

The Last Dragon Family

Discussion questions to encourage critical thinking.



These questions and any others you can think of can be discussed after reading the story together. Don't ask them all at once.

The experience of reading is supposed to be enjoyable and not an inquisition.

Many questions can be asked as you are reading the story or before you turn to a new page ask, what do you think will happen next?

The answers I have provided are a guide only and I have not addressed all issues otherwise we could have a new novel on our hands.

Your child may think up some amazing responses, reasons and opinions.

Encourage unusual, creative or original ideas.

Which of the trainee knights did you like the most? Why?

Do you think the tradition of knights saving a princess from a dragon should continue? Why?

What are some of the possible problems of continuing?

Dragons and knights continuing to be killed.

Princesses tied up for long periods in the cold and rain. Not willing to participate.

Run out of dragons

Dragons flatly refusing to take part.

What other ways do you think trainee knights could become fully-fledged knights?

Jousting competitions.

A special task to fulfil.

Bravery in battle.

Great chef in the kitchen....just joking.

Do you think Sir Quentin Quite-Teapotty (page 54) will ever become a fully-fledged knight? Why?

Some folk would say that they don't think any of the trainee knights would ever become fully-fledged knights. What do you think and why?

Not a very brave lot.

Some of them seem very kind and would most likely help folk in need.

Do you think that Father Dragon should have even worried about fighting the trainee knights? Why?

Well, he wasn't to know that they were all a rather bumbling lot.

They certainly all don't seem keen on fighting and are afraid of oodles of things.

In the madness or panic of battle Father Dragon could get accidentally hurt or killed.

What did you think of the princesses in this story?

Which one did you like the most?

What illustration did you like the most?

Why?

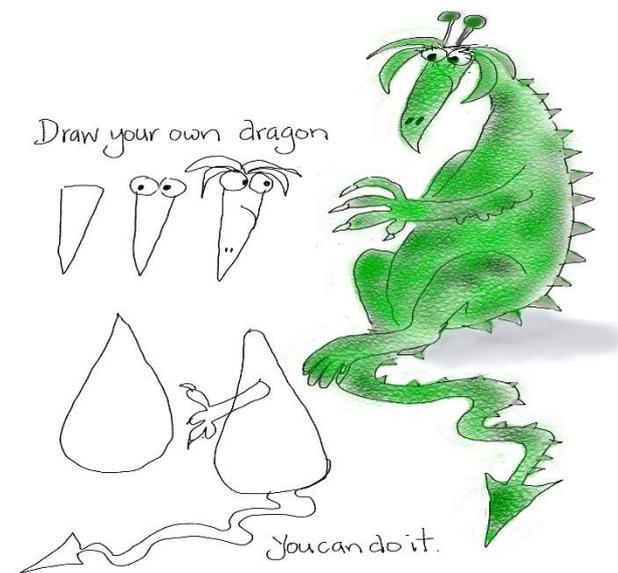
Creative activities & Imagination Boosters

Make up some more delicious recipes for the pole princesses. (page 34)

Make your own trainee knight. See the drawing guide.

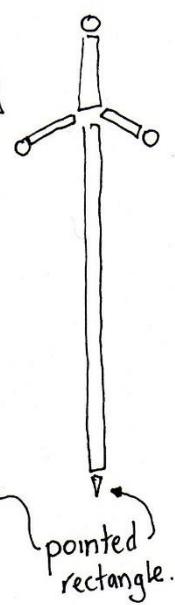
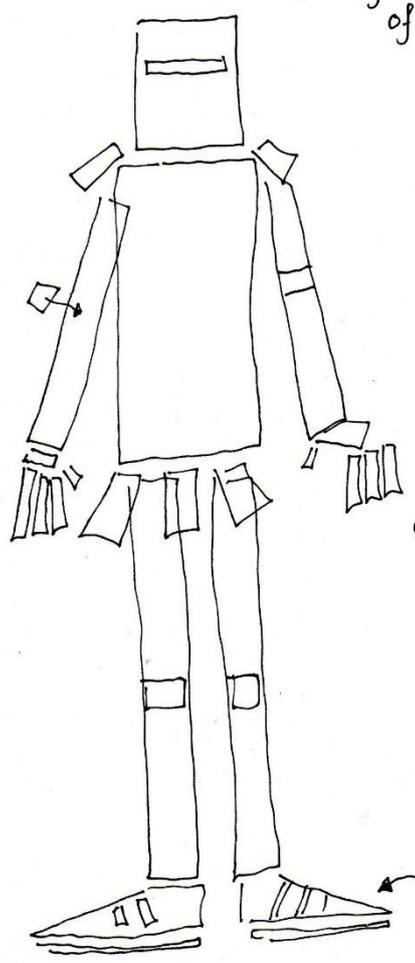
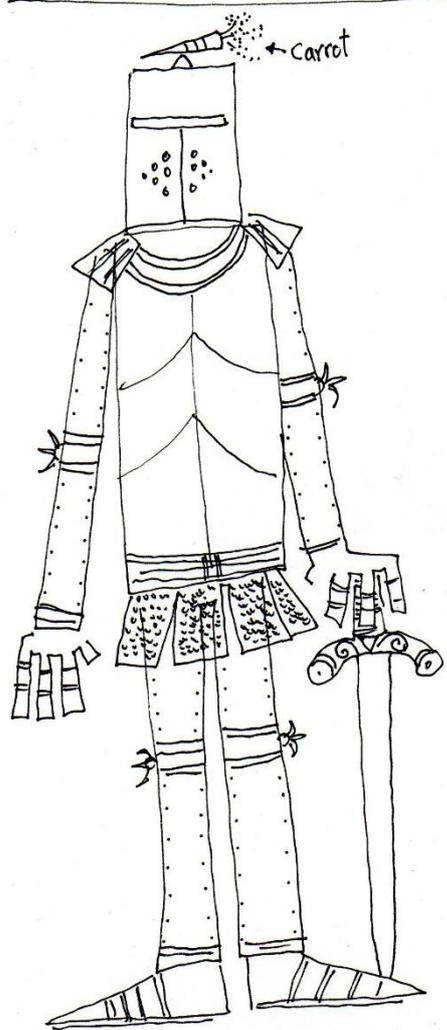
Draw your own princess and make up excuses why she cannot possibly be tied to a pole. (See pages 71 – 73)

Design some more dragon heads to be placed on shields. (page 17)



HOW TO DRAW A MR. HEFF KNIGHT.

Just lots of rectangles.
Sort of a tangle
of rectangles.



Make up a name for your knight.

Sir Percy Pumpkin

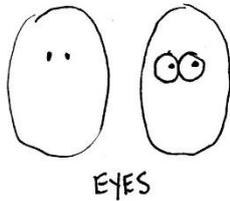
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Look on GOOGLE

name of a:
vegetable
fruit
animal
grocery item
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Sir Cuthbert Casserole
Sir Basil Bake Beans
Sir Freddy Fruitcake.

HOW TO DRAW A MR HEFF MAIDEN



EYES



LIPS



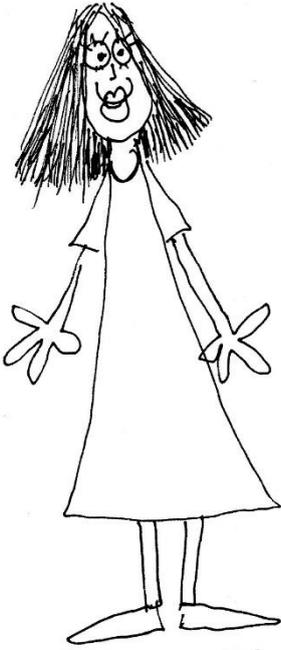
LARGE EYELASHES



LOTS OF HAIR



TRIANGLE DRESS & SLEEVES



ARMS & LEGS



ADD OTHER BITS

Don't worry about everything looking absolutely correct.
Have fun.
Give it a go.

Have a look at my favourite illustrators work
* * * Quentin Blake * Google him.
Nice and loose.



MR HEFF.