

Daily Reading: Firebird 4

This video focuses on practising the skill of explaining the meaning of words used by an author. Children watch the video relating to Chapter 4. They may choose to answer the questions on their activity sheet or you may prefer to talk about them together. If they want to write down their answers, they can pause the video to give them time to write. Answers or example answers are included below. There are also some questions they may wish to answer after the video. It will be useful for them to have the eBook in front of them (included in this pack) to find the answers to these questions.

Watch Video



This activity sheet relates to the [Daily Reading video for Chapter 4](#). Other videos for this eBook will be available [here](#) once all the sessions are published.

Chapter 4

During the Video



1. Look at the first page and find a word that means the same as 'a copy'. (p.27)
The word is 'replica'.
2. Which words/phrases tell us that the wolf is faster than the horse with the golden mane? (p.29)
We know that he is faster than the horse because it says his 'speed was far superior' and that he caught up with them 'quickly'.
3. The author describes the real horse as being 'unnerved' when it witnesses the wolf transform into a horse. Think of another word that could be used instead. (p.30)
The word 'alarmed' could be used instead to describe the horse's reaction.

After the Video



4. Which words/phrases give us the impression that Ivan received a warm welcome at Tsar Alfron's palace? (p.28)
The words that tell us that they received a warm welcome are when it says he was 'delighted to welcome Princess Helena' and that he is 'grateful' to Ivan. Ivan is also invited to stay for the wedding.
5. Find a word that means the same as 'refused'. (p.28)
The word is 'declined'.
6. Find a word which tells us that Ivan left the palace quickly. (p.29)
The word is 'hastily'.
7. Which words or phrases tell you that Tsar Dolmat was grateful to receive the horse with the golden mane? (p.30)
We know Tsar Dolmat was grateful to receive the horse with the golden mane because it says he was 'amazed by the beauty' of it and that he 'thanked Ivan profusely'. He also 'gladly' handed over the firebird and 'wished him well for the future'.

8. Can you choose a word that sums up how Tsar Dolmat is feeling at the end of the chapter? (p.31)

Example answer: After losing his horse so suddenly, the tsar seemed to be feeling perplexed, dazed and probably sore.

Deeper Reading



9. How does the author make the reader feel as if the story is coming to an end and that the problems have been resolved towards the end of this chapter? Which words and phrases give you this impression?

Example answer: As the wolf says, "You have been a good friend too, young Ivan", it makes it sound like the story is coming to an end. 'He was gone' also makes it sound like the end of the story.

Related Activity



Each day, an English activity relating to the part of the story covered will be provided. These worksheets have activities of increasing difficulty to completed with a Part A, a Part B and an additional challenge. For these worksheets, your child might decide to complete Part A only, to start at Part B or to complete all parts of the worksheet. Answer sheets are provided.

Related Activity for Chapter 4: Interviewing Ivan Activity Sheet.

Children use their knowledge of Ivan and the events in the story to write an interview with characters from 'Firebird'. This activity sheet can be viewed on the screen and completed on paper if you don't have a printer available.