



## The Sword In The Stone

Arthur was the son of a king. He was just a little baby but being the son of a king was dangerous. Arthur had many enemies. They didn't want him to be king. This meant Arthur wasn't safe.

His father had to do something. He needed to protect Arthur. So, he sent him away. Arthur travelled with Merlin. Merlin was a wizard. If there were problems, Merlin had magic!

They travelled to Sir Ector. Sir Ector was the king's best friend. This is where Arthur grew up. He was safe from harm. Nobody else knew he was there. It was England's big secret.

Then, one day, the king died. The country had no king.

"Where is the king's son!?" the people asked.

Nobody knew where Arthur was.

Nobles started fighting each other. Nobles were rich, powerful men. They all wanted to be king. There were battles. There was the sound of crashing. There were swordfights. There was chaos.

Merlin had to stop the madness. He had an idea. He made a magical sword. He put the sword in a stone.

### RETRIEVAL FOCUS

1. What word means the same as 'keeping safe'?

**Dangerous      Protect      Enemies**

2. Which of these words describes a sound?

**Crashing      Secret      Problem**

3. Which 3 words tell you that people were trying hard to pull out the sword?

4. Which word means the same as 'surprised'?

**Nervous      Shocked      Angry**

He said, "If you pull the sword out of the stone... then you are the king"

People came from far and wide. They all wanted to be king. They tried so hard. They were sweating. They were grunting. They got angry. They jumped up and down. But they still could not do it.

There was still no king.

Meanwhile, Arthur was growing up. He was a kind young man. People liked him. He cared for people. He didn't know he was the king's son. Merlin went to find him. He told Arthur he was the king's son. Arthur was shocked. Merlin told him about the sword. Arthur was nervous.

"I can't do it. I am not strong enough," he said.

Merlin said, "Do not worry. You can do it. Only you".

Arthur arrived at the sword. People laughed at him.

"You are not strong enough!" they said.

Lots of strong men tried to pull out the sword. They couldn't. They didn't think Arthur had a chance.

He stepped up. He was scared. He put his hands on the sword. He gripped it. Then he pulled. The sword came out of the stone easily. Everyone was surprised.

Arthur became the true king! He lived in a castle called Camelot.



## VIPERS QUESTIONS

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What does 'chaos' mean?

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Who made the magical sword?

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Why did people laugh at Arthur?

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What was King Arthur's castle called?

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Why would Arthur be a good king?