

Y4 Adventure Story: Example Text

The Quest For The Raindrop Of Life

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In the distance, faint sounds of village life could be heard. The local children played happily on their bicycles while their parents bustled about their daily chores of cleaning, cooking and mending. Out in the farmers' fields, workers were dutifully harvesting fresh crops and loading up their carts ready for market. The Burrow was a picture of perfection and Kian was contently enjoying another day in paradise, completely unaware of what was about to happen.

Suddenly, Kian heard the approaching clip-clopping of a horse's hooves. He looked up and saw a man wearing a tall, pointy hat and flowing cloak riding towards him. It was Irwin! Kian leapt to his feet and rushed towards the wizard. For years, Irwin had been coming to the Burrow and telling them all stories of his great adventures. As Kian skipped through the long grass towards the special visitor he wondered what daring adventure Irwin would tell him about today. Irwin slowed his horse, jumped down and swept Kian into a tight embrace. Kian pushed the wizard away and laughed.

"Hey, I'm not a baby anymore!"

"I know, I know," Irwin replied. "It's just so good to see you."

It was at that moment that Kian noticed Irwin wasn't smiling like he usually was. In fact, he looked rather grim.

"What's the matter?" Kian asked in concern. He held his breath as he waited for the answer.

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a nearby rock.

“I received a message yesterday from your village elder. The raindrop of life has been stolen from his home.”

“Stolen?” Kian gasped, beginning to feel light-headed.

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“I believe that the Gryffdragon is responsible,” Irwin went on. “It is a terrifying beast with extreme strength that lives in a cave deep in the forest.”

Kian shuddered in fear but he felt confused.

“How can I help? I’m only a small boy,” he asked nervously. Irwin explained that only a descendant of the famous King Oraf could find and return the important object. Kian’s mouth gaped open in surprise. King Oraf was a brave leader who had brought the raindrop of life to the Burrow hundreds of years ago to preserve the village’s future.

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“Yes Kian, this difficult and dangerous task falls to you as the last surviving descendent of King Oraf.”

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three enormous nostrils. Folded neatly onto its back were spiky, leathery wings and nestled atop these Kian caught a glimpse of the shimmering raindrop of life.

The beast stalked slowly around the boy, examining the easy prey. It was smirking and clawing at the earth, confident that it could kill the intruder with one swipe of its sharp, shiny claws. Kian froze. He was petrified. He tried to think back to what Irwin had told him. 'Use its weakness against it. Aim for the heart!' The beast gave a huge snort and lunged towards Kian with its mouth open wide and it was then that Kian saw it. The beast's thumping heart was located at the back of its throat and down that throat was where Kian was about to be beheaded! Kian whipped his dagger from his belt and crouched down with the weapon held above his head. The beast's eyes widened in horror when it realised its fate but it was too late. As the gryffdragon's mouth closed around him, Kian's dagger split the heart in two and the wicked beast exploded in a blast of glittering sparks. It was about a minute later when Kian eventually opened his eyes. The beast was gone and right there in front of him was the raindrop of life. Kian scrambled to his feet and grabbed the raindrop, worrying that it too may disappear.



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"Well done Kian!" they chorused.

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Annotated Genre Features

¹The Quest For The Raindrop Of Life

¹ A title to make the reader want to read the story

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about to be beheaded! Kian whipped his⁵ dagger from his⁵ belt and crouched down with the weapon held above his⁵ head. The beast's eyes widened in horror when it realised its fate but it was too late. As the gryffdragon's mouth closed around him,⁷ Kian's dagger split the heart in two¹² and the wicked beast¹³ exploded in a blast of glittering sparks. It was² about a minute later when Kian eventually opened his⁵ eyes. The beast was² gone and right¹² there¹² in front of him was² the raindrop of life. Kian scrambled to his⁵ feet and grabbed the raindrop, worrying that it too may disappear.¹⁰

¹¹suffix words spelt correctly, e.g. usually, poisonous, adoration

⁶noun phrases expanded by the addition of modifying adjectives and prepositional phrases, e.g. the strict teacher with curly hair.

Not daring to stop or even glance behind,⁷ Kian ran until he⁵ reached the Burrow. The sun was² beginning to rise and tears¹³ welled in Kian's eyes as he⁵ saw² his⁵ beautiful¹¹ village glowing in the light of a new day.⁶ Irwin and the village elder were waiting to greet the brave young adventurer as he arrived.



⁷fronted adverbials used (e.g. As quick as a flash, Last weekend) followed by a comma.

¹²homophones spelt correctly, e.g. which and witch.

⁹"Well done Kian!" they chorused. "I knew you could¹³ do it," Irwin smiled. "Perhaps I should ask for your autograph!¹⁰" he added winking Suddenly⁷, an almighty¹⁰ crash of thunder sounded over the Burrow and rain began to pour from the sky.⁶ Kian knew his⁵ aunt would be grumbling about not being able to hang out her⁵ washing but he⁵ didn't care. The Burrow's future was secure. While everyone else took cover,⁷ three joyous¹¹ figures could be seen dancing and laughing for hours in the rain.

³paragraph to describe the character's return/end of the story

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