

Session 1: Reading (pages 4–9)

Before Reading

Look at the front cover of the book and discuss. Ask children to think about other folktales they have read from their own or other cultures.

During Reading

Children consider the main question as they read to page 9.

Main question: **What do you think about Erik's father's idea to catch a firebird? (Y4 t1, Personal Response and Evaluation of Text)**

Additional prompts

Page 4: What does the phrase *three sons* suggest to you about the type of story this might be?

Page 5: How do you think Erik feels about being called a *silly nincompoop*?

Page 8: How do we know the Firebird's presence is a good thing?

Page 9: What will Erik's father do with the Firebird if he catches it?

After Reading

- Discuss the main question and ask children what they think will happen to the bird if it is caught.
- Ask children to say how they feel about the way that Erik is treated by his family.

Follow-up: before Session 2, children read to page 16 and make notes about the events in Chapter 2.

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