1 Beastly tales

Show what you know!  What animals can you remember?

Listening 1 Listen and tick (✓) the animals you hear.

What animals can you remember
Show what you know!

Listen again and answer the questions.

1 What time’s the audition going to be?
   - Three forty-five.

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

Read and match.

1 Who’s going to
2 The audition
3 Dan’s going to
4 Shari and Alvin are
5 Dan isn’t going to
6 Shari and Alvin 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.

I’m going to go to the audition.
We aren’t going to choose you.
Are you going to be in the play?
Choose words from the box to complete the text.

- have
- cinema
- 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 film called My Family and Other Animals. The film’s from a book by Gerald Durrell and it’s about his life when he was ten years old. In the film the boy lives on an (4) ________. He’s got some friends, but a lot of his friends are different (5) ________. He’s got a (6) ________ called Ulysses, a tortoise called Achilles and lots of spiders. Helen and Robert are going to have a great time because it’s a very funny film.

Read again and answer.

1. Where are Helen and Robert going to go?
2. What are they going to see?
3. What’s the film about?
4. How old is Gerald in the book?
5. What pets has Gerald got?
6. Why are Helen and Robert going to enjoy the film?

Read and cross out the extra word.

1. We’re going to go to the theatre tomorrow.
2. We aren’t going to see at The Lion King.
3. I’m going to visit my grandmother on Sunday.
4. What are you going to see?
5. Where do you going to sit?
6. She isn’t going to sing on tonight.

Write questions with ‘going to’.

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

Ask and answer.

Who are you going to see at the weekend? I’m going to see my cousins.
There are many ancient stories from different countries. Some are about heroes and strange and exciting beasts which aren’t real. These stories are called myths.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sometimes people think sirens are the same as mermaids, but mermaids are half woman, half fish. They’ve got beautiful long hair, but they haven’t got legs. They’ve got a big fish tail with scales.

10 Listen. Repeat the word and say the letters.  
1 Claws. That’s ‘a’ and ‘f’.  

11 Read again and say ‘yes’ or ‘no’.  
1 Griffins have got feathers on their wings.  
2 A dragon has the body of a lizard.  
3 A unicorn has got two horns.  
4 A centaur has got a goat’s beard.  
5 Harpies live in nests.  
6 Sirens and mermaids are the same.
Myths and legends, stories of old,
Beastly tales which people told,
Adventures and monsters, strange animals too,
Heroes who had great things to do.

The Greeks are famous, not just for their,
But also for Jason and the Argonauts.
They wrote, in their mythology,
Of his adventures across the sea.

Jason’s bad uncle made him look for the ‘fleece’.
Special wool made of gold, so they tell us in Greek.
He had a clever teacher, like yours, of course!
His teacher was a centaur – half man, half horse.

The teacher told him all about the dangerous siren
Who could break his boat on rocks round the island.
She’s half woman, half bird, with feathers and wings.
She sounds really beautiful when she sings.

The Argonauts were sailing and before too long,
They started to hear the siren’s song.
It sounded lovely, but they didn’t go nearer
‘Cos Orpheus’ music was louder and clearer.

This is part of the myth from Ancient Greece
Of Jason and the Golden fleece.

Listen and choose the right words.
1 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.

Read and complete. Order the pictures.

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, …’s body, …’s wings.
3 What colour’s it going to be?
4 Is it going to have feathers, fur or scales?
5 Has it got spots or stripes?
   What else is it going to have on its body?

Ask and answer about your beast in pairs.

Draw and write about your beast.
I’m going to meet a centaur.
What are you going to do next Monday?

Monday
David’s going to meet a centaur.

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

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

writing
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 did Jason and the Argonauts eat when their boat was on the beach?

The sand which is there.
Diggory Bones

That beast. He’s the worst kind of pirate. He only looks for ancient treasure to get rich.

Who’s Yam Greedy, Grandad?

He’s the worst kind of pirate. He only looks for ancient treasure to get rich.

What do these spots and stripes mean, Grandad?

We haven’t got the calendar. How am I going to tell the museum in Mexico City?

Look, Dad! There’s an envelope. It’s for you!

They look like that maths system to me.

What? Let me see that!

Look! A spot means one and a stripe means five... hmmm.

There are nine numbers. The first one’s a spot with a stripe under it, so that’s six.

So, are you going to explain it to us, son?

Now I understand. It’s 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 2, 3, 4, 7. Does that mean anything?

It sounds like a phone number to me.

Well, let’s try it. I’m going to put it on loudspeaker.

What does he mean?

He means Quetzalcoatl. He was part bird and part snake and he was the most important god in Aztec mythology.

Clap! Clap! Clap!

Well done, Dr Bones! I’m a snake and I’ve got feathers, but I can’t fly. Are you going to fly?

Plane tickets! Are you going to go to Mexico City, son?

We are now, Come on, Emily! We’ve got a job to do.

From: Greedy Subject. Plane tickets to Mexico City 15

Sample
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 which we know happened, is real or is true.

**Fiction** means something which 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 which 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 pleased, 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 looked after 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) 

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

**Challenges:** (7) (8) (9) 

**Person who helps:** (10)

**FACT:** The characters in legends were often real people. King Arthur was a real person, but the sword in the stone is a legend.
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 which 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 colour of the sail. When Aegeus saw the black sail he felt very sad and jumped into the sea.

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 sea because ___________________________.

Project

Invent and write a myth. Make a book.

You need:
• Paper  • Colours
• 1 sheet of card  • 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 card 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.