



# Jack Foretells the Future

## About the story

There are many stories about Jack, who is often portrayed as being the cleverest of three brothers. Sometimes he seems daft but he always wins in the end. His partner in many stories is called Mary.

## Getting to know the story well

After sharing the story, try out the following activities.

### Drama

- In pairs, create a freeze frame at any point in the story, with one child in role as Jack and another as the farmer. Interview both characters to see what they are thinking.

### Writing in role

- Make a list of other silly things that the farmer might do.

### Art

- Create a cartoon of the story, like a comic for younger children.

### Discuss

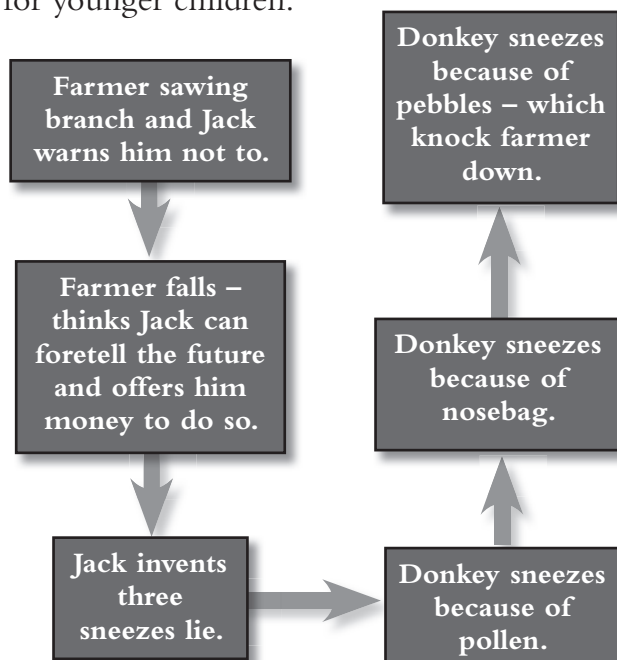
- Read carefully and list clues that tell us about the two characters.

### Story behind the story

- Find other Jack stories to retell.

## Retelling the story aloud

- When the children are familiar with the story, display the flowchart and encourage them to tell the story in pairs.
- Work with the children on their comic timing at the end of the story.



## From telling to writing

- Once the children are fluently retelling the story, encourage them to write their version down. Challenge some children to recast the tale in a different setting and time. They will need to think of something daft that the 'silly' character does at the beginning. Then they will have to think of what the 'Jack' figure foretells.