

Fire Quest

On a far away island, the volcano that provides fire has gone out. The islanders have no light, no heat and no way of cooking any food. Luke has decided to go and find a new supply of fire. He has travelled across oceans and deserts and has finally reached Fire Mountain where he hopes to find the Keeper of Fire.

“Who dares disturb the Keeper of Fire?” croaked a voice.

“It’s me, Luke,” he replied, more bravely than he felt.

“What do you want?” asked the voice hoarsely.

“I am on a quest for fire,” called out Luke.

He walked forward and entered the cave. As his eyes became used to the gloom, he could make out an enormous lumpy shape slumped on the floor. It slowly lumbered to its feet. Luke gasped. It was a dragon!

“Why do you want fire?” it rasped, its huge head swaying from side to side.

Luke took a deep breath and explained the reason for his quest. After he had finished, the dragon paused and seemed to be gathering its energy. Luke waited.

The dragon roared, “I don’t give fire away!” then it sank to its knees, coughing and spluttering.

Luke looked at the dragon closely.

“You’re not well, are you?”

The dragon looked up at him and sighed.

“It’s not an easy job being the Keeper of Fire. All that fire-breathing and roaring. The thing is, I’ve got a sore throat and I can’t breathe fire. I can still do smoke though, look.” He puffed out a few feeble smoke rings.

Putting his hands in his pockets, Luke looked at the dragon. It really wasn’t very frightening. Then, Luke realised that he had something that could help the dragon. Taking his hand from his pocket, he held out a rather sticky, slightly fluffy, cough sweet.



Name: Class: Date:

1 Who is on a quest for fire?
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2 The keeper of fire is Tick **one**.
 a dragon a magician a person a snake

3 What do you think a *quest* is?
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4 Which of these words best describes the cave? Tick **one**.
 dark dirty bright

5 How can you tell that Luke was surprised to find a dragon in the cave?
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6 Find and **copy** a **group** of words that show Luke was feeling nervous when he started to explain the reason for his quest.
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7 Tick the boxes where you think the word shows that the dragon has a sore throat.
 croaked hoarsely slumped
 lumbered rasped roared

8 Do you think Luke's cough sweet will help the dragon? Give your reasons.
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9 Do you think the dragon will help Luke? Give your reasons.
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10 Do you think Luke is brave? Tick **one**. Yes No
 Explain your answer.

