

Collégiens :

Jack and the Blue Ash

Jack and his mother are on the bus. They can see the pink and blue flames near their house!

A firefighter stops the bus. They can't continue. Jack and his mother get off the bus. They ask the firefighter where the fire is. He says that a barn has been destroyed but nothing else. Jack and his mother want to go home but they have to wait a long time.

The firefighters have to make sure that the fire has been put out. The fire is very strange. They have never seen pink and blue flames before! They like the smell and they don't have to wear breathing equipment.

Finally Jack and his mother can go home. They are shocked when they see that the barn has been destroyed by the fire. A policeman is outside their house. He wants to ask them questions about the fire. Jack feels embarrassed. He tells the policeman that he tried to destroy the beanstalk with fire. Jack's mother is very upset with Jack. He should never play with matches!

They look in the garden and all that is left of the beanstalk is blue ash! Jack touches it. Some of it goes on his arm. Immediately Jack's blue burn disappears! He is very happy. They look for the magic hen. Thankfully she is safe. But something is different. She is covered in blue ash and she has laid a blue egg with pink spots! Oh no! Is that the end of the solid gold eggs? Jack and his mother are confused!

A couple of weeks later three baby chicks are born! What colour do you think they are? After the chicks hatch the magic hens lays a gold egg. Jack and his mother are relieved!

Questions:

Who is embarrassed / angry / surprised / upset / relieved / happy / thankful / shocked / confused?

Explain their emotions.