagle and the body and back legs of a lion. They make nests from gold.

c

A unicorn is a beautiful white horse with one long horn on its head. It has a goat's feet and beard and a lion's tail.



f



Harpies are uglier than sirens. They live in nests and steal food from people.

b



A dragon is a beast that has the body of a lizard, so they don't have fur like a cat or feathers like a bird; they have scales like a fish. Some dragons have a bat's wings, and some can breathe fire.

d

The centaur is part horse, too, but it has a man's head and top half of the body and the body and legs of a horse.



g



Sometimes people think sirens are the same as mermaids, but mermaids are half woman, half fish. They have beautiful long hair, but they don't have legs. They have a big fish tail with scales.

e



Sirens and harpies are part bird, part woman, but they're different. Sirens live close to water. They sing beautifully, but they're dangerous because they cause people to sail their boats onto rocks.

eagle

claws

horn

feathers

scales

dragon

nest

mermaid

10



Listen. Repeat the word and say the letters.



1 Claws.

Claws. That's "a" and "f."

11

Read again and say "yes" or "no."

- Griffins have feathers on their wings.
- A dragon has the body of a lizard.
- A unicorn has two horns.

- A centaur has a goat's beard.
- Harpies live in nests.
- Sirens and mermaids are the same.

12



**12** Listen and choose the right words.

- 1 The story about the phoenix is a **song** / **myth** / **game**.
- 2 The phoenix was a beautiful **bird** / **lion** / **horse**.
- 3 The phoenix lived for **five** / **fifty** / **five hundred** years.
- 4 The first people to believe in the phoenix were the **Egyptians** / **Romans** / **Greeks**.
- 5 The phoenix was born in a **pond** / **a fire** / **a tree**.



**13** Read and complete. Order the pictures.

island sings ~~told~~ Fleece horse sea  
 Greece clearer do sports song

Myths and legends, stories of old,  
 Beastly tales that people (1) told ,  
 Adventures and monsters, strange animals, too,  
 Heroes who had great things to (2)                      .  
 The Greeks are famous, not just for (3)                      ,  
 But also for Jason and the Argonauts.  
 They wrote, in their mythology,  
 Of his adventures across the (4)                      .  
 Jason's bad uncle made him look for the "fleece."  
 Special wool made of gold, so they tell us in (5)                      .  
 He had a smart teacher, like yours, of course!  
 His teacher was a centaur – half man, half (6)                      .  
 The teacher told him all about the dangerous siren  
 Who could break his boat on rocks around the (7)                      .  
 She's half woman, half bird, with feathers and wings.  
 She sounds really beautiful when she (8)                      .  
 The Argonauts were sailing, and before too long,  
 They started to hear the siren's (9)                      .  
 It sounded beautiful, but they didn't go closer  
 "Cos Orpheus" music was louder and (10)                      .  
 This is part of the myth from ancient Greece  
 Of Jason and the Golden (11)                      .



**15** Invent an amazing mythical beast. Answer the questions.

- 1 What are you going to call it?  
 I'm going to call it a ...
- 2 What's your beast going to look like?  
 It's going to have a ...'s head, ...
- 3 What color's it going to be?
- 4 Is it going to have feathers, fur, or scales?
- 5 Does it have spots or stripes?  
 What else is it going to have on its body?

**16** Ask and answer about your beast in pairs.

**17** Draw and write about your beast.

**14** Listen and check. Say the rap.

**18** Focus on phonics



This is my mythical creature;  
 With a big mouth and golden feathers.  
 He loves acting in the theater,  
 And swimming in sunny weather.



**Speaking 19** Ask and answer. Use your imagination or the ideas in the box. Write your friend's answers.

- search for a dragon    explore an island    fly with a harpy
- sing with a siren    buy a pet griffin    swim with a mermaid
- play volleyball with a unicorn    sail across an ocean

What are you going to do next Monday?

I'm going to meet a centaur.

Monday	David's going to meet a centaur.
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	

**Writing 20** Write an email about your plans.

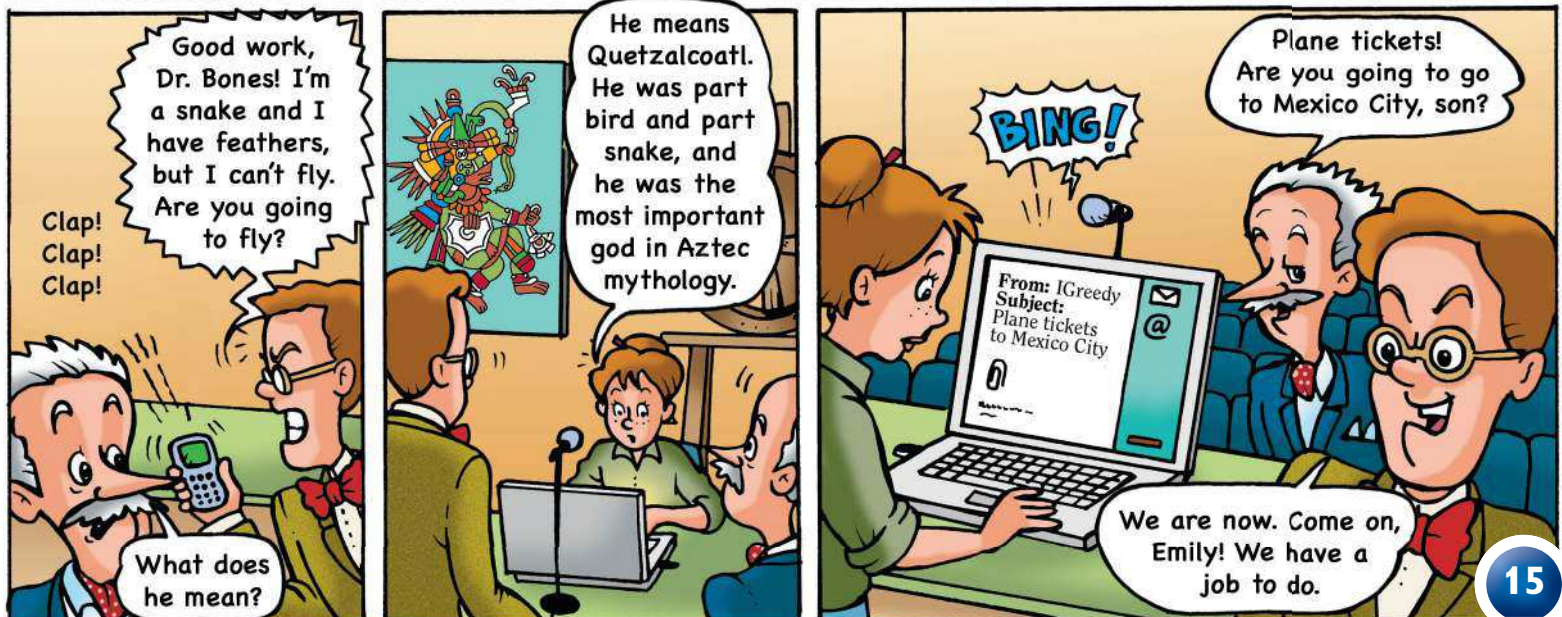
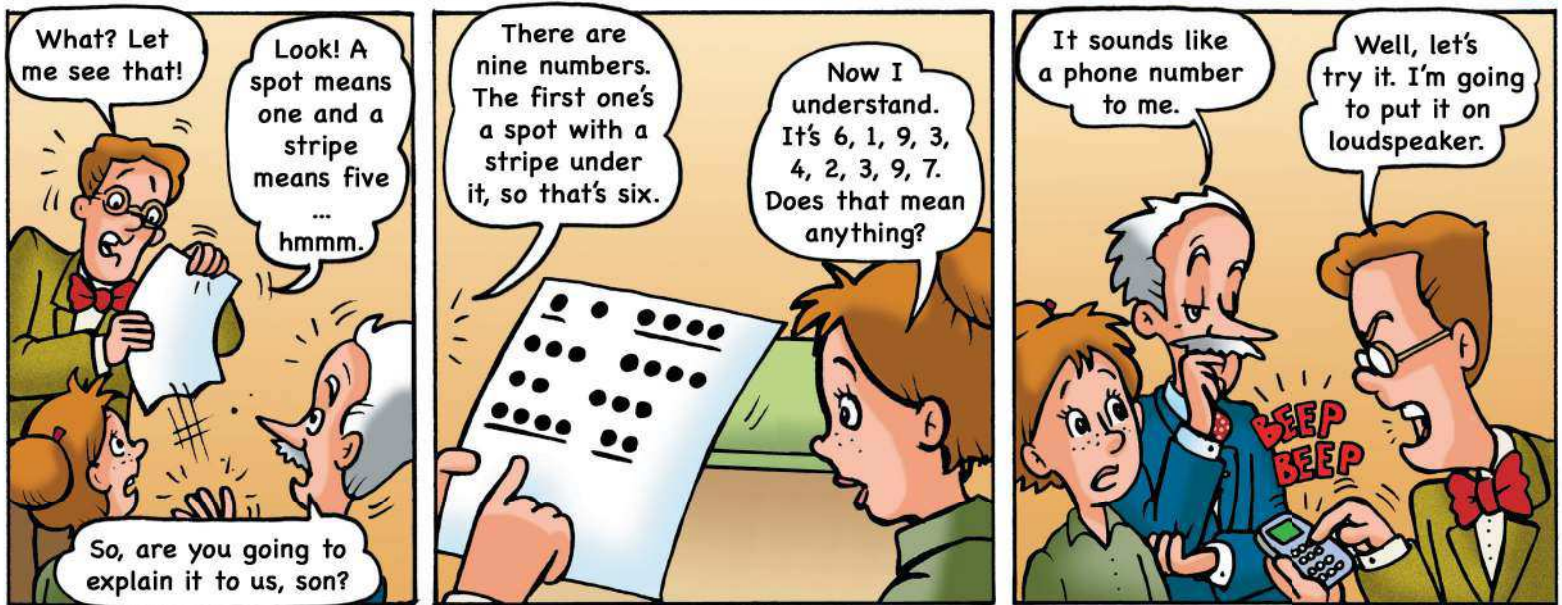
Hi, Elena  
 Next week, I'm going to be very busy.  
 On Monday I'm going to sail across an ocean with the Argonauts, and then ...

**Joke Corner**

**What kind of phone does a mermaid use?**

**A shell phone.**

# DIGGORY BONES



# Art Myths and legends

**FACT:** The characters in legends were often real people. King Arthur was a real person, but the sword in the stone is a legend.



## 1 Read and talk with your friend.

When we read books or someone tells us something, the information can be fact or fiction.

**Fact** means something that we know happened, is real, or is true.

**Fiction** means something that isn't real. It is imaginary.

**Think of three kinds of fiction texts and three kinds of fact texts.**

Myths and legends were some of the first stories that people told.

Both of them are kinds of fiction. In Greek myths there is usually a hero, beasts, a quest with challenges (difficult things the hero must do), and someone who helps the hero.

**Do you know any myths or legends? Talk about them. Who is in them? What do they do?**



## 2 Read the story. Copy and complete the diagram.

### Jason and the Argonauts

Jason was the son of a Greek king. His uncle, Pelias, was very bad and killed Jason's father because he wanted to become king. To protect Jason, his mother sent him to live with a centaur.

When he was older, Jason wanted to be king. Pelias wasn't happy, so he sent him on a very dangerous quest. He had to get the Golden Fleece and take it back to Pelias. This was difficult to get because a frightening dragon took care of it.

Jason sailed in the *Argo*, a special ship, with many other heroes who were called the Argonauts.

They had a lot of challenges: they had to fight the harpies and sail between two huge rocks. Jason finally arrived at the home of King Aetes, who gave him some more challenges. Medea, Aetes' daughter, helped Jason to get the fleece. On his way home, he had to escape from the sirens. He got back home, but he never became king.



Beasts: (2) ..... (3) .....  
 (4) ..... (5) .....

Hero: (6) .....

Name of the myth:  
 (1) .....

Challenges: (7) .....  
 (8) .....  
 (9) .....

Person who helps: (10) .....

**3** Look at the picture and read the story. Complete the sentences about the story. You can use 1, 2, 3, or 4 words.

**A** long time ago there were two Greek kings. Minos was the king of an island called Crete, and Aegeus was the king of a city called Athens. Minos built an enormous labyrinth on his island. Inside the labyrinth there was a terrible beast that was half man and half bull. It was called the Minotaur.

As part of a prize to Minos, Aegeus had to send some children to Crete every seven years. Minos put the children in the labyrinth, and the Minotaur ate them. Aegeus' son Theseus decided to help the children. He sailed to Crete with the children and killed the Minotaur. Minos' daughter, Ariadne, gave him some string to help him leave the labyrinth.

Before Theseus left Athens, he told his father that if the sail of his ship was white when he came back he was safe, but he forgot to change the color of the sail. When Aegeus saw the black sail, he felt very sad and jumped into the ocean.



- 1 Minos was the king ..... Crete.
- 2 The Minotaur lived in King Minos' .....
- 3 Every seven years the Minotaur ..... children from Athens.
- 4 King Minos had a daughter. Her ..... Ariadne.
- 5 Theseus didn't remember ..... of the sail.
- 6 Aegeus jumped into the ocean because .....

## Project

**Invent and write a myth. Make a book.**

### You need:

- Paper
- Colored markers
- 1 sheet of thin cardboard
- Stapler

### How to write the myth and make the book:

- 1 Think about these questions:  
 What special things can your hero do?  
 What does your beast look like?
- 2 Make a diagram like the one on page 16.
- 3 Fold the thin cardboard in half. Staple the paper inside to make your book.
- 4 Write your story with a beginning, a middle, and an end.
- 5 Write the title and draw a picture on the front.

