

## Collégiens

1. Jack is bored because he has to stay at .....
2. When I am bored I .....
3. Jack is better now. He doesn't have .....
4. Jack wants to get rid of the .....
5. Jack does not want the ..... to come down the beanstalk.
6. Jack is too young to use .....
7. The flames are ..... and .....
8. Jack burns his .....
9. Jack has a negative Covid .....
10. Jack's burn is strange. It is ..... !
11. I think that Jack's house .....

### Jack Burns the Beanstalk.

Vocabulary : A match : une allumette, Arm : bras, To spend time: passer du temps, bored with : ennuyé avec, to get rid of : se débarrasser de, unusual : inhabituel, the burn : la brûlure, annoyed : frustré

Jack had to stay at home for at least 10 days as he had a positive Covid test. His breathing got better and his hands were now fine. His spots disappeared. He was frustrated that he couldn't go out and see his friends. He did have a cough but that was his only Covid symptom and it was not too bad. Jack could go in the garden and he spent a lot of time there as it was more interesting than staying in his house. It was now the tenth day after his hospital visit.

Jack was bored and he started lots of projects. He played with a ball but he got bored. Next Jack decided to try and get rid of the beanstalk completely. He was annoyed that he was allergic to its leaves. Jack did not want the beanstalk to grow tall because he was frightened that the giantess might come down the beanstalk to take the magic hen and cause trouble.

When his mother was not looking, Jack took some matches from the kitchen. He wanted to burn the beanstalk and destroy it with fire. This was not a good idea. Jack was too young to use matches. He threw a match at the beanstalk and to start with nothing happened. After a few minutes there were unusual blue and pink flames coming from the plant. The smell was wonderful so stupidly Jack went too near the beanstalk! Suddenly his arm was burned by a flame and he fell backwards.

Jack ran back to his house and when his mother saw the burn she took him to the doctor's surgery. But Jack's mother did not see the fire. She thought that he had burned himself on a candle indoors. When they arrived they waited in the waiting room. A nurse gave Jack a Covid test to see if he was negative. Thankfully his test was negative. Jack went into the doctor's office. The doctor was surprised when he saw Jack's burn. It was a strange blue colour. He gave Jack an injection of antibiotics and told him to come back the next day to see if that helped. When Jack went home the doctor phoned a dermatologist ( a skin specialist) to find out if she had ever seen a blue burn. What do you think her answer was ?

When they were on the way home in the bus, Jack and his mother saw some pinkish blue flames in the distance. They also heard a sirene and they saw a fire engine driving very quickly past the bus. Oh no the flames were in the direction of their house !

1. What are Jack's symptoms now ?
2. Why do you think Jack preferred being in the garden than in the house ? Do you also prefer to be outside? Why or why not.
3. Why did Jack want to get rid of the beanstalk !
4. What do you want to get rid of and why ?
5. Why should children not use matches ?
6. What should Jack and his mother have done ?
7. What was different about the flames from the burning beanstalk ?
8. Do you think that the antibiotics will help Jack. What do you think the dermatologist says to the doctor ?