

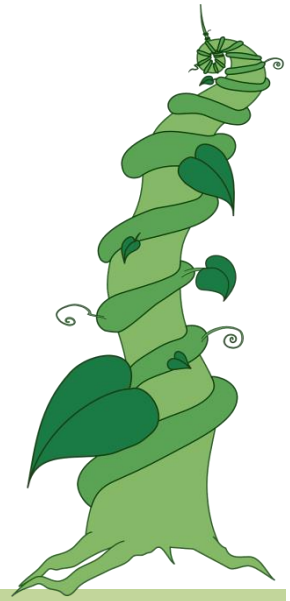
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Read the following poem carefully.

### Ten things found in a giant's pocket

A small boy named Jack,  
A long, green leafy plant – possibly a beanstalk,  
A fluffy, white cloud,  
A golden hen laying golden eggs,  
A set of heavy, rusty keys that jangle as he walks,  
A singing harp to help him sleep,  
A well-used handkerchief,  
Some extra large socks for when the weather turns cold,  
A book called *Bedtime stories for Giants*  
And a soft, cuddly teddy bear.



Questions to think about:

1. Which items from the giant's pocket do you like best? Why?

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2. Which fairy tale do you think this poem is based on?

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3. Which of the items do you think might fit in your pocket?

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4. What else might you find in a giant's pocket?

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Write your own list poem. Choose your favourite story character (the genie from Aladdin or Goldilocks) or favourite topic (pirates, dinosaurs, fairies etc.) and decide what items might be in their pocket.

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Why not add a picture to illustrate each item?



Teacher's notes:

This activity is inspired by the poem *Ten Things Found in a Wizard's Pocket* by Ian McMillan. The list poem is based on *Jack and the Beanstalk* and items the giant may be carrying in his pocket.

Read the poem through with the children and answer the questions to help guide their understanding. They can then go on to create their own list poem inspired by a different story character or favourite topic.

This activity can easily be differentiated so that less confident writers include fewer items in their character's pocket. It is also easily adapted to different stories, for example *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*.